Users (e.g., lender, surety, investor, owner) only: N/A

- 2. a) Briefly describe how you use GAAP financial statements in your decision-making concerning private companies.
 - b) Tell us about any issues or concerns that you may have with respect to the <u>relevance</u> of the information contained in those statements. Please be as specific as possible in your answer.

All respondents:

- 3. a) Tell us about any issues or concerns you have with current U.S. GAAP accounting standards as those standards apply to private company financial statements. Concern will be to have consistency between the public company and private company financials for comparing varying elements; especially in the case of a merger by a public company. Preference would be to insert appropriate limitations or thresholds for the private companies (or non-profit entities) within the Standard. Transparency is expected at either the public or private level. How would the private company Standards differentiate from IFRS for SMEs? Will a chart be available to highlight the differences? More and more, our clients and potential clients are involved in international pursuits and transactions.
 - b) Are those issues or concerns confined to one or more specific standards, or are they more systemic? **Systemic.**
 - c) Do you believe that those issues or concerns are largely confined to private companies, or are they broader? **Private companies**; including non-profit entities.

Please be as specific as possible in your answers.

- 4. What short-term and/or long-term actions do you believe are necessary to address those issues or concerns? Please be as specific as possible in your answer, and explain your reasoning. Short term: Cost to implement if there are Accounting Changes or Prior Period Adjustments. Long term: Better comparability between US public companies that are essentially IFRS. Also, better comparability of US private companies with foreign parent and foreign subsidiary financial data.
- 5. a) To what extent, if any, would an SEC requirement for public companies to adopt IFRS at a date certain affect your answers above? No effect. Why? We are discussing private company Standards that would be adopted to mirror the public company Standards to a lesser degree based upon thresholds and other appropriate limitations for private company reporting.
 - b) To what extent, if any, would other outside factors affect your answers above? My answers would be affected by other revisions to the FASBs, SASs and/or SSARS regarding private companies and third party users. Which factors and why? Would a

foreign parent accept US GAAP for private company reporting of financial data? If so, would they also accept performance under US SASs and/or SSARS?

- 6. Is there any other input that you'd like to convey to the Panel? Not at this time.
- 7. Do these responses represent your individual views or are they submitted to represent the views of the organization with which you are associated? **Individual's views only.**