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Capitalization Policy

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Capital Asset Guide

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Introduction

Beginning with FY 2002 (October 1, 2001) new reporting requirements were established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments and Public Colleges and Universities*.

The Office of County Auditor for Collin County has prepared this Capital Asset Guide to implement the new reporting requirements for fixed assets, infrastructure assets and depreciation of assets. Included in this guide are asset category definitions, capitalization thresholds, depreciation methodologies, and examples of expenditures for each class of assets. Additionally, guidelines for leasehold improvements and construction in progress have been included.

I. Capital Asset Definitions and Guidelines

Capital assets are real or personal property that have a value equal to or greater than the capitalization threshold for the particular classification of the asset and have an estimated useful life of greater than one year.

The county has invested in a broad range of capital assets used in the county's operations, including:

- Land and land improvements
- Buildings and building improvements
- Facilities and other improvements
- Infrastructure
- Construction in progress
- Leasehold improvements
- Site Improvements
- Personal property
 - o Furniture and equipment
 - Vehicles and boats
 - o Software developed or obtained for internal use
 - o Other assets:
 - 1) Works of art and historical treasures
 - 2) Library books and materials
 - 3) Intangible assets

Capital Asset Classification

Assets purchased, constructed or donated that meet or exceed the established capitalization thresholds or minimum reporting requirements as set by Commissioners' Court must be uniformly classified, utilizing the county defined class code structure. Included in the class code structure are codes that can be used to accurately define the components of buildings or other assets as required by GASB 34.

Each class code contains a default value for both residual value (expressed as a percentage of historical cost) and estimated useful life (expressed in months). The default values are based upon historical, state or federal data for each class of asset. Collin County will follow the appropriate accounting standards for establishing the historical cost for each asset.

Capitalization Thresholds

Standard capitalization thresholds for capitalizing assets have been established for each major class of assets. All departments are required to use these thresholds.

Class of Asset	Threshold
Land/land improvements	Capitalize All
Buildings/building improvements	\$ 50,000
Facilities and other improvements	\$ 50,000
Infrastructure	\$200,000
Personal property including purchased software	\$ 5,000
Works of art/historical treasures	\$ 5,000
Software developed for internal use	\$100,000
Leasehold improvements	\$ 10,000
Site Improvements	\$ 5,000

^{*} If a department has a grant with a contractual capitalization threshold then that requirement overrides the county's threshold. See Section II. Capital Asset Categories, Personal Property for more information.

Capital Asset Acquisition Cost

Capital assets should be recorded and reported in the fixed asset group (FAG) system software at historical cost, which include the vendor's invoice (plus the value of any trade-in), plus initial installation cost (excluding in-house labor), modifications, attachments, accessories or apparatus necessary to make the asset usable and render it into service.

For Collin County object expenditure codes, see Appendix A. Historical costs also include ancillary charges such as freight and transportation charges, site preparation costs and professional fees. The costs of purchasing capital assets for *governmental activities* do not include capitalized interest. However, interest is capitalized on:

- Assets that are constructed or otherwise produced for use by Collin County (including assets constructed or produced for the county by others for which deposits or progress payments have been made)
- Assets that *do not* qualify for capitalization of interest include:

- Assets acquired for governmental activities (interest will be reported in the statement of activities as a separate line item)
- Assets that are in use or ready for their intended use in the earning activities of the County
- o Assets that are not being used in the earning activities of the County and that are not undergoing the activities necessary to get them ready
- Assets acquired with gifts and grants that are restricted by the donor or grantor to acquisition of those assets to the extent that funds are available from such gifts and grants

Capital Asset Donations

GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-Exchange Transactions*, defines a donation as a voluntary non-exchange transaction entered into willingly by two or more parties. Both parties may be governments or one party may be a nongovernmental entity, including an individual.

For governmental funds, GASB 33 is effective after June 30, 2001. The timing of recognition of the asset and related revenue is outlined as follows:

	Governmental Activities (effective fiscal 2002)
Donations	• If the asset has been received but the eligibility requirements have not been met, then capital assets are debited and deferred revenue is credited in the <i>government-wide financial statements</i> .
	• If the asset has been received and the eligibility requirements have been met, then capital assets are debited and revenue is credited in the <i>government-wide financial statements</i> .
	• If the asset has not been received but the eligibility requirements have been met, then a receivable is debited and revenue is credited in the <i>government-wide financial statements</i> .
Promises of capital asset donations	• Promises should be recognized as receivables and revenues (net of estimated uncollectible amounts) on the <i>government-wide financial statements</i> when all applicable eligibility requirements are met, provided that the promise is verifiable and the resources are measurable and probable of collection.

All fixed assets donated to the county should be presented in a court agenda to Commissioners' Court. The Commissioners' have the authority to approve the acceptance of a donation.

Sale of a Capital Asset Donation

Governmental fund statements per GASB 34 are to be used to report expendable assets and not capital assets. However, there may be instances when a government receives a gift of a capital asset that it intends to sell. In such cases, the donation will be reported as revenue on the governmental fund statements if the asset is either:

¹ Measurable – The amount can be reasonable estimated.

² Probable – The future event(s) is (are) likely to occur.

- Sold prior to the end of the fiscal period and the proceeds of the sale are considered available³, or
- The asset is sold (or the government has entered into a contract to sell the asset) prior to the issuance of the financial statements and the proceeds of the sale are considered available.

If the proceeds of the sale are not considered available, then the related receivable should be offset by a liability for deferred revenue on the fund financial statements.

Leased Equipment

Equipment should be capitalized if the lease agreement meets any one of the following criteria:

- The lease transfers ownership of the property to the lessee by the end of the lease term.
- The lease contains a bargain purchase option.
- The lease term is equal to 75 percent or more of the estimated economic life of the leased property.
- The present value of the minimum lease payments at the inception of the lease, excluding lease execution costs, equals at least 90 percent of the fair value of the leased property.
- Leases that do not meet any of the above requirements should be recorded as an operating lease and reported in the notes of the financial statements.

Depreciating Capital Assets

Capital assets should be depreciated over their estimated useful lives unless they are inexhaustible. For a definition of an "inexhaustible asset," see the Works of Art and Historical Treasures section of this guide.

