

# GASB 96 SubscriptionBased IT Arrangements (SBITAs)

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# Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)

- Establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for U.S. state and local governments, including California CCDs.
- District's audited financial statements must be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and set by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).
- GASB issues new accounting standards periodically to increase financial reporting transparency.
- New accounting standard was issued by GASB in 2020 requiring financial reporting on Subscription Based IT Arrangements (SBITAs). Implementation is required for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

### SBITA Definition

- Executed contract
- Conveys control of the right to use another party's IT software (alone or in combination with tangible capital assets)
  - Right to obtain the present service capacity from use of the underlying IT asset
  - Right to determine the nature and manner of use of the underlying IT asset
- Over a specified period of time
- Must be in an exchange or exchange-like transaction

### **Out of Scope**

- Short-term software contract (maximum possible term of 12 months or less, including options to extend regardless of their probability of being exercised)
- Perpetual licensing (GASB 51)

# GASB 96 – Requirements



IDENTIFY SOFTWARE LICENSES & SUBSCRIPTIONS



COMPILE A COMPLETE INVENTORY OF POTENTIAL SBITAS FOR THE AUDITORS



REVIEW AGREEMENTS
AND DETERMINE
WHICH CONTRACTS
MEET THE DEFINITION
OF A SBITA



CALCULATE THE
VALUE OF THE RIGHTTO-USE
SUBSCRIPTION ASSET



CALCULATE THE VALUE OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIABILITY



PREPARE AMORTIZATION SCHEDULES FOR THE AUDITORS



COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ACCOUNTING STANDARD WILL BE AUDITED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AUDIT.

Districtwide

**Business Services** 

### GASB 96 - Status

#### **Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

- ☐ Inform administrators and classified staff
- ☐ Compile a complete inventory of potential SBITAs
  - ☐ Purchasing, SBOs, ITS (117)
  - ☐ Reviewing the GL expenditure detail for missing SBITAs
- Review agreements and determine which contracts meet the definition of a SBITA
- ☐ Calculate the value of the right-to-use subscription asset
- ☐ Calculate the value of the subscription liability
- ☐ Prepare amortization schedules for the auditors

#### Fiscal Year 2023-2024 & Forward

- ☐ Develop a process to maintain a current inventory of SBITAs and key contract information needed for financial reporting purposes
  - ☐ The initial inventory listing (2022-2023) will be developed by Accounting & Internal Audit.

# Recommendation #1: Object Code Changes

Submit 23/24 budget changes between 06/13/23 & 08/03/23 for 23/24 Adopted Budget.

### **Object code 5950**

- Changing object description from "Software License and Fees" to "Software License & Subscription".
- Use this object code for software licenses or subscriptions, including cloud-based software as a service. These will have a service term.
- If software maintenance is priced separately, software maintenance should be coded to Object 5665/5660.
- Examples:
- 1<sup>st</sup> year of subscription.
- subscription renewals.
- subscription renewals bundled with maintenance where maintenance is not priced separately.

### **Object Code 5665**

- Changing object description from "Software Support Service-Fixed" to "SW/HW Maint & Support-Fixed".
- Use this object code for services listed below where cost is a reoccurring fixed cost:
- Maintenance for software or hardware.
- Services of \$1,000 or less that modify, customize, or upgrade existing software coded to 6XXX.

### **Object Code 5660**

- Changing object description from "Software Support Service" to "SW/HW Maint & Support".
- Use this object code for services listed below where cost is <u>not</u> a reoccurring fixed cost:
- One-time maintenance for software or hardware.
- One-time service of \$1,000 or less that modifies, customizes, or upgrades existing software coded to 6XXX.

# Recommendation #2: Maintaining Inventory of SBITAs

- Maintain a spreadsheet to track inventory of SBITAs. Spreadsheet will be requested by external auditors for review.
  - Proposed Task Owner: Business Services (Purchasing & Contract Management)
- Effective for FY 2023-2024, new Software License & Subscription Form to help gather the info needed to maintain inventory of SBITAs.
  - Form should be completed by individual requesting the software who is responsible for the contract and most knowledgeable about the contract terms.
  - Form should be reviewed for accuracy and completeness prior to submitting with purchase requisition.

# Proposed Process Flow

Requestor prepares software form.

Any PR coded to Object 5950 will require the form. Submits software form to Responsible Manager and Area VP or AVC for review and approval. Submits software form to Director of Contract Management for review.\* Director of Contract Management approves software form, returns form to requestor, and updates the SBITA inventory listing.\*

If required, software contract goes to Board for approval.

Please follow Purchasing \$ limits for Board approval.

Requestor submits purchase requisition, signed software form, and all required supporting documents to Purchasing Services.

<sup>\*</sup> Steps in gray may be phased-in at a later date after Director of Contract Management position is filled and further notice is provided.

## Next Steps

- Software License & Subscription Form is available on the Fiscal Services webpage and Purchasing Services Intranet page.
- Future communication regarding the new form and process will be sent through District Announcements.
- Training to be offered to management and classified staff on the new form and process changes on May 24, 2023 at 9:00A.

