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TO STATE BOARDS OF ACCOUNTANCY:

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The Institute's Board of Examiners announces a modification in the plan of co-operation with State Boards of Accountancy in the conduct of examinations.

The Board now offers to State Boards the Institute's examination questions and problems without the requirement that candidates' papers be submitted for grading by the Institute's examiners.

The services of the Institute's examiners will be available as usual to those states which desire that candidates' papers be graded by the Institute.

Printed copies of the examinations in auditing, commercial law and accounting theory and practice, parts I and II, in the form of separate pamphlets for submission to candidates at the several sessions, together with stationery of various types for the use of candidates in answering the questions, will be supplied to state boards on the following basis:

For the first 100 candidates \$2 each  
For the second 100 candidates \$1 each  
For all in excess of 200 candidates \$.50 each

(It will be requested that each state board accepting the examination questions under these conditions will consent to submit to the Institute's board for review the examination papers of any candidate who applies for admission to the Institute subsequent to the examination.)

State Boards which desire that the papers of candidates be graded by the Institute's examiners may continue to obtain the service under the regular procedure which has been in effect up to this time. The charge for use of questions, stationery and for the grading of papers will be as follows:

For three subjects \$10 a candidate  
For one subject \$5 a candidate

In states in which the papers of those candidates who request it are submitted for grading by the Institute, while other papers are graded only by the State Board, the Institute's charge will be computed on the basis of the two schedules above, that is, the charge for use of the questions alone will begin at \$2 a candidate while the charge for use of the questions, plus grading of each candidate's papers, will be \$10 for three subjects and \$5 for one.

The charges have been computed only with the intention of meeting the cost of preparing and printing examinations and the cost of grading whatever papers may be submitted. If a large number of states take advantage of the offer it is possible that the cost may be reduced. The Institute has constantly sustained a loss through the plan of co-operation in examinations and it has no intention of deriving any profit therefrom. This offer is made solely with the thought that it would be advantageous to the profession if a uniform C.P.A. examination were used in all states. Thirty-five states and territories now participate in the plan of co-operation with the Institute.

It is hoped that many State Boards which have not hitherto participated in the plan of co-operation because of legal technicalities or other circumstances, which prevented submission of candidates' papers to the Institute for grading, will now find it possible to adopt the modified plan. Reciprocal relations and high standards throughout the country will be facilitated by wide adoption of a uniform examination.

It is believed that grading of candidates' papers by a central agency is valuable to boards which can avail themselves of the service. This procedure assures a general uniform standard of grading, facilitates the work of the state board, and protects the board against accusations of partiality.

The Institute's board must request that states accepting the examinations use them in their entirety. It can not permit the selection of certain questions or substitution of additional questions. The whole purpose of the plan is to effect uniformity in the examinations for the C.P.A. certificates among the various states so that the certificate everywhere will have substantially the same value.

The next sessions will occur on May 17 and 18, 1934. It is, of course, essential that all state boards using the Institute's examinations hold their sessions on the same days everywhere. Those states which will co-operate with the Institute at the May sessions are requested to notify the Institute as soon as possible as to their probable requirement of questions and stationery.

For the Board of Examiners,

JOHN L. CAREY, Secretary.