RIVERBEND WEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

2nd AGENDA PACKAGE

Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Meeting to be held at:

SouthShore Regional Library 15816 Beth Shields Way Ruskin, FL 33573

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Riverbend West Community Development District

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2nd Audit Meeting Agenda Monday, August 21, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

1.	Call to Order and Roll Call
2.	Business Administration
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3.	Adjournment

RIVERBEND WEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

PROPOSAL FOR AUDIT SERVICES

PROPOSED BY:

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, PL

600 Citrus Avenue, Suite 200 Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

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CONTACT PERSON:

J. W. Gaines, CPA, Director

DATE OF PROPOSAL:

August 7, 2023

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August 7, 2023

Riverbend West Community Development District Inframark Infrastructure Management Services 313 Campus Street Celebration. FL 34747

Dear District Manager:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to present our professional credentials to provide audit services for Riverbend West Community Development District.

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL has assembled a team of governmental and nonprofit specialists second to none to serve our clients. Our firm has the necessary qualifications and experience to serve as the independent auditors for Riverbend West Community Development District. We will provide you with top quality, responsive service.

Experience

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is a recognized leader in providing services to governmental and nonprofit agencies throughout Florida. We have been the independent auditors for a number of local governmental agencies and through our experience in performing their audits, we have been able to increase our audit efficiency and: therefore, reduce costs. We have continually passed this cost savings on to our clients and will continue to do so in the future. As a result of our experience and expertise, we have developed an effective and efficient audit approach designed to meet or exceed the performance specifications in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the standards for financial and compliance audits. We will conduct the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; "Government Auditing Standards" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the provisions of the Single Audit Act, Subpart F of Title 2 US Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, with minimal disruption to your operations. Our firm has frequent technical updates to keep our personnel informed and up-to-date on all changes that are occurring within the industry.



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Our firm is a member of the Government Audit Quality Center, an organization dedicated to improving government audit quality. We also utilize the audit program software of a nationally recognized CPA firm to assure us that we are up to date with all auditing standards and to assist us maintain maximum audit efficiencies.

To facilitate your evaluation of our qualifications and experience, we have arranged this proposal to include a resume of our firm, including our available staff, our extensive prior governmental and nonprofit auditing experience and clients to be contacted.

You need a firm that will provide an efficient, cost-effective, high-quality audit within critical time constraints. You need a firm with the prerequisite governmental and nonprofit experience to perform your audit according to stringent legal and regulatory requirements, a firm that understands the complex nature of community development districts and their unique compliance requirements. You need a firm with recognized governmental and nonprofit specialists within the finance and governmental communities. And, certainly, you need a firm that will provide you with valuable feedback to enhance your current and future operations. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is that firm. J. W. Gaines is the person authorized to make representations for the firm.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit this proposal to Riverbend West Community Development District.

Very truly yours,

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank

Certified Public Accountants PL

Fort Pierce, Florida

PROFILE OF THE PROPOSER

Description and History of Audit Firm

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is a Treasure Coast public accounting firm, which qualifies as a small business firm, as established by the Small Business Administration (13 CFR 121.38), with offices in Fort Pierce and Stuart. We are a member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The firm was formed from the merger of Edwards, Berger, Harris & Company (originated in 1972) and McAlpin, Curtis & Associates (originated in 1949). J. W. Gaines and Associates (originated in 1979) merged with the firm in 2004. Our tremendous growth rate experienced over the last 69 years is directly attributable to the firm's unrelenting dedication to providing the highest quality, responsive professional services attainable to its clients.

We are a member of the Private Companies Practice Section (PCPS) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) to assure we meet the highest standards. Membership in this practice section requires that our firm meet more stringent standards than standard AICPA membership. These rigorous requirements include the requirement of a triennial peer review of our firm's auditing and accounting practice and annual Continuing Professional Education (CPE) for all accounting staff (whether CPA or non-CPA). For standard AICPA membership, only a quality review is required and only CPAs must meet CPE requirements.

We are also a member of the Government Audit Quality Center ("the Center") of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants to assure the quality of our government audits. Membership in the Center, which is voluntary, requires our firm to comply with additional standards to promote the quality of government audits.

We have been extensively involved in serving local government entities with professional accounting, auditing and consulting services throughout the entire 69 year history of our firm. Our substantial experience over the years makes us uniquely qualified to provide accounting, auditing, and consulting services to these clients. We are a recognized leader in providing services to governmental and nonprofit agencies on the Treasure Coast and in Central and South Florida, with extensive experience in auditing community development districts and water control districts. We were the independent auditors of the City of Fort Pierce for over 37 years and currently, we are the independent auditors for St. Lucie County since 2002, and for 34 of the 38 years that the county has been audited by CPA firms. Additionally, we have performed audits of the City of Stuart, the City of Vero Beach, Indian River County and Martin County. We also presently audit over 75 Community Development Districts throughout Florida.

