



## Project Manager Position Available - Open Until Filled



Located in Norwalk, CT, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the independent organization that establishes and improves standards of accounting and financial reporting for U.S. state and local governments. Established in 1984 by agreement of the Financial Accounting Foundation (FAF) and 10 national associations of state and local government officials, the GASB is recognized by governments, the accounting industry, and the capital markets as the official source of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for state and local governments.

The GASB is not a government entity; instead, it is an operating component of the FAF, which is a private sector not-for-profit entity.

### GASB

Members of the GASB are appointed by the Trustees of the FAF for a 5-year term and may serve up to 10 years. The current chairman was appointed for a single seven-year term, serves full time, and the six other members serve on a part-time basis. The members of the GASB are required to be knowledgeable about governmental accounting and finance and have a concern for the public interest in matters of accounting and financial reporting. The Board has a professional staff drawn from government, public accounting, and the user community. The staff works directly



with the Board and its task forces, conducts research, participates in public hearings, analyzes oral and written comments received from the public on documents, and prepares drafts of documents for consideration by the Board.

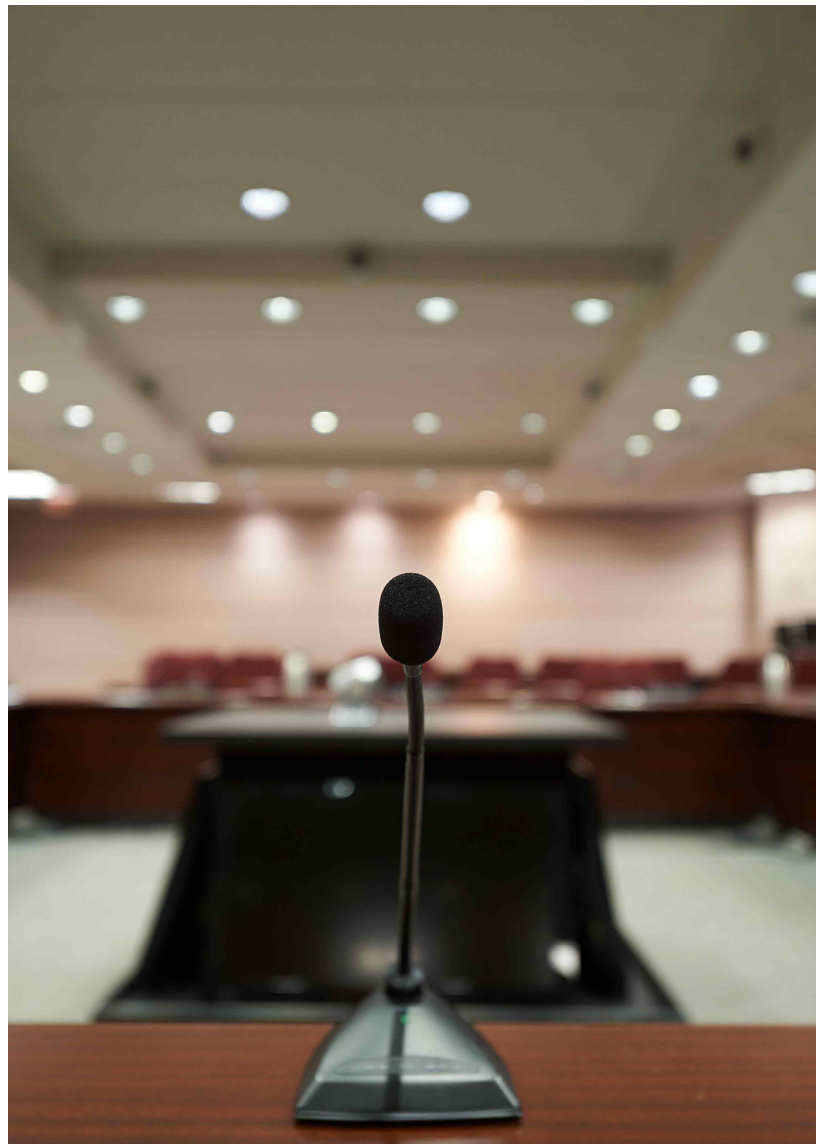
Currently, the GASB employs 25 staff members of which 21 are classified as technical. This position reports to the Director of Research and Technical Activities. The Project Manager will manage GASB technical projects from inception to issuance of authoritative literature (for example, Statements of Governmental Accounting Standards or Concepts).

## The Ideal Candidate

GASB is seeking a bright, proactive, dynamic, and thoughtful financial professional who has “a passion for accounting.” The ideal candidate will have a public accounting or government background. The ideal candidate will have some experience in preparing or auditing state, local, or special purpose government financial statements.