The straight-line depreciation method (historical cost less residual value, divided by useful life) will be used. The actual date will govern when an asset was placed into service, subject to the use of a full-month for that first month (regardless of the date placed into service). An asset is considered placed into service on the date it became available for use and was being used for the purpose intended when purchased or constructed.

Depreciation data will be calculated and stored by the Office of County Auditor for each eligible asset. Accumulated depreciation will be summarized and posted to the accounting general ledger and the fixed asset group.

Special circumstances apply when an entire project exceeds the capitalization threshold and requires tracking of multiple assets. If a project contains multiple pieces of equipment that are required to be tracked those assets should be depreciated. The useful life would be based on the total project's life span.

Residual Value

³ <u>Available</u> – The funds are collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period.

In order to calculate depreciation for an asset, the estimated residual value must be declared before depreciation can be calculated. The use of historical sales information becomes invaluable for determining the estimated residual value. Proceeds from sale of assets must be netted against residual value in computing net gain or loss from sale.

Sale of Capital Assets

When an asset is sold, a gain or loss must be recognized in the annual report when:

- Cash is exchanged and the amount paid does not equal the net book value of the asset
- Cash is not exchanged and the asset is not fully depreciated or has a residual value
- A gain or loss **is not** reported when:
 - Cash exchanged equals the net book value and the asset does not have a residual value, or
 - Cash is not exchanged and the asset is fully depreciated and has no residual value.

Computation of Gain and Loss from Sale of Assets

To compute a gain or loss, proceeds received must be subtracted from the asset's net book value.

Example:	Asset's Historical Cost	\$10,000
	Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>7,000</u>
	Net book value	\$ 3,000
	Subtract Proceeds Received	2,000
	Loss from Sale of Asset	\$ 1,000

If the asset has been fully depreciated and has a residual value, then the proceeds must be subtracted from the residual value to compute the gain or loss.

Example:	Asset's Historical Cost	\$10,000
_	$(residual\ value = \$1,000)$	
	Less Accumulated Depreciation	9,000
	Residual value	\$ 1,000
	Subtract Proceeds Received	2,000
	Gain from Sale of Asset	\$ 1.000

Note: Net Book Value – asset's historical cost less the accumulated depreciation.

Assets Acquired by the Exchange of Other Assets

Similar assets – When recording an exchange of similar assets, we will use a book value basis for the assets surrendered or acquired.

• When assets are exchanged and no monetary consideration is paid or received, the cost of the asset acquired is recorded at the book value of the asset surrendered.

• Where monetary consideration is given, the new asset must be recorded at the sum of the cash paid plus the book value of the asset surrendered.

Dissimilar assets – When recording an exchange of dissimilar assets, we will:

- Record the value of the asset being traded and the resulting transaction for acquiring the new asset, using the fair value of the asset being traded.
- If cash is used to purchase the asset, agencies must record the transaction for the new asset as cash paid plus the fair value of the asset surrendered.

Assets Held in Trust

Capital assets held on behalf of a non-county division (such as art collections owned by families, estates and others) and that are under the temporary control of the county should be accounted for in the FAG (Fixed Asset Group). Currently, the accounting treatment is being researched. This includes assets owned by the federal, state or city government that have been loaned to the county. Assets held in trust must be reported to and approved by Commissioners Court.

Highly Attractive Assets

Highly attractive assets are assets of the county that have been identified as assets that *must* be secured and tracked on the FAG due to the nature of the items. These will be considered as controlled assets. Purchasing is responsible for identifying, securing, and tracking controlled assets under reporting rules established by Commissioners' Court. In addition to the controlled assets identified as highly attractive, a department may secure and track assets it considers to be high risk or for management purposes.

A list of current highly attractive assets is provided in Appendix C.

Annual Inventory

To control the cost of the annual physical inventory, only personal property \$5,000 or over and highly attractive items will be individually verified by Purchasing. The Auditor's Office will confirm the annual inventory as part of the internal audit program.

II. Capital Asset Categories

Land and Land Improvements

Land Definition

Land is the surface or crust of the earth, which can be used to support structures, and may be used to grow crops, grass, shrubs, and trees. Land is characterized as having an unlimited life (indefinite).

Land Improvement Definition

Land improvements consist of betterments, site preparation and site improvements (other than buildings) that ready land for its intended use. The costs associated with improvements to land are added to the cost of the land.

Depreciation Methodology

Land and land improvements are inexhaustible assets and do not depreciate over time.

Capitalization Threshold

All acquisitions of land and land improvements over \$5,000 will be capitalized.

Examples of Expenditures to be Capitalized as Land and Land Improvements

- Purchase price or fair market value at time of gift
- Commissions paid in purchasing land
- Professional fees (title searches, architect, legal, engineering, appraisal, surveying, environmental assessments, etc.)
- Land excavation, fill, grading, drainage
- Demolition of existing buildings and improvements (less salvage)
- Removal, relocation, or reconstruction of property of others (railroad, telephone and power lines)
- Interest on mortgages accrued at date of purchase
- Accrued and unpaid taxes at date of purchase
- Other costs incurred in acquiring the land
- Water wells (includes initial cost for drilling, the pump and its casing)
- Right-of-way

Buildings and Building Improvements

Building Definition

A building is a structure that is permanently attached to the land, has a roof, is partially or completely enclosed by walls, and is not intended to be transportable or moveable. Total project costs are accumulated in detail as one asset in a construction in

progress account, with depreciation calculated as of the date the building is placed into service.

Building Improvement Definition

Building improvements are capital events that materially extend the useful life of a building or increase the value of a building, or both. A building improvement should be capitalized as a betterment and recorded as an addition of value to the existing building if the expenditure for the improvement is at the capitalization threshold, or the expenditure increases the life or value of the building by at least 25 percent of the original life period or cost. An asset that meets this definition is not entered as separate costs for depreciation purposes; the total project cost is accumulated and entered as one total in the system, with depreciation calculated as one amount from that total.

Depreciation Methodology

The straight-line depreciation method (historical cost less residual value, divided by useful life) will be used for buildings, improvements and other components. Subsequent improvements that change the use or function of the building shall be depreciated.

