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## 1. BACKGROUND

### 1.1 Standard Context

The Department of Treasury and Finance provides economic and policy advice and financial services to, and on behalf of, the Government of South Australia, to strengthen the state finances and the South Australian Economy.

The Department does this by providing economic, policy and financial advice, by managing the whole of Government financial management processes and by providing finance-related services. This includes the mandating of financial application software.

### 1.2 Standard Statement

It is mandatory for medium to large Agencies to use application modules from the SSA Financial Management suite (formerly called Masterpiece/NET) from SSA Global Technologies Pty Ltd

General Ledger	Accounts Payable	Accounts Receivable	Job Costing
Fixed Assets	Fund Accounting	Labour Distribution	Purchase Order
Inventory Control			

It is mandatory for small Agencies to use ACCPAC [ACCPAC International Pty Ltd] to support financial operations.

### 1.3 Rationale & Background

1. Government-wide policies, standards and procedures on Information Communications and Technology support the objectives of promoting consistency, efficiency and effectiveness within the public sector, and leveraging IT industry development in the State.
2. Standardisation of financial application software across government seeks to facilitate economies of scale, support the transfer and exchange of data across government enterprises and reduce selection costs.

## **2. IMPLEMENTATION**

### **2.1 Considerations**

1. The Department of Treasury and Finance is the Lead Agency in relation to this standard.
2. Procurement of non-standard financial applications is subject to the exception-notice process defined in the ICT Policy Framework.

### **2.2 Responsibilities**

Chief Executives are responsible for ensuring the compliance of their organisations with this policy.

## **3. REFERENCES AND LINKS**

1. CTO/P1.2 Government Policy on Information & Communication Technology - Governance - Exemptions
2. The Department of Treasury and Finance – Financial Applications Systems Team.

<http://www.treasury.sa.gov.au/default.jsp?xcid=12>