

HOW TO USE PPC's GOVERNMENTAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT ILLUSTRATIONS AND TRENDS

PPC's Governmental Financial Statement Illustrations and Trends can be used as an "Accounting Trends and Techniques" for governmental units. It is organized into three primary parts: the Trends survey, the Master Finding List, and the Illustrative Financial Statements.

The Trends survey provides informative insights into the financial statement presentation policies of governmental entities, including governments that have adopted some of the newer standards. As we researched governmental financial statements for this *Guide*, we looked for governments that had unique or complex reporting situations or had implemented the following GASB standards:

- GASBS No. 73, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statement 67 and 68* (effective for financial statement periods beginning after June 15, 2015 and 2016)
- GASBS No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* (effective for financial statement periods beginning after June 15, 2016)
- GASBS No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* (effective for financial statement periods beginning after June 15, 2017)
- GASBS No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures* (effective for financial statement periods beginning after December 15, 2015)

It also includes a survey that discusses the apparent issues with and ways of implementing these new standards. The objective of the survey is to describe reporting alternatives that are available to entities in a GAAP presentation and to provide examples of how governments are meeting the requirements of GAAP.

The Master Finding List identifies the type of entity (city, county, school district, and special-purpose government) for each of the 12 entities whose financial statements are included in this publication. The additional illustrations of basic financial statements and notes are excerpts of the financial statements of various types of government. Each entity in the Master Finding List is given an illustration number. That number appears at the top of each page of the included illustrative financial statements. The numbers help the reader locate the desired entity within the Illustrative Financial Statements. Illustrations of partial statements have been provided for some sections. These also contain a number and are listed in the Master Finding List.

The Illustrative Financial Statements are further divided into 14 sections (14 tabs in the print edition):

- Management discussion and analysis
- Government-wide statements of net position
- Government-wide statements of activities
- Governmental fund balance sheets
- Governmental fund statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances
- Proprietary fund statements of net position
- Proprietary fund statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position
- Proprietary fund statements of cash flows
- Fiduciary fund statements of fiduciary net position
- Fiduciary fund statements of changes in fiduciary net position
- Component unit financial statements
- Notes to financial statements

- Required supplementary information (Includes all budgetary comparisons)
- Statistical section

An index at the beginning of each section helps to locate examples of specific formats and disclosures. For example, the index to government-wide statement of net assets includes topics such as receivables, capital assets, and deferred outflows and inflows of resources; the index to notes to financial statements includes topics such as reporting entity, blended component units, capital assets, and long-term debt.

The financial statements illustrated in this Trends volume were selected from financial statements released in 2016 and 2017 by the respective governmental entities. The identities of the governmental entities have been changed to provide confidentiality to those governments. In some cases, some sections of reports were omitted because their inclusion would add nothing to the illustrations that are included. For example, statistical sections are not included for all of the reports, but there is an example of a statistical section for a school district and selected schedules from a county and special-purpose governments (business-type activities/enterprise fund only).

Although the authors have carefully edited the statements and notes, some errors may remain because the facts and circumstances underlying specific transactions may not have been apparent. Accordingly, this *Guide* is not intended to be authoritative. Therefore, accountants should refer to PPC's *Guide to Preparing Governmental Financial Statements* and other PPC publications for discussions of applying generally accepted accounting principles to various transactions.

The reports included in this *Guide* are for fiscal years ending September 30, 2016, to September 30, 2017. Thus, certain authoritative pronouncements may not have been effective when the financial statements were drafted. Accordingly, the financial statements included in this *Guide* may not conform with the requirements in the following pronouncements and should be used with care for situations or transactions addressed in:

- GASBS No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans* (Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2016)
- GASBS No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* (Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017)
- GASBS No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures* (Effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2015)
- GASBS No. 78, *Pensions Provided through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans* (Effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015)
- GASBS No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants* (Effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2015 and December 15, 2015)
- GASBS No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units and amendment of GASB Statement No. 14* (Effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2016)
- GASBS No. 81, *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements* (Effective for financial statement periods beginning after December 15, 2016)
- GASBS No. 82, *Pension Issues—an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73* (Effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2016, except for certain requirements which could be effective for periods in which the measurement date of the pension liability is on or after June 15, 2017)
- GASBS No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations* (Effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2018)
- GASBS No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities* (Effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018)

- GASBS No. 85, *Omnibus 2017* (Effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2017)
- GASBS No. 86, *Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues* (effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2017)
- GASBS No. 87, *Leases* (effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019)

Your Comments and Suggestions

The authors encourage users of *PPC's Governmental Financial Statement Illustrations and Trends* to offer any comments or suggestions that they may have to improve the usefulness of future editions. Of special interest are your comments about the usefulness of the trends survey and recommendations for additional types of governments to be included. In addition, the authors encourage users to submit their governmental financial statements for consideration for future editions. The authors are particularly interested in receiving statements that include unique or difficult reporting situations under GASB standards. Please address your comments, suggestions, or financial statements to:

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