#### SECTION 140—REPORTS ON UNVOUCHERED EXPENDITURES

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## 140.1 What are unvouchered expenditures?

*Unvouchered expenditures* are any expenditure accounted for solely on the approval, authorization, or certificate of the President or an official of an executive agency.

Executive Branch agencies are required to submit information to OMB on unvouchered expenditures annually. OMB uses the information to prepare the annual report required by law (31 U.S.C. 3524) on accounts containing unvouchered expenditures that are potentially subject to audit by the Comptroller General.

### 140.2 Are there any exemptions?

The law provides for exemptions for individual financial transactions or for a class or category of financial transactions if they relate to:

- Sensitive foreign intelligence or counterintelligence activities, or
- Sensitive law enforcement investigations in which an audit proceeding would expose the identifying details of an active investigation or endanger the safety of investigative or domestic intelligence sources involved in such law enforcement investigations.

The law gives the President the authority to exempt these financial transactions from audit. You should make any requests for exemptions through the White House Counsel's office.

### 140.3 What is the basis for coverage?

Subject to 31 U.S.C. 3524(c) and (d), these instructions apply to the accounts of all executive agencies authorized to contain unvouchered expenditures. Funds used under Section 8(b) of the CIA Act of 1949 are exempt from this GAO audit and are not covered in the annual report to the Congress on unvouchered expenditures.

## 140.4 What are the requirements for submission?

By October 1<sup>st</sup> each executive department and agency will submit to OMB a list of all of the agency's accounts that contain unvouchered expenditures with an explanation of any additions to or deletions from the accounts listed in the previous year's report (see exhibit 140). OMB will issue a separate data request for this information at a later date.

In addition, if you are required to submit information on unvouchered expenditures, you must maintain records of these transactions in a manner similar to those maintained for regular financial transactions and accounts in order to insure proper accountability.

# 140.5 What are OMB's responsibilities?

The Director of OMB will prepare and submit the report to certain congressional committees and to the GAO before December 1 of each year, as required by law.

## **List of Accounts Containing Unvouchered Expenditures**

