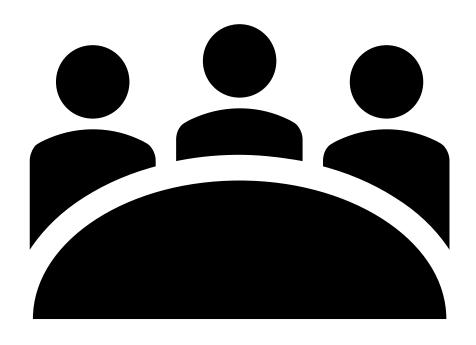


## Agenda



- Review draft financial policies
- Discuss topics
- Review next steps

# Review Draft Financial Policies

## New Policy: GL Adjustments

- A&A has the expectation that at a minimum each agency must maintain effective written policies and procedures that describe:
  - Internal controls for GL Adjustments
  - Agencies must have an approval process for GL adjustments
    - Entries cannot be created and approved by the same end user
    - Each GL adjustment must contain supporting documentation
- DFS has authorized up to five General Ledger Journal Processors for each agency
- End users who have the GL Adjustment role must have:
  - Foundational knowledge of agency's chart of accounts
  - Understanding of agency's financial reporting obligations
  - Knowledge of how the General Ledger works and how it is used by their agency
  - Knowledge of how the journal entries impacts the agency's financial reporting
- The entries of the adjustment should net to \$0

## Discussion Topics



#### Maintenance agreements, software licensee, & subscriptions

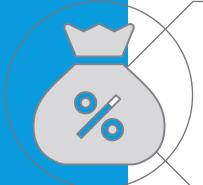
- Allowable if savings is greater than investment earnings and if the essential goods/services must be paid in advance
- Costs exceeding Category Two must be approved by the Bureau of Auditing

## Discussion: Advance Payments



#### Goods and services

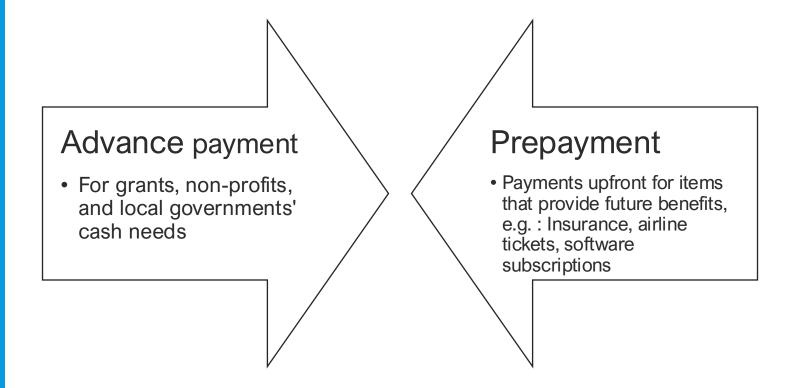
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- Must be approved by Bureau of Auditing



## Startup costs for governmental entities and not for profit organizations

- Grants and Aid Appropriations
- Advances cannot exceed the expected cash needs within the initial three months
- Advance requests exceeding three months of initial costs require special approval

## Discussion: Advance Payments



- What types of subscriptions do you currently pay for?
- What types of assets are included in your subscriptions?
  - Virtual
  - Real
  - Services
- How far out are the providers asking for prepayment?
- Are there current statutes or policies that should be modified for potential cost savings?

## Discussion: Contracts using generic suppliers

- FACTS can only accommodate one supplier per contract.
  - What circumstances require needing more than one supplier per contract?
  - How are you handling this today?

## Discussion: A&A Request Processing Time

- Agencies ask for "rush" items
  - Sometimes the requested due date is not achievable without using non-standard processes (e.g., manual warrants)
  - What are some situations when you may need a rush item?
  - When do you normally engage DFS?
  - What is a reasonable turn around time to authorize an urgent:
    - Warrant?
    - EFT?
    - Vendor record?

Failing to plan is planning to fail.

## **Next Steps**

Next meeting is on Thursday December 19, 2024