Buildings designated "historical" by the Texas Historical Commission will not be depreciated unless used in the operations of the county. However, any improvements or betterments not deemed "historical" by the Texas Historical Commission will be depreciated the same as any other improvements or betterments made to a building.

Capitalization Threshold

The capitalization threshold for buildings and building improvements is \$50,000.

Examples of Expenditures to be Capitalized as Buildings

PURCHASED BUILDINGS

- Original purchase price
- Expenses for remodeling, reconditioning or altering a purchased building to make it ready to use for the purpose for which it was acquired
- Environmental compliance (i.e., asbestos abatement)
- Professional fees (legal, architect, inspections, title searches, etc.)
- Payment of unpaid or accrued taxes on the building to date of purchase
- Cancellation or buyout of existing leases
- Other costs required to place or render the asset into operation

CONSTRUCTED BUILDINGS

- Completed project costs
- Interest accrued during construction
- Cost of excavation or grading or filling of land for a specific building
- Expenses incurred for the preparation of plans, specifications, blueprints, etc.
- Cost of building permits

- Professional fees (architect, engineer, management fees for design and supervision, legal)
- Costs of temporary buildings used during construction
- Unanticipated costs such as rock blasting, piling, or relocation of the channel of an underground stream
- Permanently attached fixtures or machinery that cannot be removed without impairing the use of the building
- Additions to buildings (expansions, extensions, or enlargements)

Examples of Expenditures to be Capitalized as Improvements to Buildings

Note: For a replacement to be capitalized, it must be a part of a major repair or rehabilitation project that increases the value and/or useful life of the building, such as renovation. A replacement <u>may</u> be capitalized if the new item/part is of significantly improved quality and higher value compared to the old item/part, such as replacement of an old shingle roof with a new fireproof tile roof. Replacement or restoration to original utility level would not qualify as a capitalized asset. Determinations must be made on a case-by-case basis.

- Conversion of attics, basements, etc., to usable office, clinic, or classroom space
- Structures *attached* to the building such as covered patios, sunrooms, garages, carports, enclosed stairwells, etc.
- Installation or upgrade of heating and cooling systems, including ceiling fans and vents
- Original installation/upgrade of wall or ceiling covering such as carpeting, tiles, paneling, or parquet
- Structural changes such as reinforcement of floors or walls, installation or replacement of beams, rafters, joists, steel grids, or other interior framing
- Installation or upgrade of window or door frame, upgrading of windows or doors, built-in closet and cabinets
- Interior renovation associated with casings, baseboards, light fixtures, ceiling trim, etc.
- Exterior renovation such as installation or replacement of siding, roofing, masonry, etc.
- Installation or upgrade of plumbing and electrical wiring
- Installation or upgrade of phone or closed circuit television systems, networks, fiber optic cable, wiring required in the installation of equipment (that will remain in the building)
- Other costs associated with the above improvements

Building Maintenance Expense

The following are examples of expenditures *not* to capitalize as improvements to buildings. Instead, these items should be recorded as maintenance expense.

 Adding, removing and/or moving of walls relating to renovation projects that are not considered major rehabilitation projects and do not increase the value of the building

- Improvement projects of minimal or no added life expectancy and/or value to the building
- Plumbing or electrical repairs
- Cleaning, pest extermination, or other periodic maintenance
- Interior decoration, such as draperies, blinds, curtain rods, wallpaper
- Exterior decoration, such as detachable awnings, uncovered porches, decorative fences, etc.
- Maintenance-type interior renovation, such as repainting, touch-up plastering, replacement of carpet, tile, or panel sections; sink and fixture refinishing, etc.
- Maintenance-type exterior renovation such as repainting, replacement of deteriorated siding, roof, or masonry sections
- Replacement of a part or component of a building with a new part of the same type and performance capabilities, such as replacement of an old boiler with a new one of the same type and performance capabilities
- Purchases of maintenance-type equipment or supplies during the construction phase that would not be otherwise capitalized if purchased after the project is placed in service (i.e., mops, handcuffs, cleaning supplies, brooms, etc.)
- Any other maintenance-related expenditure which does not increase the value of the building

Facilities and Other Improvements

Facilities Definition

Assets (other than general use buildings) built, installed or established to enhance the quality or facilitate the use of land for a particular purpose.

Other Improvements Definition

Depreciable improvements made to a facility or to land should be capitalized as betterment if the improvement is at the capitalization threshold or the expenditure increases the life or value of the asset by at least 25 percent of the original cost or life period.

Depreciation Methodology

The straight-line depreciation method (historical cost less residual value, divided by useful life) will be used for Facilities and Other Improvements.

Capitalization Threshold

The capitalization threshold for facilities and other improvements is \$50,000.

Examples of Expenditures to be Capitalized as Facilities and Other Improvements

- Fencing and gates
- Landscaping
- Parking lots/driveways/parking barriers

- Outside sprinkler systems
- Recreation areas and athletic fields (including bleachers)
- Paths and trails
- Septic systems
- Stadiums
- Fountains
- Plazas and pavilions
- Retaining walls

Infrastructure

Infrastructure Definition

Assets that are long-lived capital assets, are normally stationary in nature, and can be preserved for a significantly greater number of years than most capital assets. Infrastructure assets are often linear and continuous in nature.

Note: Prospective reporting of general infrastructure assets is required beginning in fiscal 2002. Also required is the retroactive reporting of infrastructure assets purchased, constructed, or donated in fiscal years ending after June 30, 1980 or that received major renovations, restorations, or improvements during that period. County departments are encouraged to report their entire infrastructure, if possible.

Infrastructure Improvements

Infrastructure improvements are capital events that materially extend the useful life or increase the value of the infrastructure, or both. Infrastructure improvements are capitalized as a betterment and recorded as an addition of value to the infrastructure if the improvement or addition of value is at the capitalization threshold or increases the life or value of the asset by at least 25 percent of the original cost or life period.

Jointly Funded Infrastructure

Infrastructure paid for jointly by the county and other governmental entities should be capitalized by the entity responsible for future maintenance.

