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MEMORANDUM

TO: Counties, Cities, Towns, Townships, Libraries, and Special Districts

FROM: Debbie Gibson, CPA, CFE Director of Audit Services

RE: Enhanced Regulatory Delays

DATE: April 27, 2020

Dear Officials:

In order to best serve you and satisfy our statutory responsibilities for audit during this time of public health emergency, the Indiana State Board of Accounts has decided the following:

1. The audits for the year 2019 will be based on the regulatory basis of accounting in place for 2018, and will not include the Enhanced Regulatory Basis of Accounting updates scheduled for 2019. This will not cause any further work for you or require you to take any further action. This decision will reduce the testing requirements that the Enhanced Regulatory Basis of Accounting for 2019 required, which in turn will reduce the number and types of records needed by our field staff.

The updates that were implemented for the 2019 Annual Financial Report (which was due March 1, 2020) will still be required for the 2020 Annual Financial Report (due March 1, 2021), so continue to maintain all of that information. For detailed information on the updates that were required for the 2019 Annual Financial Report, please see the *Schedule of Regulatory Changes* on our website.

2. The Enhanced Regulatory Basis of Accounting updates scheduled for 2020, which were to be implemented through information submitted in the 2020 Annual Financial Report (due March 1, 2021), are postponed. We do not anticipate any major changes to the 2020 Annual Financial Report format.

We regret the delay in implementation of the Enhanced Regulatory Basis of Accounting. However, due to the conditions that we are all having to work in, including the need to limit physical interaction and maximize remote operations, we have determined that now is not the time to implement changes that would further complicate an already difficult situation.

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These decisions do not change the financial reporting requirements of Indiana Code 5-1-11.5 for certain schools, counties, and cities issuing bonds. Please refer to Amended State Examiner Directive 2016-1, dated August 29, 2018, for more information on the requirements of that statute.

We appreciate your efforts to work with our field staff as we conduct your audits during this time of public health emergency and social distancing requirements.

SG/DG