

The response to the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board's Preliminary Views on *Accounting for Social Insurance, Revised* has significantly exceeded our recent experience. We want to thank all those who've responded for participating in this important discussion. Responses are being posted to the FASAB website and can be viewed at <http://www.fasab.gov/commentletter.html>

With the passing of the requested response date, staff has received questions regarding permissibility of late responses. Members of FASAB will receive all responses submitted. Responses received by May 17th will be sent to the Board before the Public Hearing scheduled for May 23rd. Responses received after May 17th will be forwarded to members on a rolling basis after the hearing. Of course, timely submission is encouraged since analysis of responses informs the Board's ongoing deliberations.

The Public Hearing will be May 23rd beginning at 9 AM in room 1N37 at 441 G Street NW. Those interested in testifying should contact Richard Fontenrose, Assistant Director, no later than one week prior to the hearing. Mr. Fontenrose can be reached at 202-512-7358 or via e-mail at fontenroser@fasab.gov. Respondents should, at the same time, provide a short biography and written copies of their testimony. The Preliminary Views document, issued in October 2006, is available on the FASAB Web site <http://www.fasab.gov> under ``Exposure Drafts and Documents for Comment."

If you plan to observe the public hearing and have not previously been added to the building access list, please contact Charles Jackson, Administrative Officer, at 202 512-7352 or jacksoncw1@fasab.gov to be added to the building access list for the meeting. Please notify him of your plans by May 21st. If you are not added to the access list, your entry will be delayed until a staff member is available to escort you.