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1. Released: New Statement of Position on Fund Balances (GASB 54)

A new Statement of Position on Fund Balances for Local Governments (GASB 54 Version) has been released. The Statement of Position identifies the changes in classification of the components of fund balance that resulted from the issuance of GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. The Statement also includes recommendations for a comprehensive fund balance policy. GASB 54 is effective for fiscal periods that begin after June 15, 2010, but early implementation is allowed. To view the complete Statement, go to:

http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/other/Statements/fundbalances_postGASB54_1012_statement.pdf.

To view the Statement of Position on Fund Balances for Local Governments (Pre-GASB 54 Version), go to:

http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/other/Statements/fundbalances_preGASB54_1012_statement.pdf.

2. Deadline: Special District Financial Reporting Forms

Special District Financial Reporting Forms and Financial Statements are due December 31 for districts whose fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. The reporting form can be found at:

<https://www.auditor.state.mn.us/safes/>.

3. Released: Pension Division Newsletter

The December Pension Division Newsletter has been released. It provides updates on the Volunteer Fire Relief Association Working Group and the state aid forfeiture deadline. The Newsletter also contains reminders about the Statements of Economic Interest and the 2010 Schedule Form and a request for feedback on a draft record retention schedule for volunteer fire relief associations. The complete Newsletter can be viewed at:

<https://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=pensionDocs>.

4. Avoiding Pitfalls: Timely Deposits

Deposits should be made as often as possible, preferably daily. Failing to make timely deposits increases the risk of error and the risk of misappropriation of funds. In addition, by not making frequent deposits, a public entity is missing out on interest that could be earned if the deposits were made in a timely fashion.

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