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SUBJECT: NASA Response to FASAB Exposure Draft Clarification of Non-Federal Entity FBWT Classification (SFFAS 1 Paragraph 31)

### **Background**

FASAB issued the subject Exposure Draft to provide clarification that “*non-federal non-entity amounts received for unfilled orders that are reflected in FBWT should be reported as an intragovernmental asset of the component reporting entity.*” FASAB has requested NASA’s comments and response to this document.

### **FASAB Question for Respondents**

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed guidance? Please provide the rationale for your answer.

### **NASA Financial Management Division Response**

Yes, NASA agrees with the proposed guidance.

NASA’s current process for such scenarios is as follows: if/when NASA receives advances from non-federal partners for work that will be performed in the subsequent fiscal year, NASA places the amount in the deposit fund for year-end financial reporting. This amount is included on NASA’s Balance Sheet and corresponding Fund Balance with Treasury footnote as ‘Non-Budgetary FBWT’.

#### **Note 2: Fund Balance with Treasury**

The status of Fund Balance with Treasury (FBWT) represents the total fund balance recorded in the general ledger for unobligated and obligated balances. Unobligated balances — available is the amount remaining in appropriated funds available for obligation. Unobligated balances — unavailable is primarily comprised of amounts remaining in appropriated funds used only for adjustments to previously recorded obligations. Obligated balance not yet disbursed is the cumulative amount of obligations incurred for which outlays have not been made. Non-Budgetary FBWT is comprised of amounts in non-appropriated funds. The increase in Non-Budgetary FBWT is primarily due to a legal settlement check received in the amount of \$19 million.

| (In Millions)                                 | 2020             | 2019             |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Status of Fund Balances with Treasury:</b> |                  |                  |
| Unobligated Balances                          |                  |                  |
| Available                                     | \$ 2,286         | \$ 2,271         |
| Unavailable                                   | 154              | 113              |
| Obligated Balance not yet Disbursed           | 12,441           | 11,442           |
| Non-Budgetary FBWT                            | 33               | 21               |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>\$ 14,914</b> | <b>\$ 13,847</b> |

Since NASA’s current process is in alignment for what the Board is clarifying, NASA concurs with the clarification provided in this exposure draft.