

CAS Board – 64th Meeting
February 17, 2011

Chairman Daniel Gordon, the Administrator of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), convened the 64th meeting of the Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) Board (CASB) on February 17, 2011 at 1:00 pm EST. The meeting was held in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington, DC. Board Members Patrick Fitzgerald, Kathleen Turco, Bruce Timman and Richard Wall were in attendance. Also attending the meeting were Raymond Wong, CASB Director; and Eric Shipley, CASB Staff.

Agenda Items:

CAS Pension Harmonization

Mr. Shipley briefed the CASB on the status of the latest working drafts of the component documents which will eventually merge to become the *Federal Register* Notice for the final rule. The working drafts have incorporated the comments and edits from the CASB since the last meeting, as well as those from the members of the Working Group. Mr. Shipley identified several issues which came to the attention of the Working Group as it edited the working drafts which required input from the CASB. The CASB discussed the options for several issues identified by the Working Group. After some discussions of the options for each of the issues, the CASB reached a consensus on each of the issues. The CASB directed the Working Group to incorporate the CASB's decisions on the various issues into the final drafts of the various documents for the CASB's review. The CASB continued with a discussion on how to proceed to *Federal Register* publication.

CAS (b)(14) Overseas Exemption

Mr. Wong briefed the CASB on the public comments received in response to the proposed rule to eliminate the CAS (b)(14) overseas exemption, and the draft responses to the public comments. The CASB received five substantive comments which have been posted on the CASB's website. The public comments reflected a divide with support for the elimination of the (b)(14) overseas exemption on one hand, and on the other hand, arguments against the elimination of the exemption. After some discussion on the merits and other aspects of the (b)(14) overseas exemption, the CASB reached a consensus on how to proceed. The CASB requested that the Staff draft responses to the public comments that reflect the CASB's decision.

Outstanding Issues

Mr. Wong briefed the CASB on a list of outstanding or potential issues that have been categorized per the CASB's request. After some initial discussion on the appropriate criteria for evaluating the issues, the CASB discussed the issues on the list, and prioritized them in a general manner. The CASB directed the Staff to take various

actions on some of the issues and report to the CASB. The Staff will provide further analysis on several of the issues before the CASB makes any decisions on which issues will be the subject of rulemaking.

Adjournment

The CASB Chair, Mr. Gordon, adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Raymond J. M. Wong, February 24, 2011.