



New Webcast Series Released

A valuable resource in the form of a series of short videos has been recently released. Particularly aimed at investors and consultants, the goal of the series is to highlight the importance of compliance with the GIPS standards. The [webcast series](#) featuring Justin Guthrie, CFA, a member of the United States Investment Performance Committee (USIPC) and Ann Putallaz, Ph.D., CIPM, a member of the GIPS Executive Committee, talks about the background and history of the GIPS standards, marketplace statistics, benefits of complying with the GIPS standards, Verification and Performance Examinations, and RFPs as related to the GIPS standards.

Released for Public Comment

The exposure draft for the [Guidance Statement on the Application of the GIPS Standards to Pension Funds, Endowments, Foundations, and Other Similar Entities](#) has now been released for public comment. Make your voice heard and submit your feedback. The purpose of this guidance statement is to address the application of the GIPS standards from the perspective of entities that manage investments, either directly or through the use of external managers, on behalf of participants, beneficiaries or the organization itself, but typically do not compete for business. **The public comment period will last through 3 June 2013.** Comments can be submitted via [e-mail](#).

Save the Date – GIPS Annual Conference & GIPS Workshops

The [GIPS Standards Annual Conference](#) is scheduled for 19-20 September 2013 in Boston. Last year's conference sold out and space is limited, so register early. The GIPS Standards Annual Conference is the only conference of its kind focused on the implementation and application of the GIPS standards. Subject matter experts share best practices and speak to the key issues and major developments in performance measurement, making this conference essential for any performance or compliance professional. Gain an understanding of investment performance standards, learn about recent or proposed changes to the GIPS standards, understand how to ensure that your firm maintains compliance, and meet other performance specialists from around the world.

A [GIPS Standards Interactive Workshop](#) is scheduled for 18 September 2013 in Boston. The workshop will help participants master the requirements of the GIPS standards, including composite construction, performance calculation, and the creation of a compliant presentation. This interactive training session is ideal for those who are new to the GIPS standards as well as those who want to refresh their skills.

The [Fundamentals of Performance Measurement and Attribution Workshop](#) is also scheduled for 18 September 2013 and will provide skills immediately useful in your work and offers a thorough understanding of the fundamentals of performance measurement with practical lessons for beginners and experienced analysts alike. Following a highly interactive small-group format, participants will be guided through a wide range of frequently used attribution, risk, and

benchmark-analysis methods and reinforce them with live calculation exercises.

GIPS Volunteer Openings

The GIPS Nominations Committee is seeking nominees to serve as Chair of the GIPS Investor/Consultant Subcommittee and to represent that constituency (asset owners and investment consultants) on the GIPS Executive Committee in the implementation and application of the GIPS standards.

The GIPS Executive Committee is a nine-member committee that serves as the decision-making authority for the development, interpretation, and promotion of the GIPS standards. Volunteers must have investment performance measurement and/or evaluation experience, extensive and thorough knowledge of the GIPS standards, and be able to assist in ensuring the integrity, consistency, and applicability of the GIPS standards.

Please email standards@cfainstitutue.org to volunteer for this important role or to obtain more information. **The application deadline is 22 March 2013.**

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