Our firm was founded on the belief that we are better able to respond to our clients needs through education, experience, independence, quality control, and personal service. Our firm's commitment to quality is reflected in our endeavor of professional excellence via continuing education, the use of the latest computer technology, professional membership in PCPS and peer review.

We believe our approach to audit engagements, intelligence and innovation teamed with sound professional judgment enables us to explore new concepts while remaining sensitive to the fundamental need for practical solutions. We take pride in giving you the assurance that the personal assistance you receive comes from years of advanced training, technical experience and financial acumen.

Professional Staff Resources

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL has a total of 27 professional and administrative staff (including 12 professional staff with extensive experience servicing government entities). The work will be performed out of our Fort Pierce office with a proposed staff of one senior accountant and one or two staff accountants supervised by an audit manager and audit partner. With the exception of the directors of the firm's offices, the professional staff is not specifically assigned to any of our individual offices. The professional and administrative staff resources available to you through Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL are as follows:

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Partners/Directors (CPA's)	6
Managers (CPA)	1
Senior/Supervisor Accountants (2 CPA's)	2
Staff Accountants (2 CPA)	10
Computer Specialist	1
Paraprofessional	7
Administrative	<u>5</u>
Total – all personnel	32

Following is a brief description of each employee classification:

Staff Accountant – Staff accountants work directly under the constant supervision of the auditor-in-charge and, are responsible for the various testing of documents, account analysis and any other duties as his/her supervisor believes appropriate. Minimum qualification for a staff accountant is graduation from an accredited university or college with a degree in accounting or equivalent.

Senior Accountant – A senior accountant must possess all the qualifications of the staff accountant, in addition to being able to draft the necessary reports and financial statements, and supervise other staff accountants when necessary.

Managers – A manager must possess the qualifications of the senior accountant, plus be able to work without extensive supervision from the auditor-in-charge. The manager should be able to draft audit reports from start to finish and to supervise the audit team, if necessary.

Principal – A principal is a partner/director in training. He has been a manager for several years and possesses the technical skills to act as the auditor–in-charge. A principal has no financial interest in the firm.

Partner/Director – The director has extensive governmental auditing experience and acts as the auditor-in-charge. Directors have a financial interest in the firm.

Professional Staff Resources (Continued)

Independence – Independence of the public accounting firm, with respect to the audit client, is the foundation from which the public gains its trust in the opinion issued by the public accounting firm at the end of the audit process. This independence must be in appearance as well as in fact. The public must perceive that the accounting firm is independent of the audit entity to ensure that nothing would compromise the opinion issued by the public accounting firm. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is independent of Riverbend West Community Development District, including its elected officials and related parties, at the date of this proposal, as defined by the following rules, regulations, and standards:

AuSection 220 – Statements on Auditing Standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants;

ET Sections 101 and 102 – Code of Professional Conduct of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants;

Chapter 21A-1, Florida Administrative Code;

Section 473.315, Florida Statutes; and,

Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

On an annual basis, all members of the firm are required to confirm, in writing, that they have no personal or financial relationships or holding that would impair their independence with regard to the firm's clients.

Independence is a hallmark of our profession. We encourage our staff to use professional judgment in situations where our independence could be impaired or the perception of a conflict of interest might exist. In the governmental sector, public perception is as important as professional standards. Therefore, the utmost care must be exercised by independent auditors in the performance of their duties.

Ability to Furnish the Required Services

As previously noted in the Profile of the Proposer section of this document, our firm has been in existence for over 69 years. We have provided audit services to some clients for over 30 years continually. Our firm is insured against physical loss through commercial insurance and we also carry liability insurance. The majority of our audit documentation is stored electronically, both on our office network and on each employee laptop or computer assigned to each specific job. Our office computer network is backed up on tape, so in the event of a total equipment loss, we can restore all data as soon as replacement equipment is acquired. In addition, our field laptop computers carry the same data and can be used in the event of emergency with virtually no delay in completing the required services.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED

Arbitrage Rebate Services

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL also provides arbitrage rebate compliance and related services to governmental issuers. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 requires issuers of most tax-exempt obligations to pay (i.e., "rebate") to the United States government any arbitrage profits. Arbitrage profits are earnings on the investment of bond proceeds and certain other monies in excess of what would have been earned had such monies been invested at a yield equal to the yield on the bonds.

Federal tax law requires that interim rebate calculations and payments are due at the end of every fifth bond year. Final payment is required upon redemption of the bonds. More frequent calculations may be deemed advisable by an issuer's auditor, trustee or bond counsel or to assure that accurate and current records are available. These more frequent requirements are usually contained in the Arbitrage or Rebate Certificate with respect to the bonds.