Maintenance Costs

Maintenance costs allow an asset to continue to be used during its originally established useful life. Maintenance costs are expensed in the period incurred.

Preservation Costs

Preservation costs are generally considered to be those outlays that extend the useful life of an asset beyond its original estimated useful life, but do not increase the capacity or efficiency of the asset. Preservation costs should be capitalized.

Additions and Improvements

Additions and improvements are those capital outlays that increase the capacity or efficiency of the asset. A change in capacity increases the level of service provided by an asset. For example, additional lanes can be added to a highway or the weight capacity of a bridge could be increased. A change in efficiency maintains the same service level, but at a reduced cost. For example, a heating and cooling plant could be reengineered so that it produces the same temperature changes at reduced cost. The cost of additions and improvements should be capitalized.

Depreciation Methodology

The straight-line depreciation method (historical cost less residual value, divided by useful life) will be used for infrastructure assets.

Capitalization Threshold

The capitalization threshold for infrastructure is \$200,000. Infrastructure already capitalized will remain capitalized.

Examples of Expenditures to be Capitalized as Infrastructure

- Farm to Market and Lateral Roads, streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks
- Bridges
- Ditches, waterways, docks, bulkheads, boardwalks
- Dam, drainage facility
- Radio or television transmitting tower
- Fiber optic and telephone distribution systems (between buildings)
- Light system (traffic, outdoor, street, etc.)
- Signage

Site Improvements

Site Improvements Definition

Site Improvements are defined as depreciable assets that deteriorate over time. The improvements include fences, parking lots, and access roads.

Depreciation Methodology

The straight-line depreciation method (historical cost less residual value, divided by useful life) will be used for site improvements.

Capitalization Threshold

The capitalization threshold for site improvements is \$5,000.

Personal Property

Personal Property Definition

Personal property is defined as fixed or movable tangible assets to be used for operations, the benefits of which extend beyond one year from date of acquisition and are rendered into service. Improvements or additions to existing personal property that constitute a capital outlay or increase the value or life of the asset by at least 25 percent of the original cost or life should be capitalized as betterment and recorded as an addition of value to the existing asset.

Note: Costs of extended warranties and/or maintenance agreements, which can be separately identified from the cost of the equipment, should not be capitalized.

Jointly Funded Personal Property

Personal property paid for jointly by the county and other governmental entities should be capitalized by the entity responsible for future maintenance.

Depreciation Methodology

The straight-line depreciation method (historical cost less residual value, divided by useful life) will be used for personal property.

Capitalization Threshold

The capitalization threshold for personal property is \$5,000.

Examples of Expenditures to be Capitalized as Personal Property

- Original contract or invoice price
- Freight charges
- Import duties
- Handling and storage charges
- In-transit insurance charges
- Sales, use, and other taxes imposed on the acquisition
- Installation charges
- Charges for testing and preparation for use
- Costs of reconditioning used items when purchased
- Parts and labor associated with the construction of equipment

Works of Art and Historical Treasures

Works of Art and Historical Treasures Definition

Collections or individual items of significance that are owned by the county which are not held for financial gain, but rather for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service. Collections or individual items that are protected and cared for or preserved and subject to an organizational policy that requires the proceeds from sales of collection items to be used to acquire other items for collections.

<u>Exhaustible collections or items</u> – items whose useful lives are diminished by display or educational or research applications.

<u>Inexhaustible collection or items</u> – where the economic benefit or service potential is used up so slowly that the estimated useful lives are extraordinarily long. Because of their cultural, aesthetic, or historical value, the holder of the asset applies efforts to protect and preserve the asset in a manner greater than that for similar assets without such cultural, aesthetic, or historical value.

Depreciation Methodology

The straight-line depreciation method (historical cost less residual value, divided by useful life) will be used for exhaustible collections. Inexhaustible items should not be depreciated.

Capitalization Threshold

All works of art and historical treasures over \$5,000 acquired or donated will be capitalized as of October 1, 2001 unless held for financial gain. Collections already capitalized as of September 30, 2001 will remain capitalized and all additions to those collections will be capitalized, even if they meet the conditions for exemption from capitalization.

If a collection is held for financial gain and not capitalized, disclosures must be made in the notes that provide a description of the collection and the reasons these assets are not capitalized. When donated collection items are added to non-capitalized collections, program expense equal to the amount of revenues should be recognized.

Examples of Expenditures to be Capitalized as Works of Art and Historical Treasures

- Collection of rare books, manuscripts
- Maps, documents and recordings
- Works of art such as paintings, sculptures, and designs
- Artifacts, memorabilia, exhibits
- Unique or significant structures

Computer Software

Computer Software Definition

Computer software is defined as the operating systems, programs, drivers, networking or other internal instructions used to accumulate, report or facilitate the financial, fiscal, operating and maintenance requirements for information for the county.

<u>Purchased software</u> – Computer software developed by a vendor not affiliated with the county and for which the product is generally sold and maintained by that vendor or an independent third party.

<u>Developed software</u> – Computer software developed, researched, tested, implemented and maintained by county personnel or for the exclusive use of the county by an outside vendor, who then turns maintenance over to the county.

Software development generally involves three phases. These phases and their characteristics are as follows:

- <u>Preliminary project phase</u> when conceptual formulation of alternatives, the evaluation of alternatives, determination of existence of needed technologies and final selection of alternatives is made.
- Application development phase Design of chosen path including software configuration and software interfaces, coding, installation of computer hardware and testing, including parallel processing phase.
- <u>Post-implementation/operation phase</u> training and application maintenance activities.

Costs associated with the preliminary project and the post-implementation/operating phases should be expensed as incurred. Internal and external costs associated with the application development phase should be capitalized. Costs to develop or obtain software that allows for access or conversion of old data by new information systems should also be capitalized. General and administrative costs and overhead expenditures associated with software development should not be capitalized as costs of internal use software.

Depreciation Methodology

The straight-line depreciation method (historical cost less residual value, divided by useful life) will be used for purchased software.

