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CAS Format and Topics Job Aid

Format of the **Cost Accounting Standards**

Each Cost Accounting Standard is presented in a standard format in the Code of Federal Regulations. The format is as follows:

1. 48 CFR 9904.4XX-10, Reserved.
2. 48 CFR 9904.4xx-20, Purpose. Provides the basic concepts in the standard and the reason for issuance of this standard.
3. 48 CFR 9904.4xx-30, Definitions. Defines terms that are relevant to this particular standard.
4. 48 CFR 9904.4xx-40, Fundamental Requirement. Provides a concise statement of the requirements of the standard.
5. 48 CFR 9904.4xx-50, Techniques for Application. Provides a detailed explanation of the requirements and provides details on how to implement them. This section must be read in harmony with the fundamental requirements.
6. 48 CFR 9904.4xx-60, Illustrations. Provides specific examples of how to implement the fundamental requirements and techniques for application.
7. 48 CFR 9904.4xx-61, Interpretations. Provides explanations of widespread or serious questions about the Board's intentions in its promulgations. This section complements the techniques for application section.
8. 48 CFR 9904.4xx-62, Exemptions. Identifies circumstances or contracts that are exempt from the standard. Exemptions are usually based on public policy or intended to eliminate contradiction of other applicable regulations.
9. 48 CFR 9904.4xx-63, Effective Date. There are two different dates here: the date the standard became effective (date of its final release); and the date the standard becomes applicable to a contractor. Applicability dates vary with each standard or revision.

CAS Format, Continued

We have grouped the standards by the following topical categories:

Overall Cost Accounting Concepts:

CAS 401: Consistency in Estimating, Accumulating and Reporting Costs;
CAS 402: Consistency in Allocating Costs Incurred for the Same Purpose;
CAS 405: Accounting for Unallowable Costs; and
CAS 406: Cost Accounting Period.

Compensation Costs:

CAS 408: Accounting for Costs of Compensated Personal Absence;
CAS 415: Accounting for the Cost of Deferred Compensation; and
CAS 412/413: Composition and Measurement of Pension Costs and Adjustment and Allocation of Pension Costs.

Tangible Capital Assets:

CAS 404: Capitalization of Tangible Assets;
CAS 409: Depreciation of Tangible Capital Assets;
CAS 414: Cost of Money as an Element of the Cost of Facilities Capital; and
CAS 417: Cost of Money as an Element of the Cost of Capital Assets Under Construction.

Specific Types of Costs:

CAS 407: Use of Standard Costs for Direct Material and Direct Labor;
CAS 411: Accounting for Acquisition Costs of Material; and
CAS 416: Accounting for Insurance Costs.

Cost Allocation:

CAS 403: Allocation of Home Office Expenses to Segments;
CAS 410: Allocation of Business Unit G&A to Final Cost Objectives;
CAS 418: Allocation of Direct and Indirect Costs; and
CAS 420: Accounting for IR&D/B&P Costs

*Topics Covered by
the Standards*