Our firm performs a comprehensive rebate analysis and includes the following:

- Verifying that the issue is subject to rebate;
- Calculating the bond yield;
- Identifying, and separately accounting for, all "Gross Proceeds" (as that term is defined in the Code) of the bond issue, including those requiring analysis due to "transferred proceeds" and/or "commingled funds" circumstances;
- Determining what general and/or elective options are available to Gross proceeds of the issue;
- Calculating the issue's excess investment earning (rebate liability), if any;
- Delivering appropriate documentation to support all calculations;
- Providing an executive summary identifying the methodology employed, major assumptions, conclusions, and any other recommendations for changes in recordkeeping and investment policies;
- Assisting as necessary in the event of an Internal Revenue Service inquiry; and,
- Consulting with issue staff, as necessary, regarding arbitrage related matters.

GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING EXPERIENCE

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL has been practicing public accounting in Florida for 69 years. Our success over the years has been the result of a strong commitment to providing personalized quality service to our clients.

The current members of our firm have performed audits of over 900 community development districts, and over 1,800 audits of municipalities, counties and other governmental entities such as the City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County.

Our firm provides a variety of accounting, auditing, tax litigation support, and consulting services. Some of the professional accounting, auditing and management consulting services that are provided by our firm are listed below:

- Performance of annual financial and compliance audits, including Single Audits of state
 and federal financial assistance programs, under the provisions of the Single Audit Act,
 Subpart F of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform
 Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal
 Awards (Uniform Guidance), with minimal disruptions to your operations;
- Performance of special compliance audits to ascertain compliance with the applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations;
- Issuance of comfort letters and consent letters in conjunction with the issuance of taxexempt debt obligations, including compiling financial data and interim period financial statement reviews:
- Calculation of estimated and actual federal arbitrage rebates;
- Assistance in compiling historical financial data for first-time and supplemental submissions for GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting;
- Preparation of indirect cost allocation systems in accordance with Federal and State regulatory requirements;
- Providing human resource and employee benefit consulting;
- Performance of automation feasibility studies and disaster recovery plans;
- Performance feasibility studies concerning major fixed asset acquisitions and utility plant expansion plans (including electric, water, pollution control, and sanitation utilities); and
- Assistance in litigation, including testimony in civil and criminal court.
- Assist clients who utilize QuickBooks software with their software needs. Our Certified QuickBooks Advisor has undergone extensive training through QuickBooks and has passed several exams to attain this Certification.

Continuing Professional Education

All members of the governmental audit staff of our firm, and audit team members assigned to this engagement, are in compliance with the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements set forth in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. In addition, our firm is in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Florida Statutes that require CPA's to have met certain CPE requirements prior to proposing on governmental audit engagements.

The audit team has extensive experience in performing governmental audits and is exposed to intensive and continuing concentration on these types of audits. Due to the total number of governmental audits our team performs, each member of our governmental staff must understand and be able to perform several types of governmental audits. It is our objective to provide each professional employee fifty hours or more of comprehensive continuing professional education each year. This is accomplished through attending seminars throughout Florida and is reinforced through in-house training.

Our firm has made a steadfast commitment to professional education. Our active attendance and participation in continuing professional education is a major part of our objective to obtain the most recent knowledge on issues which are of importance to our clients. We are growing on the reputation for work that our firm is providing today.

Quality Control Program

Quality control requires continuing commitment to professional excellence. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants, PL is formally dedicated to that commitment.

To ensure maintaining the standards of working excellence required by our firm, we joined the Private Companies Practice Section (PCPS) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). To be a participating member firm of this practice section, a firm must obtain an independent Peer Review of its quality control policies and procedures to ascertain the firm's compliance with existing auditing standards on the applicable engagements.

The scope of the Peer Review is comprehensive in that it specifically reviews the following quality control policies and procedures of the participating firm:

- Professional, economic, and administrative independence;
- · Assignment of professional personnel to engagements;
- Consultation on technical matters:
- Supervision of engagement personnel;
- Hiring and employment of personnel;
- Professional development;
- Advancement;
- · Acceptance and continuation of clients; and,
- Inspection and review system.

We believe that our commitment to the program is rewarding not only to our firm, but primarily to our clients.

The external independent Peer Review of the elements of our quality control policies and procedures performed by an independent certified public accountant, approved by the PCPS of the AICPA, provides you with the assurance that we continue to conform to standards of the profession in the conduct of our accounting and auditing practice.

Our firm is also a member of Governmental Audit Quality Center (GAQC), a voluntary membership center for CPA firms that perform governmental audits. This center promotes the quality of governmental audits.

Our firm has completed successive Peer Reviews. These reviews included a representative sample of our firm's local governmental auditing engagements. As a result of these reviews, our firm obtained an unqualified opinion on our quality control program and work procedures. On page 31 is a copy of our most recent Peer Review report. It should be noted that we received a pass rating.

