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**Accounting Policy Memorandum – OAIC 00-01**

MEMORANDUM FOR BUREAU CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS  
DEPUTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS

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SUBJECT: Note Disclosure for Basis of Presentation

The Office of the Deputy Chief Financial Officer is issuing this Accounting Policy Memorandum to ensure consistency in the presentation of Treasury stand-alone reporting entities. Several non-appropriated Treasury reporting entities issue stand-alone audited financial statements on a Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) basis. While this is allowable under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, it may cause confusion to readers of other Treasury financial statements prepared on a Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) basis. Accordingly, beginning with the fiscal year 2000 reporting, all Treasury reporting entities that issue financial statements prepared on a FASB basis should use the standard note language provided below to describe their basis of presentation.

If you have any questions, please call Jack Blair, Acting Director, Office of Accounting and Internal Control on (202) 622-0812.

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**Basis of Presentation** – The (Name of the Treasury Reporting Entity) has historically prepared its financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, based on accounting standards issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), the private-sector standards-setting body. In October 1999, the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) was designated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) as the standards-setting body for financial statements of federal government entities, with respect to the establishment of generally accepted accounting principles. FASAB has indicated, however, that financial statements prepared based upon accounting standards published by the FASB may also be regarded as in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for those federal entities, such as the (Name of the Treasury Reporting Entity) that have issued financial statements based upon FASB accounting standards in the past. Accordingly, consistent with historical reporting, the (Name of the Treasury Reporting Entity) financial statements are presented in accordance with accounting standards published by the FASB.