

### § 1773.3

the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

*State* means any state or territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia.

*Uniform System of Accounts* means, for telecommunications borrowers, the Uniform System of Accounts for Telecommunications Companies, prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission and published at 47 CFR Part 32, as supplemented by RUS pursuant to 7 CFR Part 1770, Accounting Requirements for RUS Telephone Borrowers, subpart B, Uniform System of Accounts, and for electric borrowers, as contained in 7 CFR Part 1767, Accounting Requirements for RUS Electric Borrowers, subpart B, Uniform System of Accounts.

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#### Subpart B—RUS Audit Requirements

##### § 1773.3 Annual audit.

(a) Each borrower must have its financial statements audited annually by a CPA selected by the borrower and approved by RUS as set forth in §1773.4.

(b) Each borrower must establish an annual as of audit date within twelve months of the date of receipt of the first advance of funds from grants and insured and guaranteed loans approved by RUS and RTB and must prepare financial statements as of the date established.

(c) Until all loans made or guaranteed by RUS have been repaid, the borrower must furnish three copies of the auditor's report, report on compliance and on internal control over financial reporting, and management letter to RUS within 120 days of the as of audit date.

(d) A borrower that qualifies as a unit of state or local government or Indian tribe as such terms are defined in the Single Audit Act of 1984 (31 U.S.C. 7501 et seq.), the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (31 U.S.C. 7505 et seq.) and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations (copy available from the Executive Office of the Presi-

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dent, Publication Services, 725 17th St., NW., Suite 2200, Washington, DC 20502; 202-395-7332), must comply with this part as follows:

(1) A borrower that expends \$300,000 or more in a year in Federal awards must have an audit performed and submit an auditor's report meeting the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984 and the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996.

(2) A borrower that expends less than \$300,000 in Federal awards during the year must have an audit performed in accordance with the requirements of this part.

(3) A borrower must notify RUS, in writing, within 30 days of the as of audit date, of the total Federal awards expended during the year and must state whether it will have an audit performed in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984 and the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, or this part.

(i) A borrower that elects to comply with this part must select a CPA that meets the qualifications set forth in §1773.5.

(ii) If an audit is performed in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984 and the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, an auditor's report that meets the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, and the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, will be sufficient to satisfy that borrower's obligations under this part.

(e) OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations does not apply to audits of RUS electric and telecommunications cooperatives and commercial telecommunications borrowers.

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##### § 1773.4 Borrower responsibilities.

(a) *Selection of a qualified CPA.* The borrower's board of directors is responsible for the selection of a qualified CPA that meets the requirements set forth in §1773.5. When selecting a CPA, the borrower should consider, among other matters:

(1) The qualifications of CPAs available to do the work;