Capitalization Threshold

<u>Purchased Software</u> - The County will record payment for the purchase of computer software whose unit value cost is \$5,000 or greater and has an estimated useful life of more than one year. Capitalization of computer software includes software license fees if the total dollar amount of the fee divided by the number of units served (terminals) meets the criteria to capitalize the purchase.

<u>Developed Software</u> - Capitalization of costs should begin when the preliminary project phase is complete and Commissioners' Court has implicitly or explicitly authorized or commits to funding the software project with the intent it will be completed and used to perform its planned functions. Capitalization should cease no later than the time at which substantial testing is complete and the software is ready for its intended purpose or rendered in service.

Examples of Expenditures during the Application Development Phase to be Capitalized

- External direct costs of materials and services (third party fees for services)
- Costs to obtain software from third parties
- Travel costs incurred by employees in their duties directly associated with development
- Payroll and payroll-related costs of employees directly associated with or devoting time in coding, installing or testing
- Interest costs incurred during the application development

The capitalization threshold for internally developed software is \$100,000. Values are to be reported to Purchasing using a property number for each application developed.

Leasehold Improvements

Leasehold Improvements Definition

Construction of new buildings or improvements made to existing structures by the lessee who has the right to use these leasehold improvements over the term of the lease. These improvements *will revert to the lessor* at the expiration of the lease. Moveable equipment or office furniture that is not attached to the leased property is not considered a leasehold improvement. Leasehold improvements do not have a residual value.

Depreciation Methodology

Leasehold improvements are capitalized by the lessee and are amortized over the useful life of the improvement. Improvements made in lieu of rent should be expensed in the period incurred. If the lease expires prior to the completion of the depreciation allowance for the improvement and the lease not renewed, the remaining net book value should be written off.

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Capitalization Threshold

The capitalization threshold for leasehold improvements is \$50,000.

Construction in Progress

Construction in Progress Definition

Construction in Progress reflects the economic construction activity status of buildings and other structures, infrastructure (buildings, roads, bridges, etc.), additions, alterations, reconstruction, installation, and maintenance and repairs, which are substantially incomplete.

Depreciation Methodology

Depreciation is not applicable while assets are accounted for as Construction in Progress. See appropriate capital asset category when asset is capitalized.

Capitalization Threshold

Construction in progress assets should be capitalized to their appropriate capital asset categories upon the earlier occurrence of execution of substantial completion contract documents, occupancy, or when the asset is placed into service.

Appendix A

Capital Asset Object Codes Effective October 1, 2008

ASSET CATEGORIES	Capitalize- Expenses	Object Code Number and Title		
CAPITAL-		90	01	OFFICE EQUIPMENT
EQUIPMENT	CAPITALIZE	90	02	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT
		90	04	COMPUTER SOFTWARE
		90	05	TOOLS
		90	06	GROUNDS EQUIPMENT
		90	07	ROAD EQUIPMENT
		90	08	ANIMAL EQUIPMENT
		90	09	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
		90	11	EDUCATION & CONFERENCE
		90	12	IN-HOUSE TRAINING
		90	12	INVESTIGATIVE EQUIPMENT
		90	13	LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT
		90	14	PATROL EQUIPMENT
		90	15	TRAINING
		90	16	JANITORIAL EQUIPMENT
		90	17	INVESTIGATIVE EQUIPMENT
		90	19	DETENTION EQUIPMENT
		90	20	RADIO EQUIPMENT
		90	21	TACTICAL EQUIPMENT
		90	22	SECURITY SYSTEM
		90	25	COPIER EQUIPMENT
		90	30	PHONE EQUIPMENT
		90	31	SAFETY EQUIPMENT
		90	33	CRIME PREVENTION EQUIPMNT
		90	35	INSURANCE PREMIUMS
		90	45	VIDEO EQUIPMENT
		90	50	CONSULTANTS
		90	51	TELEPHONE SYSTEM
		90	60	FAX EQUIPMENT
		90	61	LEGAL EXPENSE
		90	62	KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
		90	70	AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT

ASSET CATEGORIES	Capitalize- Expenses	Object Code Number and Title		
CAPITAL- FACILITIES	CAPITALIZE	91 91 91 91 91 91 91 91 91	01 08 10 11 12 18 20 29 35 50 61 83	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS ARCHITECTURE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS LIABILITY INS RESERVE PROJECT MANAGER HV/AC EQUIPMENT/UPGRADES OTHER IMPROVEMENTS INSURANCE PREMIUM CONSULTANTS LEGAL EXPENSE APPRAISALS

ASSET CATEGORIES	Capitalize- Expense	Object Code Number and Title		
ROAD & BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE	CAPITALIZE	92 92 92 92 92 92 92	50 61 80 81 83 84 85	CONSULTANTS LEGAL EXPENSE ROAD CONSTRUCTION UTILITY CONSTRUCTION APPRAISALS ROAD PARTICIPATION BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

ASSET CATEGORIES	Capitalize- Expense	Object Code Number and Title	
OTHER	CAPITALIZE	93 01	DAM CONSTRUCTION
INFRASTRUCTURE		93 17	WATER UTILITY CONSTRUCTIN

ASSET CATEGORIES	Capitalize- Expense	Object Code Number and Title		
CAPITAL-IMP OTHER BLDGS	CAPITALIZE	94 10 PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION 94 17 WATER UTILITY CONSTRUCTION 94 32 LAND IMPROVEMENTS		

ASSET CATEGORIES	Capitalize- Expense		Object Code Number and Title
CAPITAL-OPEN SPACE/PARKS	CAPITALIZE	95 08 95 18 95 29 95 32 95 35 95 50 95 61	OTHER IMPROVEMENTS LAND IMPROVEMENTS

ASSET CATEGORIES	Capitalize- Expense		Object Code Number and Title
CAPITAL-LAND	CAPITALIZE	96 02 96 82	LAND RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION

ASSET CATEGORIES	Capitalize- Expense			Object Code Number and Title
CAPITAL- CONTINGENCIES	CAPITALIZE	99	01	PROGRAM CONTINGENCY

APPENDIX B.

