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Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board
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The Financial Management Standards Board (FMSB) of the AGA appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board’s proposed standards.

QFR 1: Do you generally support proposed amendments to TR 10 under paragraph 3?

Yes, we support the proposed amendments.

QFR 2: Do you generally support proposed amendments to TR 16 under paragraphs 4-7?

We support the proposed amendments, which provide appropriate guidance on perpetual software licenses.

Paragraph 27A provides appropriate leeway to agencies to provide for their judgment on determining the portion of costs related to maintenance or technical support. To further enhance technical guidance, the Board may consider adding factors to consider when applying judgment. For example, the extent to which such costs are separate and distinguishable, the extent to which such costs are a significant portion of the license agreement, and the degree to which maintenance and support costs are expected to be utilized beyond the development phase.

QFR 3: Should paragraph 8B, footnote 5A, of TR 10 retain the reference to “leasehold improvements?”

We did not identify any concerns with retaining this reference. We would expect that leasehold improvements would be subject to reporting requirements for identifying and estimating clean-up costs associated with asbestos.

Sincerely,

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