

CAS Board – 63rd Meeting
January 13, 2011

Chairman Daniel Gordon, the Administrator of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), convened the 63rd meeting of the Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) Board (CASB) on January 13, 2011 at 12:00 noon 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 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 requested by the CASB since the last meeting, as well as optional language to address public comments identified by members of the Working Group. The CASB discussed the options for several issues identified by the Working Group during the preparation of the working drafts. After some discussions on the options for each of 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 different documents for the CASB's review.

CAS (b)(14) Overseas Exemption

Mr. Wong briefed the CASB on the public comments received on the proposed rule to eliminate the CAS (b)(14) overseas exemption. 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. Some of the opposing comments argued that the elimination of the (b)(14) overseas exemption was contrary to US export polices. Recognizing that some of the comments raised issues which are beyond the expertise of the CASB, the CASB directed the Staff to contact appropriate Government offices for guidance. The CASB also requested the Staff to draft responses to the public comments for the CASB's consideration.

Outstanding Issues

Mr. Wong briefed the CASB on a list of outstanding or potential issues that may require the attention of the CASB. After some discussion on the appropriate focus of the CASB and the limited resources available to it, the CASB directed the Staff to categorize the issues on the list for the CASB's consideration at the next meeting.

Adjournment

The CASB Chair, Mr. Gordon, adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Raymond J. M. Wong, February 14, 2011.