

Accordingly, the goal of the announced workshop is to educate government officials and other interested parties about emerging wireless technologies, and to provide a forum for discussion of the privacy, security, and consumer protection issues raised by these new technologies.

Questions To Be Addressed

(1) Mobile Technology and Business Models

(a) Where is wireless Internet and data technology today and where is it going? What devices are currently available for wireless Web access and data services? What sorts of devices and services are anticipated? How will mobile commerce or "m-commerce" develop?

(b) How do wireless Internet and data services function? What types of relationships will consumers have with wireless equipment makers, carriers, data service providers and others involved in the provision of these services? Will consumers' wireless data services be supported by advertising (as many Internet site are), or will consumers pay for subscriptions (like cable television) or pay fees-per-service accessed?

(2) Privacy and Security

What privacy and security issues do wireless devices raise? For example, how will location information be used (generally and more particularly with respect to advertising) and what are the privacy and security implications of the availability of location information? Is transmission of personal information secure in the wireless medium? As wireless devices converge so that cell phones, personal digital assistants, and electronic wallets may become a single device, how are the risks of identity theft increased and what security measures are possible?

Within this broad topic, the workshop would address existing regulatory structures and existing or emerging self-regulatory initiatives, as well as technological methods of addressing privacy and security concerns.

(3) Disclosures

How can companies make effective disclosures on small screens (both advertising and privacy disclosures)? Particularly as devices move to a combination of voice and text communication, how do traditional concepts like "clear and conspicuous" and "equal prominence" apply? Are there other aspects of this unique medium that will require modification of traditional consumer protection approaches?

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board Federal Financial Accounting Standards

AGENCY: Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board.

ACTION: Notice of New Exposure Draft *Eliminating Disclosures Related to Tax Revenue Transactions by the Internal Revenue Service, Customs, and Others.*

Board Action: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), as amended, and the FASAB Rules Of Procedure, as amended in October, 1999, notice is hereby given that the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board has published a new exposure draft, *Eliminating Disclosures Related To Tax Revenue Transactions By The Internal Revenue Service, Customs, and Others.*

A summary of the proposed Statement follows:

On November 13, 2000, the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) released for public comment an exposure draft (ED) to amend Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) 7, Accounting for Revenue and Other Financing Sources and Concepts for Reconciling Budgetary and Financial Accounting. The amendment would eliminate the current requirement to disclosure certain information about taxes receivable. The exposure draft, entitled *Elimination of Disclosures Related to Tax Revenue Transactions by the Internal Revenue Service, Customs, and Others, Amending Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards No. 7, Accounting for Revenue and Other Financing Sources*, will be out for comment until February 16, 2001.

SFFAS No. 7 applies to entities collecting taxes on behalf of the Federal Government. The two entities collecting the vast majority of Federal taxes are the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the U.S. Customs Service (Customs). The Board has concluded that the disclosures required by SFFAS No. 7 do not accomplish a reconciliation of account balances and would mislead those attempting to evaluate IRS' and other tax-collecting entities' performance regarding taxes receivable. The disclosures include compliance activity that precedes the recognition of

taxes receivable. Certain supplementary information on compliance assessments, preassessment work in process, claims for refunds, and write-offs would continue to be required as supplementary information.

Two Board members disagree with the decision of the majority. They would retain the disclosure requirement.

The exposure draft will soon be mailed to FASAB's mailing list subscribers. Additionally, it is available on FASAB's home page <http://www.financenet.gov/fasab.htm>. Copies can be obtained by contacting FASAB at (202) 512-7350, or fontenroser.fasab@gao.gov. The Board has posed specific questions for comment. Respondents are encouraged to address those questions and to comment on any part of the exposure draft. For further information call Richard Fontenrose (202) 512-7358.

Written comments are requested by February 16, 2001, and should be sent to: Wendy M. Comes, Executive Director, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board, 441 G Street, NW, Suite 6814, Mail Stop 6K17V, Washington, DC 20548.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wendy Comes, Executive Director, 441 G St., NW, Room 6814, Washington, DC 20548, or call (202) 512-7350.

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Wendy M. Comes,
Executive Director.

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Notice of Meetings

AGENCY: Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board.

ACTION: Notice of meetings through June 2001.

Board Action: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), as amended, and the FASAB Rules of Procedure, as amended in October, 1999, notice is hereby given that the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) will meet on Thursday, December 7 and Friday, December 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in room 6N30, 441 G St., NW., Washington, DC.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues related to:

- National Defense PP&E;
- Stewardship Reporting;
- Corrections of Errors through Prior Period adjustments;

- Charter and Operating Procedures for the Accounting and Auditing Policy Committee;
- Technical Agenda; and
- Outreach.