Depreciable Life in Months

	Building Exterior: Chilling Station/
LAND AND LAND IMPROVEMENTS	Boiler
Land and Land Improvements0	Building Interior: Elevator
Land: Right of Way0	Building Interior: Carpet
SITE IMPROVEMENTS	Furniture240
	Building Interior: Sprinkler System
Fencing and Gates300	Building Interior: Electrical
Landscaping120	Building Interior: Roof
Parking Lot/Driveway/Parking Barrier240	Building Interior: Curtains and Drapes
Outside Sprinkler System180	Building Interior: Water System240
	Building Interior: Heating/Cooling System/Air Circulation
FACILITIES AND OTHER	Building Interior: Security 120
IMPROVEMENTS	Building Interior: Cabling/Fiber Optic 120
Recreational Area, Athletic Field	Building Interior: Fire Alarm
(including bleachers)144	System
Golf Course240	
Path and Trails132	INFRASTRUCTURE &
Septic System180	INFRASTRUCTURE
Stadiums	IMPROVEMENTS
Swimming Pool, Tennis Court264	Highway System & Rest Areas0
Fountain	Road/Street (curb, gutters)240
Plaza, Pavilion	Bridge - Concrete Girder (pan)420
Retaining Wall240	Bridge - Concrete Slab
BLILL DINIGG AND BLILL DINIG	Bridge – Culvert420
BUILDINGS AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	Bridge - Prestressed Girder (box)
IMPROVEMENTS	Bridge - Prestressed Girder300
Building Exterior: Residential360	Bridge - Steel Girder300
Building Exterior: Office360	Bridge - Steel Truss Category One540
Building Exterior: Correctional	Bridge - Steel Truss Category Two540
Facilities	Bridge - Timber Stringer300
Building Exterior: Farm360	Sewer (sanitary, storm)
Building Exterior: Storage and Warehouse	Railroad120
Building Exterior: Garage and	Canal
Hangar360	Waterway
Building Exterior: Hospital360	Drainage Facility240
Building Exterior: Education360	Wharf or Dock
Building Exterior: Research	Radio or Television Tower240
Building Exterior: Museum360	Dam600
	Electric (lines & distribution)

Gas (main & lines)	300	Personal Furniture	
Water Lines	300	Bed	144
Fiber Optic (information technology)	240	Dresser	
Telephone Distribution System	120	Rocker	144
Tunnels (utility)	540	Cases, Cabinets and Credenzas	
Tunnels (other)	540	Apparatus Cabinets	120
Lighting System (traffic, outdoor, street, etc.)	180	Beverage Cooling, Ice or Electric Cabinets	
Signage	120	Blood Plasma Cabinets	
Airport Runway/Strip/Taxi Area/		Dental Cabinets	
Apron		Display Cases	120
Trestles	540	Drafting Print Cabinets	
Sea Walls/Bulkheads/Piers/ Boardwalks	420	Exhibit Cases	
Fire Hydrants		File Cases	120
Agricultural Irrigation Systems		Filing Cabinets	120
Sidewalks		Frozen Food Storage Cabinets	
Side warks	192	Galley Printers Cabinets	
CONSTRUCTION-IN-PROGR	ESS 0	Ice Cream, Ice or Electric Cabinets	
CONSTRUCTION-IN-I ROGK	LSS 0	Laboratory Cabinets	
		Laboratory Cases	
		Lantern Slide Cabinets	
LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT	TS 60	Medicine Cases	120
		Printing Cases	120
	T	Sectional Bookcases	
FURNITURE and EQUIPMEN	1,	Supply Cases	120
OTHER PERSONAL PROPER	TY	Supply Cabinets	
		Type Cases	
Desks		Type Printers Cabinets	
Typewriter Desks		Hand Guns** Hand Guns	
Tables			120
Card Tables	120	Rifles** Machine Guns	120
Collapsible Tables	120	Rifles	
Drawing Tables	120	Shotguns	
End Tables	120	_	120
Folding Tables	120	Calculators	0.4
Kitchen Tables	120	Calculating Machines	
Tables	120	Calculators	84
Chairs		Typewriters, Word Processors	0.4
Chairs	120	Typewriters	
Dental Chairs	120	Word Processors	84
Executive Chairs	120	Other Office Furniture	120
Folding Chairs	120		
Seats	120		
Settees	120		
Stools	120		

Vehicle Maintenance Equipment	Electronic Recording Devices	
Automobile Lifts84	Microfilm/Microfiche Machines	
Battery Chargers84	Optical Disks	84
Brake Drum Lathes84	Phonographs/Record Players	84
Brake Lining Machines84	Portable Public Address Systems	84
Chamber Alignment Gauges, Etc84	Projection/Portable Screens	84
Clutch Rebuilding Apparatus84	Radio Receivers and Transmitters	84
Engine Lathes84	Recording Electrical Instruments	84
Engine Repair Stands84	Sound Recorders	84
Garage Type Hydraulic Jacks84	Still/Motion/Micro Projectors	84
Hand or Power Brakes and Folders84	Musical Instruments	60
Motor Analyzers84	Recreational Equipment	
Motor Generator Sets84	Bicycle	120
Spark Plug Cleaning Machines84	Pool Table	120
Tire Spreaders84	Video Conferencing Equipment	
Tire Stacks84	Equipment	60
Vehicle Maintenance Equipment84	1 1	
Wheel Straightening Apparatus84	GPS Equipment Global Positioning Systems	60
Photocopying Equipment		
Ditto Machines84	Other Assets	
Duplicating Equipment, All Types84	Other Assets	
Enlargers84	Other Assets	
Infrared Drying Units84	Warehouse Equipment Forklift	
Mimeograph Machines84	Mailroom Equipment	
Photocopiers/Apparatus84	Folder	108
Photoengravers/Routers Planing	Inserter	
Machines84	Labeler	
Presses84	Band Tyer	108
Stereoscopes84	Instructional Equipment	
Typecasting Machines84	Arts & Crafts Equipment	84
Varitypers Hectographs84	Chart Stands	84
Photographic Washers and Dryers84	Gym Equipment	
Fax Machines, Telecopier*	Hurdles	84
Fax Machines84	Portable Blackboards	
Telecopiers84	Sculpturing Equipment	
Stereo Systems*84	Track and Field	84
Cameras*	World Globes	84
Cameras	Conveyer Systems	180
Video Cameras84	Drills, Stationary	180
Video Recorders/Laserdisk Players* - (TV,	Gin Machinery	
VCR, camcorder)	Grinders, Stationary	
Camcorders84	Lathes, Stationary	
Television and VCR Combinations84	Metal Working Machine, Stationary	
Television Sets84	-	
Video Cassette Recorders84	Milling Machines	
Other Sound Systems/Equipment	Pallet Trucks, Lifts, Jacks, Hydraulic	
Camera Equipment84	Saws, Stationary	180

