March 5, 2018

Mr. David R. Bean
Director of Research and Technical Activities
Governmental Accounting Standards Board
401 Merritt 7
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Dear Mr. Bean:

On behalf of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), the Financial Management Standards Board (FMSB) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments to the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) on its November 20, 2017 exposure draft entitled Accounting for Interest Cost during the Period of Construction. The FMSB is comprised of 23 members (list attached) with accounting and auditing backgrounds in federal, state and local government, as well as academia and public accounting. The FMSB reviews and responds to proposed standards and regulations of interest to AGA members. Local AGA chapters and individual members are also encouraged to comment separately.

We appreciate the efforts of the GASB Board in addressing this issue by simplifying the accounting for interest costs incurred during construction. The FMSB is in support of the proposed standard and we do not have any comments or suggested changes.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this document and will be pleased to discuss this letter with you at your convenience. If there are any questions regarding the comments in this letter, please contact me at (208)383-4756 or Lmiller@eidebailly.com.

Sincerely,

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Chair- AGA Financial Management Standards Board

cc: James “Jim” R. Arnette, Jr. CGFM, CISA, AGA National President
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