

## Invitation to Comment



Dear State Board Chairs, Presidents, Members and Executive Directors,

We are writing to request your contribution in shaping the next version of the Uniform CPA Examination. Over the past year, we have been researching changes in the knowledge and skills required to demonstrate the minimum competence of newly licensed CPAs. We have found through our initial research that the skills required of newly licensed CPAs are rapidly changing in today's ever-evolving business world.

We now ask you to share your feedback on the <u>Invitation to Comment (ITC)</u> — <u>Maintaining the Relevance of the Uniform CPA Examination</u>, a document proposing a variety of potential changes to the Exam. You are invited to comment on any or all of the proposals, all of which address our initial research findings. Your input is essential to ensuring an Exam that reflects the needs of the changing profession and protects the public interest.

This ITC is the first document available for public comment in the Practice Analysis, a comprehensive research study we are conducting to determine the outline for the next Exam. Featured in the document are the phases of the project, results from the preliminary research and specific questions that highlight potential changes under consideration. Your feedback will influence the development of the next version of the Exam and will provide us with a deeper understanding of what is important to you as a regulator.

All responses must be submitted by the close of the comment period on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

You may access the ITC via the website <u>aicpa.org/NextCPAExam</u>. Instructions for submitting your comments can be found in the ITC; all comments will be collected electronically. The AICPA will report on all comments received in the first quarter of 2015.

Please do not hesitate to <u>contact us</u> if you have any questions. We thank you in advance for your input and for your contributions to the profession.

Sincerely,

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