

# Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

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## NEWS RELEASE

### **AAPC ISSUES STATEMENT OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING TECHNICAL RELEASE 16 *Implementation Guidance for Internal Use Software***

The Chairperson of the Accounting and Auditing Policy Committee (AAPC), Wendy Payne, announced today the issuance of Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Technical Release 16 (TR 16), *Implementation Guidance for Internal Use Software*.

The guide was developed by the Internal Use Software working group with representatives from 10 agencies and two private firms. Ms. Payne said that “without the assistance of our volunteers this much needed guidance would not be available. The group’s work is a commendable example of cross agency collaboration.”

The implementation guidance in TR 16 assists reporting entities in implementing Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) 10, *Accounting for Internal Use Software*. Since FASAB issued SFFAS 10 in 1998, software development practices have changed dramatically and reporting entities have experienced challenges applying the standards given the new terminology and techniques that have evolved.

The TR provides:

- a. Definitions and guidance regarding recognition, measurement, and disclosure requirements;
- b. New challenges brought by changes in IUS development practices since the issuance of SFFAS 10; and
- c. Management’s role in applying SFFAS 10.

The technical release is available at <http://www.fasab.gov/about/aapc/technical-releases/>.

**ABOUT the AAPC**

The Accounting and Auditing Policy Committee (AAPC) was organized in May 1997 by the Department of the Treasury, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the Chief Financial Officers' Council (CFOC), and the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) [formally the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE)], as a body to research accounting and auditing issues requiring guidance.

The AAPC serves as a permanent committee established by the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB). The mission of the FASAB is to develop accounting standards after considering the financial and budgetary information needs of congressional oversight groups, executive agencies, and the needs of other users of Federal financial information. The mission of the AAPC is to assist the Federal government in improving financial reporting through the timely identification, discussion, and recommendation of solutions to accounting and auditing issues as they relate to the specific application of existing authoritative literature.

The AAPC is intended to address issues that arise in implementation, which are not specifically or fully discussed in Federal accounting and auditing standards. The AAPC's guidance is cleared by FASAB before being published.

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