A Steering Committee meeting of the Board's Principal Board members will be held in conjunction with the Board meeting. A more detailed agenda can be obtained from the FASAB website (www.financenet.gov/fasab.htm after November 30, 2000).

Following the December meeting, the schedule for the next three meetings of the Board is as follows:

- Thursday and Friday, February 22 and 23, 2001;
- Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27, 2001; and
- Monday and Tuesday, June 18 and 19, 2001.

The purpose of these meetings will be to discuss issues related to:

- Stewardship Reporting;
- National Defense Property, Plant & Equipment;
- Deletion of Paragraph 65.2—Material Revenue—Related Transaction Disclosures;
- Natural Resources;
- Correction of Errors Through Prior Period Adjustments;
- Codification of FASAB Standards;
- Accounting and Auditing Policy Committee issues; and
- Any other topics as needed.

A Steering Committee meeting of the Board's Principal Board members will be held in conjunction with each of the Board meetings. A more detailed agenda for each Board meeting can be seen on the FASAB website www.financenet.gov/fasab.htm one week prior to each meeting. The location of each meeting will be given in the website agenda.

Any interested person may attend the meetings as an observer. Board discussion and reviews are open to the public. GAO Building security requires advance notice of your attendance. For the December meeting, please notify FASAB by December 6 of your planned attendance by calling 202-512-7350, and for the subsequent meetings one day prior to the respective meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wendy Comes, Executive Director, 441 G St., NW., Mailstop 6K17V, Washington, DC 20548, or call (202) 512-7350.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[GSA Order ADM 1095.1F]

Environmental Considerations in Decisionmaking

AGENCY: Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration.

ACTION: Notice of final revisions to internal procedures.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that GSA is publishing final revised internal GSA procedures to be followed in implementing the requirements of section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321, *ital.*); Executive Order 11514 of March 5, 1970, entitled "Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality," and in compliance with regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500-1508). The intended effect of these documents is to enhance GSA's ability to comply with NEPA, to exclude certain program actions from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) or an environmental impact statement (EIS), to focus NEPA analysis to those actions that may be major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, and to make changes reflecting current GSA organization structure. These changes affect GSA internal procedures only.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 19, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Colin Wagner, NEPA Liaison, Environmental Business Strategies, PXE 4046, Public Buildings Service, U.S. General Services Administration, 1800 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20405 (202-501-2888).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This revision updates and supercedes the February 25, 1985, [FR 7648] and December 8, 1995 GSA Order ADM 1095.1E. A draft of the procedures was published for public review and comment on June 26, 1998. Interested persons were asked to submit comments by July 27, 1998. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requested and was given additional time to submit comments. No other requests for an extended comment period were received. Responses to comments plus other technical changes are described below. Copies of the PBS NEPA Desk Guide are available from GSA (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**, above) or on the Internet at: <http://www.gsa.gov/pbs/pt/call-in/erlsub4.htm>.

(1) Summary

The revised ADM Order 1095.1F and the PBS NEPA Desk Guide are administrative and procedural improvements intended to enhance GSA's ability to comply with NEPA and related legal authorities and Executive Orders, while also ensuring public involvement in decisionmaking. These improvements result from more than 25 years of agency experience with NEPA. Development of the revised ADM Order 1095.1F and the PBS NEPA Desk Guide was a multi-year process involving GSA National Office and Regional Office personnel who represent the agency's collective technical and managerial expertise in environmental quality and NEPA compliance. Members of the Environmental Quality Advisory Group (EQAG) represented GSA business lines and the 11 GSA regions.

(2) Comments and Responses

GSA received two comments on the proposed revisions, one from a Federal agency [USEPA] and one from a State agency.

a. USEPA provided no specific comments, stating: "In general, we find the revised orders and NEPA Desk Guide to be well written, comprehensive, clear and understandable. It serves as a good model for other agencies who may need to develop NEPA guidance specific to their mission."

GSA appreciates the comment.

b. GSA received a comment from the Wyoming State Geological Survey stating that "studies involving the identification and evaluation of paleontologic resources" on GSA property should be considered an automatic categorical exclusion from NEPA.

GSA disagrees with this comment. GSA believes that under certain circumstances evaluation of paleontologic resources may involve excavations that have the potential to significantly affect the human environment, and therefore should be subject to more rigorous NEPA review. The NEPA review process is a practical planning tool in which GSA identifies other regulatory compliance issues. While excavations of paleontologic and archaeological resources are specifically governed by other legal authorities (such as the Archaeological Resources Protection Act), the integration of NEPA with other legal authorities is a policy established in the CEQ regulations. 40 CFR 1500.2(c) directs Federal agencies to "integrate the requirements of NEPA with other planning and environmental review procedures required by law or by