

*Technical Issues*

## SUMMARY OF STATEMENT NO. 39



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***DETERMINING WHETHER CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS ARE COMPONENT UNITS—AN AMENDMENT OF GASB STATEMENT NO. 14***

(ISSUED 5/02)

An objective of Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, is that all entities associated with a primary government are potential component units and should be evaluated for inclusion in the financial reporting entity. This Statement amends Statement 14 to provide additional guidance to determine whether certain organizations for which the primary government is not financially accountable should be reported as component units based on the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government. Generally, it requires reporting, as a component unit, an organization that raises and holds economic resources for the direct benefit of a governmental unit.

Organizations that are legally separate, tax-exempt entities and that meet *all* of the following criteria should be discretely presented as component units. These criteria are:

1. The economic resources received or held by the separate organization are entirely or almost entirely for the direct benefit of the primary government, its component units, or its constituents.
2. The primary government, or its component units, is entitled to, or has the ability to otherwise access, a majority of the economic resources received or held by the separate organization.
3. The economic resources received or held by an *individual organization* that the specific primary government, or its component units, is entitled to, or has the ability to otherwise access, are significant to that primary government.

This Statement continues the requirement in Statement 14 to apply professional judgment in determining whether the relationship between a primary government and other organizations for which the primary government is not financially accountable and that do not meet these criteria is such that exclusion of the organization would render the financial statements of the reporting entity misleading or incomplete. Those component units should be reported based on the existing blending and discrete presentation display requirements of Statement 14.

The provisions of this Statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2003. Earlier application is encouraged.

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Unless otherwise specified, pronouncements of the GASB apply to financial reports of all state and local governmental entities, including general purpose governments, public benefit corporations and authorities, public employee retirement systems, and public utilities, hospitals and other healthcare providers, and colleges and universities. Paragraph 3 discusses the applicability of this Statement.

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