



Accounting Policies & Audit Procedures Used to Review Them

- Capital Asset Policies
 - Categories/Classifications
 - Capitalization Thresholds
 - Depreciable Lives



- Audit Procedures
 - Determine capitalization limits, depreciation rates, and salvage, if any
 - Capitalization limits may vary by fund or operation
 - Depreciation rates may also vary



- Audit Procedures
 - Obtain or prepare a schedule of changes in capital assets and accumulated depreciation
 - Determine that additions are properly reported
 - Consider vouching or inspecting
 - Review repair and maintenance accounts for potential unrecorded capital assets
 - Certain additions would suggest corresponding retirements



- Audit Procedures
 - Obtain or prepare a schedule of changes in capital assets and accumulated depreciation
 - Test calculation of depreciation expense
 - Be aware of potentially over-depreciated assets



- Audit Procedures
 - Obtain or prepare a schedule of changes in capital assets and accumulated depreciation
 - Determine if reported disposals are properly accounted for
 - Sales proceeds/salvage
 - Potential refunds to funding agencies for grant-acquired assets



- Audit Procedures
 - Determine that "Net Assets Invested in Capital Assets" is properly calculated
 - Exclude debt that was not issued or used for capital purposes
 - Developer payments
 - WRS unfunded pension liability
 - Unspent debt proceeds



- Fund Balance/Net Asset Policies
 - Purpose of the policy
 - Fund balance types and definitions
 - Operational guidelines
 - Authority to restrict, commit and assign
 - Classifying fund balance amounts
 - Minimum fund balance amounts
 - Order of resource use



- Audit Procedures
 - Determine that the pre-closing year end balance in each fund agrees to the year end balance from the prior year
 - Possible differences
 - Funds improperly closed
 - Transfers posted directly to fund balance
 - Transactions posted directly to fund balance



- Audit Procedures
 - Obtain a copy of the fund balance/net asset policy
 - Determine if there are any committed funds
 - Determine who can assign fund balance
 - Determine the order for spending down fund balance



- Audit Procedures
 - Review the general ledger to determine if fund balance classifications are recorded
 - If yes, have they been properly established
 - If no, do unrecorded balances exist



- Audit Procedures
 - Determine the major funds to be reported for the year
 - Determine that the reconciliation between governmental fund balances and the governmentwide net assets is proper



- Debt Policies
 - What types of debt to issue
 - Levels of outstanding debt
 - Refinancing



- Audit Procedures
 - Review minutes for authorization
 - Determine that proceeds are recorded in the appropriate fund(s)
 - Determine that any premiums, discounts, or issuance costs are properly recorded



- Audit Procedures
 - Compare recorded payments to debt repayment schedules
 - If no repayment schedule, consider confirming with the lender



Audit Procedures

- Footnote disclosures
 - Annual repayments
 - Compliance with debt limit
 - Compliance with any special provisions or covenants
 - Pledged revenue disclosure for revenue bonds
 - Gain/loss and economic gain/loss on refunding
 - Conduit debt



Questions

