

# ***Reviewer Focus***

Welcome to the fifth edition of ***Reviewer Focus*** (November 2011). We designed this communication to focus your attention on current issues to assist you in more effectively performing your peer reviews and enhancing the quality of the work performed by your peer review clients. The information contained herein has **not** been approved by the AICPA Peer Review Board and thus does not constitute “other guidance” as defined in the *AICPA Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews*.

## **Multiple Instances of Noncompliance with SSARS No. 19 in Engagement Reviews**

In an Engagement Review, multiple instances of noncompliance with SSARS No. 19 should not be treated as a single deficiency in the report, but rather should be considered as different multiple deficiencies. For example, a review captain selects a compilation and a review engagement. The firm only disclosed two of the three reasons it was not independent on the compilation report and failed to establish an understanding with management regarding the services to be performed through a written communication on the review. These would be considered two different deficiencies even though they are both related to SSARS No. 19 requirements and would result in a fail report. If more than one engagement has been submitted for review and the exact same single deficiency occurs on each of those engagements, this would result in a pass with deficiencies report. If more than one engagement has been submitted for review and the exact same multiple deficiencies occur on each of those engagements, this would result in a fail report. Please refer to [Section 6200](#) for a complete listing of examples of noncompliance that result in a *Pass with Deficiencies or Fail* report.

## **Revised FFC Form**

The [11-07 Peer Review Alert](#) discussed revisions approved to the FFC form for reviews commencing on or after January 1, 2012. The revised FFC form will require the reviewed firm’s response to describe how the firm intends to implement the reviewer’s recommendation (or alternative plan if the firm does not agree with the recommendation), the person(s) responsible for implementation, the timing of the implementation and, if applicable, additional procedures to ensure the finding is not repeated in the future.

The revision to the FFC form was not intended to suggest that the reviewed firm provide specific individuals names when indicating the person(s) responsible for implementation. Firms should indicate the role of the individual(s) responsible for implementation, rather than individual names. For example, an appropriate response might be “The engagement partner for all ERISA engagements will take 8 hours of ERISA CPE and the Quality Control (QC) partner will be responsible for ensuring the CPE is obtained by December 31, 2011. The QC partner will also monitor CPE for all A&A personnel to ensure compliance with firm policies and procedures.”

## **Mentor Program**

On November 1, 2011, we launched the Mentor Program! The Board approved it as a new option for initial team captain qualification in January 2011. The Mentor Program allows a

potential team captain (Mentee) to forego the second day of the restructured “How To” course in favor of significant participation as a team member in a System Review. Significant participation is obtained when an approved and qualified team captain (Mentor) oversees a Mentee while they perform virtually all team captain responsibilities.

Qualified team captains may now submit requests for pre-approval by completing the [Mentor Approval Request](#). We encourage highly-qualified team captains with proficient knowledge and expertise in the Peer Review Standards and Interpretations to apply.

For more information, please go to the [Mentor Program](#) page.

**Peer Review Webinar – December 12, 2011**

You can now [register](#) for the December 12, 2011 Peer Review Webinar. The cost is \$79 for AICPA members, \$89 for non-members and you’ll receive 2 CPE credits. You can also choose the “No CPE” option and pay no fees. The Webinar will cover recent guidance approved by the Peer Review Board during its August and October meetings. Topics will include: peer reviewer performance, implementation plans, completion of FFC forms and others. For more information, please go to the [Webinar](#) page.

Sincerely,

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