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Office of Management and Budget

Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

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5 CFR Ch. III and 48 CFR Ch. 01

Federal Regulations; OMB Circulars, OFPP Policy Letters, and CASB Cost Accounting Standards Included in the Semiannual Agenda of Federal Activities

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is publishing its semiannual agenda of upcoming activities for OMB Circulars, Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Policy Letters, and Cost Accounting Standards Board (CASB) Cost Accounting Standards.

OMB Circulars and OFPP Policy Letters are published in accordance

with OMB's internal procedures for implementing Executive Order 12866 (October 4, 1993, 58 FR 51735). OMB Policy guidelines are issued under authority derived from several sources including: subtitles I, II, and V of title 31, United States Code; Executive Order 11541; and other specific authority as cited. OMB Circulars and OFPP Policy Letters communicate guidance and instructions of a continuing nature to executive branch agencies. As such, most OMB Circulars and OFPP Policy Letters are not regulations. Nonetheless, because these issuances are typically of public interest, they are generally published in the Federal Register in both proposed (for public comment) and final stages. For this reason, they are presented below in the standard format of "prerule," "proposed rule," and "final rule" stages.

CASB Cost Accounting Standards are issued under authority derived from 41

U.S.C. 422. Cost Accounting Standards are rules governing the measurement, assignment, and allocation of costs to contracts with the United States Government.

For purposes of this agenda, we have excluded directives that outline procedures to be followed in connection with the President's budget and legislative programs and directives that affect only the internal functions, management, or personnel of Federal agencies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: See agency person listed for each entry in the agenda, c/o Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. On the overall agenda, contact Lauren E. Wright, (202) 395-4855, at the above address.

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Office of Management and Budget—Final Rule Stage

| Sequence Number | Title | Regulation Identifier Number |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 3397 | Accounting for the Cost of Employee Stock Ownership Plans | 0348–AB57 |
| 3398 | Relocation of OMB Circulars to Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations | 0348–AB58 |

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3397. ACCOUNTING FOR THE COST OF EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLANS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 41 USC 422

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 99

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Cost Accounting Standards Board is proposing to amend its standards to provide criteria for measuring and assigning the costs of employee stock ownership plans sponsored by Government contractors.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|--|--|--|
| NPRM | 07/22/05 | 70 FR 42293 | | | |
| NPRM Comment Period End | 09/20/05 | | | | |
| Final Rule | 09/00/06 | | | | |
| Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No | | | | | |

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 0348–AB57

3398. RELOCATION OF OMB CIRCULARS TO TITLE 2 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: PL 106–107, Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999; 31 USC 503; 31 USC 1111; 41 USC 405

Final Rule Stage

CFR Citation: 2 CFR 1; 2 CFR 180; 2 CFR 215; 2 CFR 220; 2 CFR 225; 2 CFR 230

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Title 2 of the CFR contains OMB guidance to Federal agencies on Governmentwide policies and procedures for the award and administration of grants and agreements, as well as Federal agency regulations that implement OMB's guidance. OMB circulars are relocating to chapter II; streamlined guidance is contained in chapter I.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite | | |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|---------|--|--|
| Interim Final Rule | 03/00/07 | | | |
| Interim Final Rule Comment Period End | 05/00/07 | | | |
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

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Small Entities Affected: Organizations

Government Levels Affected: Federal, Local, State, Tribal

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