Scales180	Sheep/Horse Electric Clippers	
Shapers, Joiners, Planers, Stationary180	Trailers (farm-type) Wagons	
Sharpeners, Stationary180	Wheelbarrows	84
Shears	Office Machines	
Textile Machines180	Accounting Machines	84
Woodworking Machines	Adding Machines	
	Addressing Machines	
Tools Anvils84	Billing Machines	
Auto Body, Pneumatic, Etc Hammers84	Bookkeeping Machines	84
Band Saws84	Cash Registers	
Bench, Floor or Radial Drill Presses84	Check Handling Machines	84
Chisels in Sets84	Checkwriters	
Circular Saws84	Coin, Currency, and Check Handling Ma	
Dies in Sets84	Coin Handling Machines	
Electric/Hand Hammers84	Dating Machines	84
Electric Sanding Machines84	Dictaphones	84
Forges84	Dictating Machines	84
Hand Tools in Sets84	Electric Erasers	84
Jointers	Envelope Sealers	84
Machine Tools84	Filing Machines	84
Miter Boxes	Paper Cutters	84
Mortisers	Postal Meters	84
Power Drills	Power Stamping Machines	84
	Shorthand Writing Machines	84
Power Driven, Pneumatic/Electric Hand Tools 84 Power Hack Saws84	Tabulating Machines	84
	Miscellaneous Machines	
Sanding Machines84	Air Compressors	84
Socket Wrench Sets84	Air Hoists	
Welding Apparatus84	Arc Welding Apparatus	84
Agricultural Equipment	Blueprint Machines	
Agricultural Binders84	Canning Machinery	
Combines84	Cement Making Machinery	
Cultivators84	Centering Machines	
Field Plows84	Chain Hoists	
Harnesses84	Cloth Cutting Machines	
Harrows84	Coin Operated Machines	
Hedge/Power Trimmers84	Computing Machines	
Lawn Blowing Machines84	Connecting Rod Boring Machines	
Lawn Rollers84	Conveyors	
Lawn String Trimmers84	Cylinder Boring Machines	
Lawnmowers84	Drafting Machines	
Manure Spreaders84	Electric Gasoline Dispensing Pumps	
Mowers84	Electric or Pneumatic Hoists	
Power Operated Grass Shears84	Electric Welding Apparatus	
Power Operated Shears84	Elrod Lead, Slug, and Rule Casting	
Power Pruners84	Machines	84
Power Sprayers and Dusters84	Engine Flushing Machines	84
Power Sprayers84		

Foundry Machinery84	Power Presses	84
Gas Compressors84	Punch, Foot Power Presses	84
Gas Cylinders84	Printing Frames	84
Gear Cutting Machines84	Kitchen Appliances & Equipment	
Lathes, Turret, or Automatic Screw Machines.84	Canners	84
Metalworking Machinery84	Coffee Grinders	84
Milling Machines84	Coffee Urns	84
Mixing Machines84	Cooking Ranges	
Nibbling Machines84	Cooking Stoves	
Not Integral Parts of Larger Units	Counter Freezers	
Generators84	Deep Fat Fryers	
Permanent Waving Machines84	Deep Freezers	
Polishing Machines84	Dishwashing Machines	
Power Numbering Machines84	Electric Broilers	
Power Operated Grinders84	Electric Coffee Percolators	
Precision Table or Vertical Types	Electric Dishwashers	
Boring Machines84	Electric Eggbeaters	
Sanding Machines84	Electric Hot Plates	
Sewing Machines84	Electric Juice Extractors	
Type Metal Remelting Furnaces84	Electric Mixers	
Vending Machines84	Electric Toasters	
Weaving Machines84	Electrical Bread Toasters	
Weather Equipment	Electrical Peelers	
Anemometers84	Freezers	
Barographs84	Gas Plates	
Barometers84	Gas Stoves	-
Boyles Law Apparatus, Complete Unit84	Ice Cream Freezers	
Pyrometers84	Large Potato Peeling Machine	
Thermographs84	Mechanical Bread Slicers	
Tunnels, Models, Wind84	Microwave Ovens	
	Ovens	
Cosmetology Beauty Class Furniture84	Power Food Choppers	-
Electric Hair Clippers84	Pressure Cookers	
Electrical Barbershop Tools84	Refrigerators, Electric or Ice,	04
Hair Dryers84	Not Built-in	84
·	Stoves	
Printing Machines & Bookbinding Equipment		
Arbor Presses	Laundry Equipment Clothes Dryers	84
	Dry-cleaning Machines	
Bookbinding Machinery84	Electric Flatirons	
Compression Molding Baling Presses84	Electric Irons	
Cylinder, Flat Bed, Printing Presses84	Laundry Machines	
Embossers	Pressing Machines	
Engraving Presses84	Steam Vapor Cleaners	
Letter Presses	Washing Machines	
Linotypes		
Lithographic or Offset Printing	Building Maintenance & Safety Equip	
Presses	Andirons	84