Our firm has never had any disciplinary actions by state regulatory bodies or professional organizations.

As our firm performs approximately one hundred audits each year that are reviewed by federal, state or local entities, we are constantly dealing with questions from these entities about our audits. We are pleased to say that any questions that have been raised were minor issues and were easily resolved without re-issuing any reports.

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR)

We are proud and honored to have been involved with the City of Fort Pierce and the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority when they received their first Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal years ended September 30, 1988 and 1994, respectively. We were also instrumental in the City of Stuart receiving the award, in our first year of performing their audit, for the year ended September 30, 1999.

We also assisted St. Lucie County, Florida for the year ended September 30, 2003, in preparing their first Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and St. Lucie County has received their Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting every year since.

As continued commitment to insuring that we are providing the highest level of experience, we have had at least one employee of our firm serve on the GFOA – Special Review Committee since the mid-1980s. This committee is made up of selective Certified Public Accountants throughout the United States who have demonstrated their high level of knowledge and expertise in governmental accounting. Each committee member attends a special review meeting at the Annual GFOA Conference. At this meeting, the committee reports on the Certificate of Achievement Program's most recent results, future goals, and common reporting deficiencies.

We feel that our previous experience in assisting the City of Fort Pierce, the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority and St. Lucie County obtain their first CAFRs, and the City of Stuart in continuing to receive a CAFR and our firm's continued involvement with the GFOA, and the CAFR review committee make us a valued asset for any client in the field of governmental financial reporting.

References

Terracina Community Development Gateway Community Development

District District

Jeff Walker, Special District Services Stephen Bloom, Severn Trent Management

(561) 630-4922 (954) 753-5841

The Reserve Community Development District Port of the Islands Community Development

District

Darrin Mossing, Governmental Management Cal Teague, Premier District Management

Services LLC (407) 841-5524 (239) 690-7100 ext 101

In addition to the above, we have the following additional governmental audit experience:

Community Development Districts

Aberdeen Community Development Beacon Lakes Community
District Development District

Alta Lakes Community Development Beaumont Community Development

District District

Amelia Concourse Community Bella Collina Community Development

Development District District

Amelia Walk Community

Development District

Bonnet Creek Community

Development District

Aqua One Community Development Buckeye Park Community

District Development District

Arborwood Community Development Candler Hills East Community

District Development District

Arlington Ridge Community

Cedar Hammock Community

Payalanment District

Development District Development District

Bartram Springs Community

Development District

Central Lake Community

Development District

Baytree Community Development Channing Park Community
District Development District

District

Estancia @ Wiregrass Community

Development District

Cheval West Community Evergreen Community Development District **Development District** Coconut Cay Community Forest Brooke Community **Development District Development District** Colonial Country Club Community **Gateway Services Community Development District Development District** Connerton West Community **Gramercy Farms Community Development District Development District** Copperstone Community **Greenway Improvement District Development District** Creekside @ Twin Creeks Community **Greyhawk Landing Community Development District Development District** Deer Run Community Development Griffin Lakes Community Development District District **Dowden West Community** Habitat Community Development **Development District** District **DP1 Community Development** Harbor Bay Community Development District District Eagle Point Community Development Harbourage at Braden River District Community Development District Harmony Community Development East Nassau Stewardship District District Eastlake Oaks Community **Development District** Harmony West Community **Development District** Easton Park Community Development

Harrison Ranch Community
Development District

Hawkstone Community
Development District

Heritage Harbor Community

Development District

Madeira Community Development

District

Heritage Isles Community
Development District
Marhsall Creek Community
Development District

Heritage Lake Park Community
Development District

Meadow Pointe IV Community
Development District

Heritage Landing Community Meadow View at Twin Creek
Development District Community Development District

Heritage Palms Community

Development District

Mediterra North Community

Development District

Heron Isles Community
Development District
Midtown Miami Community
Development District

Heron Isles Community Development Mira Lago West Community
District Development District

Highland Meadows II Community

Development District

Montecito Community

Development District

Julington Creek Community

Development District

Narcoossee Community

Development District

Laguna Lakes Community
Development District
Naturewalk Community
Development District

Lake Bernadette Community

Development District

New Port Tampa Bay Community

Development District

Lakeside Plantation Community Overoaks Community Development
Development District District

Landings at Miami Community Panther Trace II Community
Development District Development District

Legends Bay Community Paseo Community Development
Development District District

Lexington Oaks Community
Development District
Pine Ridge Plantation Community
Development District

Live Oak No. 2 Community Piney Z Community Development

Development District District

Poinciana Community

Development District

Sampson Creek Community

Development District

Poinciana West Community
Development District
San Simeon Community
Development District

