

Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

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NEWS RELEASE

FASAB Releases its Research Report on Capital and Operating Leases

The Chairman of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB), David Mosso, announced today that the FASAB has released its research report on capital and operating leases.

“The research report is quite comprehensive in that it outlines the complexity of current leasing transactions,” according to Mr. Mosso. “The report will serve as a reference tool for future Board discussions on the varying lease transactions throughout the Federal government.”

The research report was prepared by Ms. Susan S. K. Lee, Special Assistant at the Federal Aviation Administration while on assignment with FASAB. The objectives of the research are two-fold:

1. To develop a summary paper that permits staff and the Board to familiarize themselves with lease accounting under FASAB, FASB, GASB and international public sector accounting standards, and to familiarize them with global issues related to lease accounting, and
2. To aid in determining if new uses of leases by Federal entities create different and/or more urgent needs for FASAB guidance.

The material in the capital and operating lease research report is being made available for discussion purposes only; it is not intended to reflect authoritative views of the FASAB or its Staff.

An electronic version of the research report is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fasab.gov/reports.html>.

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Federal accounting standards and financial reporting play a role in fulfilling the Government's duty to be publicly accountable. Federal financial reports can help report users assess the government's accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness, including the consequences of the allocation and use of resources.

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