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Dear State Board Chairs and Executive Directors:

It is my pleasure to announce that the upcoming improvements to the Uniform CPA Examination, known as CBT-e, will usher in new opportunities to improve the CPA candidate experience. CPA candidates will be pleased to learn that the January 2011 implementation of CBT-e will lay the groundwork for faster score reporting and include a simplified Candidate Performance Report. A synopsis of these improvements is provided below.

CBT-e will enable CPA candidates to receive their scores faster and more frequently. However, there are some timeline adjustments of which boards of accountancy and CPA candidates must be aware. As you may know, currently, scores are released in two waves per scoring window. During the initial launch of CBT-e we will require a period of heightened quality control. Therefore, during the first three quarters of 2011, all candidate scores will be released following the close of the testing window. Once this quality control cycle is complete, CPA candidates can look forward to an accelerated scoring timeline. Details will be announced on the CPA Examination website (www.aicpa.org/cpa-exam) in the Psychometrics and Scoring section.

Starting on January 1, 2011, the Candidate Performance Report will be updated to reflect the new content changes in CBT-e and will also feature an improved layout. The new layout is more intuitive, and will simply highlight a candidate's strengths or weaknesses in a particular content area. The streamlined layout addresses a usability issue that occasionally confused candidates when interpreting the score analysis. With the launch of CBT-e a comprehensive FAQ and updated sample report will be posted in the Psychometrics and Scoring section of the CPA Examination website (www.aicpa.org/cpa-exam).

The BOE remains committed to ensuring that the CPA Examination continues to be refined to meet the needs of state boards of accountancy and CPA Candidates. I trust that this information will be useful in understanding the upcoming improvements to score reporting and the revised Candidate Performance Report. As the January 2011 implementation for CBT-e approaches, we will continue to keep boards of accountancy informed through periodic updates. Additional information will also be posted on the CPA Examination website (www.aicpa.org/cpa-exam).

Sincerely,

Douglas Warren
Chair, AICPA Board of Examiners