Port of the Islands Community
Development District
Six Mile Creek Community
Development District

Portofino Isles Community
Development District
South Village Community
Development District

Quarry Community Development Southern Hills Plantation I
District Community Development District

Renaissance Commons Community

Development District

Southern Hills Plantation III

Community Development District

Reserve Community
Development District
South Fork Community
Development District

Reserve #2 Community
Development District
St. John's Forest Community
Development District

River Glen Community
Development District
Stoneybrook South Community
Development District

River Hall Community Stoneybrook South at ChampionsGate Development District Community Development District

River Place on the St. Lucie Stoneybrook West Community
Community Development District Development District

Rivers Edge Community

Development District

Tern Bay Community

Development District

Riverwood Community Terracina Community Development
Development District District

Riverwood Estates Community

Development District

Tison's Landing Community

Development District

Rolling Hills Community TPOST Community Development District District

Rolling Oaks Community

Development District

Triple Creek Community Vizcaya in Kendall Development District Development District

TSR Community Development Waterset North Community
District Development District

Turnbull Creek Community Westside Community Development
Development District District

Twin Creeks North Community WildBlue Community Development Development District District

Urban Orlando Community

Development District

Willow Creek Community

Development District

Verano #2 Community

Development District

Willow Hammock Community

Development District

Viera East Community

Development District

Winston Trails Community

Development District

VillaMar Community

Development District

Zephyr Ridge Community

Development District

Other Governmental Organizations

Office of the Medical Examiner. City of Westlake

District 19

Florida Inland Navigation District Rupert J. Smith Law Library

of St. Lucie County

Seminole Improvement District

Fort Pierce Farms Water Control

St. Lucie Education Foundation District

Indian River Regional Crime

Laboratory, District 19, Florida

Troup Indiantown Water Control District Viera Stewardship District

Current or Recent Single Audits,

St. Lucie County, Florida Early Learning Coalition, Inc. Treasure Coast Food Bank, Inc.

Members of our audit team have acquired extensive experience from performing or participating in over 1,800 audits of governments, independent special taxing districts, school boards, and other agencies that receive public money and utilize fund accounting.

Much of our firm's auditing experience is with compliance auditing, which is required for publicly financed agencies. In this type of audit, we do a financial examination and also confirm compliance with various statutory and regulatory guidelines.

Following is a summary of our other experience, including Auditor General experience, as it pertains to other governmental and fund accounting audits.

Counties

(Includes elected constitutional officers, utilities and dependent taxing districts)

Indian River Martin Okeechobee Palm Beach

Municipalities

City of Port St. Lucie City of Vero Beach Town of Orchid

Special Districts

Bannon Lakes Community Development District

Boggy Creek Community Development District

Capron Trail Community Development District

Celebration Pointe Community Development District

Coquina Water Control District

Diamond Hill Community Development District

Dovera Community Development District

Durbin Crossing Community Development District

Golden Lakes Community Development District

Lakewood Ranch Community Development District

Martin Soil and Water Conservation District

Meadow Pointe III Community Development District

Myrtle Creek Community Development District

St. Lucie County - Fort Pierce Fire District

The Crossings at Fleming Island

St. Lucie West Services District

Indian River County Mosquito Control District

St. John's Water Control District

Westchase and Westchase East Community Development Districts

Pier Park Community Development District

Verandahs Community Development District

Magnolia Park Community Development District

Schools and Colleges

Federal Student Aid Programs – Indian River Community College Indian River Community College Okeechobee County District School Board St. Lucie County District School Board

State and County Agencies

Central Florida Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc. (a nonprofit organization affiliated with the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners)

Florida School for Boys at Okeechobee

Indian River Community College Crime Laboratory

Indian River Correctional Institution

FEE SCHEDULE

We propose the fee for our audit services described below to be \$4,660 for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2024, \$4,940 for the year ended September 30, 2025, and \$5,125 for the years ended September 30, 2026 and 2027. The fee is contingent upon the financial records and accounting systems of Riverbend West Community Development District being "audit ready" and the financial activity for the District is not materially increased. If we discover that additional preparation work or subsidiary schedules are needed, we will consult with your authorized representative. We can assist with this additional work at our standard rates should you desire.

SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED

If selected as the District's auditors, we will perform a financial and compliance audit in accordance with Section 11.45, Florida Statutes, in order to express an opinion on an annual basis on the financial statements of Riverbend West Community Development District as of September 30, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027. The audits will be performed to the extent necessary to express an opinion on the fairness in all material respects with which the financial statements present the financial position, results of operations and changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to determine whether, for selected transactions, operations are properly conducted in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements. Reportable conditions that are also material weaknesses shall be identified as such in the Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters. Other (non-reportable) conditions discovered during the course of the audit will be reported in a separate letter to management, which will be referred to in the Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters.