Electric Floor Scrubbers84	Communication Controllers	60
Electrical Buffers84	Protocol Converters	60
Fire Extinguishers84	VSATS	60
Fireplace Fixtures84	Data Communications Diagnostic Systems	
First Aid84	Other Communications Hardware	
Power Driven Brooms	Lan/Wan Switching	
Scrubbing Machines84	Hubs, Switches, and Routers	60
Security Systems84	Computer Equipment Racks	
Smoke Detectors	Shelving, Chassis	120
Vacuum Cleaners	Portable CPU/Printers	
Water Coolers	Laptops	72
Waxing Machines84	Portable Printers*	
Portable Building108	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	04
Other Furniture & Equipment120		<i>c</i> 0
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	Purchased Software	
Supercomputer	Internally Developed Software	
Computer Hardware – Supercomputer60	Customized Software (i.e., ISAS)	
•	Enterprise Software	72
Mainframe Computer & Peripherals96 Minicomputer*, Servers72	MEDICAL & SCIENTIFIC LAB EQUIPMENT	
Desktop CPU72	Amplifiers, All Types	132
Peripheral Devices Microcomputer	Analyzer, All Types	108
Disk, Tape, Optical Drives60	Autoclaves and Sterilizers	
Printers (not portable*)	Balance*	168
Computer Hardware – Printers84	Baths, Water and Shakers	
Laser Printers84	Animal Cages & Accessories	
Printers84	Centrifuge*	
Terminals, Monitors	Chromatograph	
Computer Hardware - Terminals, Monitors72	Cryostat	
Personal Computer Display Terminal72	Counter Laboratory Assembly	
Controllers - Tape, Disk, Terminal72	Densitometer	
Other Computer Hardware60		
CPU Desktop72	Electronic Module	
Docking Station36	Electrophoresis Apparatus	
Data Projectors - 'Proxima,' or Data viewers	Evaporators	
w/o Projector72	Fraction Collector	
Security System	Freeze Dryers & Accessories	
Card Reader, Camera, Monitor (not	Freezer, Lab	108
built-in)72	Homogenizer	144
Image Scanner36	Hood, All Types	168
Barcode Scanner72	Ice Machines, Lab	120
Power Supply Battery, Generator72	Incubators & Accessories*	168
Uninterruptible Power Supply36	Isolator	72
Modem, External60	Micromanipulator	144
Digital & Channel Service Units60	Meters, Gauges, Indicators	
Multiplexor, HUB, MAU60	Microscopes & Accessories*	
-	-	

Micro Tomes, Diamond Knives, Sharpeners168
Optical Equipment120
Oscilloscope*180
Ovens & Ranges, Lab96
Pumps 120
Recording Systems
Refrigerators, Lab144
Rotors & Heads168
Scan Systems108
Scintillation Systems180
Ultrasound Equipment144
Spectrofluorometer120
Spectrometer120
Spectrophotometer168
Stereotaxic Instrument & Accessories144
Stimulator144
Tables, Dissecting, Operating, & Balancing180
Tanks, Containers, Chambers, All Types120
Water Purification156
X-Ray Equipment132
Miscellaneous Lab and Scientific Equipment
84
Patient Monitoring Systems144
Breathing Apparatus, Respirator180
Defibrillator144
EKG/ECG/EEG Apparatus180
Dialysis Equipment180
Clinical Diagnostic Instruments96
Table, Exam120
Dental Equipment132
Wheelchair120
Miscellaneous Surgical Instrument120
Patient Care, Miscellaneous84
VOICE COMMUNICATION INVENTORY
PBX, KSU, Voice Mail, Phone System36
Automatic Call Distributors
Telephones - Voice Communications - Automatic Call Distributors36
Phone Equipment (other than systems) Cellular Phones

Mobile Phones......36

Misc. Phone Equipment and	
Accessories	6

VEHICLES	Buses (29 passengers &
Passenger Cars	Over)120
Automobiles, Sedans60	Other Equipment: Forklift,
Station Wagons60	Grader, Other
Trucks (26,001 lbs and over GVWR)	Golf Carts
Commercial, with large carrying	Mobile Heavy Equipment
capacity (i.e. Tractor-Truck type, Dump Trucks)120	3 or 4 Wheel All-Terrain Vehicle120
	BOATS
Buses (up to 15 passengers) Shuttle Type96	Boats - 20 Feet or Longer120
Small School Buses96	Boats - Shorter than 20 feet120
	Boats Accessories, Motors120
Motorcycles	Ferries480
Vehicle Inventory/Components/Life60 Bodies, Bus60	Marine Equipment60
Chassis, Truck60	Boats, Other
Engines, for Use in Classrooms60	Canoes
Motors, Not Integral Parts of Lgr. Units60	Rowboats120
Transmissions, Not Integral Parts of	AIDODAET
Lgr. Units	AIRCRAFT
Trucks, Motor60	Jet120
Buses (over 15 passengers)	Single Engine – Propeller120
Vehicle Inventory/Components/ Life120	Multi-Engine – Propeller120
Bodies, Truck120	Helicopters120
Chassis, Bus120	Other Aircraft120
Diesel Engines for Use in Classrooms	
Vehicle Components	LIBRARY BOOKS & REFERENCE
•	MATERIALS
Sports Utility Vehicles (i.e., Jeep Wrangler/Cherokee, Suburban, Tahoe,	Books & Reference Materials120
Jimmy, Blazer, Durango, Explorer,	Library Books & Reference Material0
Expeditions, Chargers and similar vehicles)	Book Stacks
84	Book Trucks
Vans, Cargo & Passenger84	Dictionary Holder 120
Light Trucks (under 8,600 lbs. GVWR)84	Library Transles
	Library Trucks
Mounted Equipment with Truck Chassis, (i.e.	Other Library Furniture
Aerial Devices, Fuel Trucks)96	
Aerial Devices, Fuel Trucks)96 Self-Propelled Roadway Equipment (i.e. Motor	Other Library Furniture
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Appendix C

<u>Class Codes – Property Controlled But Not Capitalized (Highly Attractive Assets)</u>

Highly Attractive assets are property classes that Commissioners' Court has established to protect and closely track the security and use of those assets. The list below includes the items determined to be highly attractive. Each department and agency should perform an internal review to ensure controls are in place to track the location of these assets and where they are at all times.

If a single unit's acquisition cost is \$5,000 or greater, that item should be reported as a capitalized item. Only capitalized items are included in Capital Assets.

Highly Attractive Assets (over \$200)

Property Item
Hand Guns
Rifles
Shotguns
Satellite Phones
Video Recorder/Laserdisk Player (TV, VCR, Camcorders)
Portable Data Digital Projections
All Medical Equipment (not including supplies)