The individual must be willing to maintain a broad knowledge of governmental accounting, demonstrating a desire for ongoing professional development. The organization is looking for a future leader who wants to learn and grow. He/she must be an outstanding communicator, both orally and in writing. Well-developed presentation skills are a must. The candidate must have the ability to participate and at times to lead discussions at Board meetings, educational sessions, and various meetings with GASB constituent groups. He/she must have the ability to convey complex issues clearly and concisely.

The individual will have a positive work history in project planning; research, development, and implementation; and direct oversight of a project work team. The candidate will need to be impartial, perform objective analysis, keep an open mind, and be able to identify possible solutions that are technically and conceptually



sound. The ideal candidate will have an inner confidence and not be shaken easily. He/she should expect to be challenged.

The position requires strong listening skills and a genuine willingness to exchange ideas in a stimulating environment, including supporting and respecting the ideas and opinions of others. GASB is a small, close knit organization and, consequently, it is important to be able to develop a collegial relationship with the current staff. The ideal candidate, while being strong, will know how to work well with others and consider their input. Excellent interpersonal skills will be critical as well as the ability to successfully manage and motivate project technical staff individually and as a team. The Project Manager could be managing more than one project team at a time, so the ability to multi-task is important.

Training, Education, and Experience

The ideal candidate will have:

- A bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university. A master’s degree is preferred.
- A Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license.
- A minimum of 9 years of technical accounting experience, preferably in public accounting or state or local governmental accounting.

Compensation & Benefits

The position offers a highly competitive salary and benefits package for the New York Metropolitan area, including organization-paid relocation.

Great Place to Work

Connecticut Magazine ranked the Financial Accounting Foundation (FAF) in the top 20 of companies (see information at right), that provided their employees with more than just a paycheck. GASB is part of the FAF.

Norwalk is a coastal city within an hour of New York City, and just over two and half hours to

either Philadelphia or Boston. Norwalk’s central location makes it convenient to travel in the northeast region.

With a population of over 85,000, Norwalk is the sixth largest city in the state of Connecticut. Norwalk boasts an active, progressive, and diverse business and corporate community. The FAF office is located at Merritt 7 Corporate Park, a cornerstone of Norwalk economic development. The park now boasts six buildings, and continues to be home to various corporate offices, as well as numerous small and mid-sized businesses. Norwalk is the rare community that enjoys a very healthy business presence and climate coupled with a high quality of living.

Norwalk continues to be a strong tourist attraction in Fairfield County and the state of Connecticut. The City’s main attractions include The Maritime Aquarium, the Stepping Stone Museum for Children, the Lockwood Mathews Mansion, historic South Norwalk, Sheffield Island Lighthouse, and the Norwalk Museum.

### Financial Accounting Foundation

Norwalk - [www.accountingfoundation.org](http://www.accountingfoundation.org)  
Connecticut Employees: 150  
Business: Accounting Standards

Why is it a great place to work? As the organization devoted to setting national accounting and reporting standards, Financial Accounting Foundation is all about numbers, so try these:

- FAF has a 90 percent employee retention rate with an average employment length of 11.39 years; 22 employees have been there at least 25 years.
- In addition to a flexible work schedule, benefits include medical, dental, vision and life insurance, plus a 403(b) tax-sheltered retirement plan. An annual health fair featuring flut shots, chair massages and acupuncture helps promote wellness, as does a \$30 monthly reimbursemnt toward a fitness-center membership.
- Plus, there are company sports teams (volleyball, softball, crew, ect.), annual recongnition dinners and an active public-outreach program.

**It all adds up!**



Norwalk also offers a variety of celebrations and festivals such as the SoNo Arts Festival, the International In-Water Boat Show, and the famous Oyster Festival.

With over 1,400 acres of park and shoreline land available to residents, there is plenty of space for recreation and leisure time in the great outdoors. Norwalk has numerous municipal tennis and basketball courts, soccer and baseball fields, a public golf course, and miles of paths for walking, biking, and cross-country skiing, as well as a public beach.

At 360 years of age, Norwalk continues to be a thriving economic city, a community of pride and progress, and a great place to live and work.

## How to Apply

E-mail your resume to [Recruit22@cb-asso.com](mailto:Recruit22@cb-asso.com) as soon as possible. Faxed and mailed resumes will not be considered. Questions should be directed to Merv Timberlake at (561) 289-7641.

## The Process

Applicants will be screened as their materials arrive.

## Other Information

For additional information about GASB and the area, visit the following:

[www.gasb.org](http://www.gasb.org)

[www.norwalkchamberofcommerce.com](http://www.norwalkchamberofcommerce.com)