Our audit will be performed in accordance with standards for financial and compliance audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as in compliance with rules and regulations of audits of special districts as set forth by the State Auditor General in Chapter 10.550, Local Governmental Entity Audits, and other relevant federal, state and county orders, statutes, ordinances, charter, resolutions, bond covenants, Administrative Code and procedures, or rules and regulations which may pertain to the work required in the engagement.

The primary purpose of our audit will be to express an opinion on the financial statements discussed above. It should be noted that such audits are subject to the inherent risk that errors or irregularities may not be detected. However, if conditions are discovered which lead to the belief that material errors, defalcations or other irregularities may exist or if other circumstances are encountered that require extended services, we will promptly notify the appropriate individual.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

J. W. Gaines, CPA, CITP

Director - 41 years

Education

♦ Stetson University, B.B.A. – Accounting

Registrations

- ◆ Certified Public Accountant State of Florida, State Board of Accountancy
- Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Professional Affiliations/Community Service

- Member of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants
- ◆ Affiliate member Government Finance Officers Association
- Past President, Vice President-Campaign Chairman, Vice President and Board Member of United Way of St. Lucie County, 1989 - 1994
- Past President, President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer of the Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, 1988 - 1991
- Past President of Ft. Pierce Kiwanis Club, 1994 95, Member/Board Member since 1982
- ◆ Past President, Vice President and Treasurer of St. Lucie County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, 1980 -1986
- Member of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, Member Board of Directors, Treasurer, September 2002 - 2006, Chairman Elect 2007, Chairman 2008, Past Chairman 2009
- Member Lawnwood Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees, 2000 Present, Chairman 2013 - Present
- ♦ Member of St. Lucie County Citizens Budget Committee, 2001 2002
- ♦ Member of Ft. Pierce Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, 2010 2011
- ♦ Member of Ft. Pierce Civil Service Appeals Board, 2013 Present

Professional Experience

- ♦ Miles Grant Development/Country Club Stuart, Florida, July 1975 October 1976
- ◆ State Auditor General's Office Public Accounts Auditor November 1976 through September 1979
- ◆ Director Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants PL, responsible for numerous government and nonprofit audits.
- Over 40 years experience in all phases of public accounting and auditing experience, with a concentration in financial and compliance audits. Mr. Gaines has been involved in all phases of the audits listed on the preceding pages.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

J. W. Gaines, CPA, CITP (Continued) Director

Continuing Professional Education

♦ Has participated in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors over the last two years to keep abreast of the latest developments in accounting and auditing such as:

Governmental Accounting Report and Audit Update

Analytical Procedures, FICPA

Annual Update for Accountants and Auditors

Single Audit Sampling and Other Considerations

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

David S. McGuire, CPA, CITP

Accounting and Audit Principal – 18 years Accounting and Audit Manager – 4 years Staff Accountant – 11 years

Education

- ◆ University of Central Florida, B.A. Accounting
- Barry University Master of Professional Accountancy

Registrations

- Certified Public Accountant State of Florida, State Board of Accountancy
- Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Certified Not-For-Profit Core Concepts 2018

Professional Affiliations/Community Service

- Member of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants
- Associate Member, Florida Government Finance Office Associates
- ◆ Assistant Coach St. Lucie County Youth Football Organization (1994 2005)
- ◆ Assistant Coach Greater Port St. Lucie Football League, Inc. (2006 2010)
- ◆ Board Member Greater Port St. Lucie Football League, Inc. (2011 2017)
- Treasurer, AIDS Research and Treatment Center of the Treasure Coast, Inc. (2000 2003)
- ◆ Board Member/Treasurer, North Treasure Coast Chapter, American Red Cross (2004 – 2010)
- Member/Board Member of Port St. Lucie Kiwanis (1994 − 2001)
- ◆ President (2014/15) of Sunrise Kiwanis of Fort Pierce (2004 2017)
- St. Lucie District School Board Superintendent Search Committee (2013 present)
- ◆ Board Member Phrozen Pharoes (2019-2021)

Professional Experience

- Twenty-eight years public accounting experience with an emphasis on nonprofit and governmental organizations.
- Audit Manager in-charge on a variety of audit and review engagements within several industries, including the following government and nonprofit organizations:

St. Lucie County, Florida

19th Circuit Office of Medical Examiner

Troup Indiantown Water Control District

Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Inc.

Healthy Kids of St. Lucie County

Mustard Seed Ministries of Ft. Pierce, Inc.

Reaching Our Community Kids, Inc.

Reaching Our Community Kids - South

St. Lucie County Education Foundation, Inc.

Treasure Coast Food Bank, Inc.

North Springs Improvement District

♦ Four years of service in the United States Air Force in computer operations, with a top secret (SCI/SBI) security clearance.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

David S. McGuire, CPA, CITP (Continued)

Accounting and Audit Principal

Continuing Professional Education

Mr. McGuire has attended numerous continuing professional education courses and seminars taught by nationally recognized sponsors in the accounting auditing and single audit compliance areas. He has attended courses over the last two years in those areas as follows:

Not-for-Profit Auditing Financial Results and Compliance Requirements

Update: Government Accounting Reporting and Auditing

Annual Update for Accountants and Auditors

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

David F. Haughton, CPA

Accounting and Audit Manager - 30 years

Education

♦ Stetson University, B.B.A. – Accounting

Registrations

◆ Certified Public Accountant – State of Florida, State Board of Accountancy

Professional Affiliations/Community Service

- Member of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants
- Former Member of Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants Committee on State and Local Government
- Affiliate Member Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for over 10 years
- Affiliate Member Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA) for over 10 years
- ♦ Technical Review 1997 FICPA Course on State and Local Governments in Florida
- ◆ Board of Directors Kiwanis of Ft. Pierce, Treasurer 1994-1999; Vice President 1999-2001

Professional Experience

- Twenty-seven years public accounting experience with an emphasis on governmental and nonprofit organizations.
- State Auditor General's Office West Palm Beach, Staff Auditor, June 1985 to September 1985
- Accounting and Audit Manager of Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants PL, responsible for audit and accounting services including governmental and not-for-profit audits.
- Over 20 years of public accounting and governmental experience, specializing in governmental and nonprofit organizations with concentration in special districts, including Community Development Districts which provide services including water and sewer utilities. Governmental and non-profit entities served include the following:

Counties:

St. Lucie County

Municipalities:

City of Fort Pierce City of Stuart

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

David F. Haughton, CPA (Continued)

Accounting and Audit Manager

Professional Experience (Continued)

Special Districts:

Bluewaters Community Development District

Country Club of Mount Dora Community Development District

Fiddler's Creek Community Development District #1 and #2

Indigo Community Development District

North Springs Improvement District

Renaissance Commons Community Development District

St. Lucie West Services District

Stoneybrook Community Development District

Summerville Community Development District

Terracina Community Development District

Thousand Oaks Community Development District

Tree Island Estates Community Development District

Valencia Acres Community Development District

Non-Profits:

The Dunbar Center, Inc.

Hibiscus Children's Foundation, Inc.

Hope Rural School, Inc.

Maritime and Yachting Museum of Florida, Inc.

Tykes and Teens, Inc.

United Way of Martin County, Inc.

Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast, Inc.

- While with the Auditor General's Office he was on the staff for the state audits of the Martin County School District and Okeechobee County School District.
- During 1997 he performed a technical review of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants state CPE course on Audits of State and Local Governments in Florida. His comments were well received by the author and were utilized in future updates to the course.

Continuing Professional Education

◆ During the past several years, he has participated in numerous professional development training programs sponsored by the AICPA and FICPA, including state conferences on special districts and governmental auditing in Florida. He averages in excess of 100 hours bi-annually of advanced training which exceeds the 80 hours required in accordance with the continuing professional education requirements of the Florida State Board of accountancy and the AICPA Private Companies Practice Section. He has over 75 hours of governmental CPE credit within the past two years.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Matthew Gonano, CPA

Senior Staff Accountant - 10 years

Education

- ♦ University of North Florida, B.B.A. Accounting
- University of Alicante, Spain International Business
- Florida Atlantic University Masters of Accounting

Professional Affiliations/Community Service

- ♦ American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- ◆ Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Professional Experience

- ♦ Senior Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.
- ◆ Performed audits of nonprofit and governmental organizations in accordance with Governmental Accounting Auditing Standards (GAAS)
- Performed Single Audits of nonprofit organizations in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, Audits of State, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.

Continuing Professional Education

• Mr. Gonano has participated in numerous continuing professional education courses.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Paul Daly

Staff Accountant – 9 years

Education

◆ Florida Atlantic University, B.S. – Accounting

Professional Experience

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

• Working to attain the requirements to take the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) exam.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Melissa Marlin, CPA

Senior Staff Accountant - 9 years

Education

- ◆ Indian River State College, A.A. Accounting
- ◆ Florida Atlantic University, B.B.A. Accounting

Professional Experience

• Staff accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

• Mrs. Marlin participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Bryan Snyder

Staff Accountant - 8 years

Education

◆ Florida Atlantic University, B.B.A. – Accounting

Professional Experience

- Accountant beginning his professional auditing career with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank.
- Mr. Snyder is gaining experience auditing governmental & nonprofit entities.

Continuing Professional Education

- Mr. Snyder participates in numerous continuing education courses and plans on working to acquire his CPA certificate.
- Mr. Snyder is currently studying to pass the CPA exam.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Maritza Stonebraker, CPA

Senior Accountant - 7 years

Education

◆ Indian River State College, B.S. – Accounting

Professional Experience

◆ Staff Accountant beginning her professional auditing career with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank.

Continuing Professional Education

• Mrs. Stonebraker participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Jonathan Herman, CPA

Senior Staff Accountant - 9 years

Education

- ◆ University of Central Florida, B.S. Accounting
- Florida Atlantic University, MACC

Professional Experience

◆ Accounting graduate with nine years experience with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

• Mr. Herman participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Sean Stanton, CPA

Staff Accountant - 5 years

Education

- ◆ University of South Florida, B.S. Accounting
- ◆ Florida Atlantic University, M.B.A. Accounting

Professional Experience

• Staff accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank auditing governmental and non-profit entities.

Continuing Professional Education

• Mr. Stanton participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Tifanee Terrell

Staff Accountant – 2 years

Education

◆ Florida Atlantic University, M.A.C.C. – Accounting

Professional Experience

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

- Ms. Terrell participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- Ms. Terrell is currently studying to pass the CPA exam.

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Dylan Dixon

Staff Accountant – 1 year

Education

♦ Indian River State College, A.A. – Accounting

Professional Experience

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

- Mr. Dixon is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Accounting.
- Mr. Dixon participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- Mr. Dixon is currently working towards completing an additional 30 hours of education to qualify to sit for CPA exam.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Brennen Moore

Staff Accountant

Education

◆ Indian River State College, A.A. – Accounting

Professional Experience

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

- Mr. Moore is currently enrolled at Indian River State College and will complete his bachelor's degree in spring of 2023.
- Mr. Moore participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- Mr. Moore is currently working towards completing an additional 30 hours of education to qualify to sit for CPA exam.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Jordan Wood

Staff Accountant

Education

◆ Indian River State College, A.A. – Accounting

Professional Experience

• Staff Accountant with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, & Frank providing professional services to nonprofit and governmental entities.

Continuing Professional Education

- Ms. Wood is currently enrolled at Indian River State College to complete her bachelor's degree.
- ♦ Ms. Wood participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- Ms. Wood is currently working towards completing an additional 30 hours of education to qualify to sit for CPA exam.



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Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

To the Partners of November 30, 2022

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PL

and the Peer Review Committee of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PL (the firm), in effect for the year ended May 31, 2022. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at sicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control, and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under Government Auditing Standards, including a compliance audit under the Single Audit Act.

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PL, in effect for the year ended May 31, 2022, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiency(ies), or fail. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PLC, has received a peer review rating of pass.

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Proposal to Provide Financial Auditing Services:

RIVERBEND WEST

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Proposal Due: August 7, 2023 12:00PM

Submitted to:

Riverbend West Community Development District 313 Campus Street Celebration, Florida 34747

Submitted by:

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August 7, 2023

Riverbend West Community Development District 313 Campus Street Celebration, FL 34747

Re: Request for Proposal for Professional Auditing Services for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023-2027.

Grau & Associates (Grau) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Riverbend West Community Development District's (the "District") Request for Proposal (RFP), and we look forward to working with you on your audit. We are an energetic and robust team of knowledgeable professionals and are a recognized leader of providing services to Community Development Districts. As one of Florida's few firms to primarily focus on government, we are especially equipped to provide you an effective and efficient audit.

Special district audits are at the core of our practice: we have a total of 360 clients, 329 or 91% of which are special districts. We know the specifics of the professional services and work products needed to meet your RFP requirements like no other firm. With this level of experience, we are able to increase efficiency, to provide immediate and continued savings, and to minimize disturbances to client operations.

Why Grau & Associates:

Knowledgeable Audit Team

Grau is proud that the personnel we assign to your audit are some of the most seasoned auditors in the field. Our staff performs governmental engagements year-round. When not working on your audit, your team is refining their audit approach for next year's audit. Our engagement partners have decades of experience and take a hands-on approach to our assignments, which all ensures a smoother process for you.

Servicing your Individual Needs

Our clients enjoy personalized service designed to satisfy their unique needs and requirements. Throughout the process of our audit, you will find that we welcome working with you to resolve any issues as swiftly and easily as possible. In addition, due to Grau's very low turnover rate for our industry, you also won't have to worry about retraining your auditors from year to year.

Developing Relationships

We strive to foster mutually beneficial relationships with our clients. We stay in touch year round, updating, collaborating and assisting you in implementing new legislation, rules and standards that affect your organization. We are also available as a sounding board and assist with technical questions.

Maintaining an Impeccable Reputation

We have never been involved in any litigation, proceeding or received any disciplinary action. Additionally, we have never been charged with, or convicted of, a public entity crime of any sort. We are financially stable and have never been involved in any bankruptcy proceedings.

Complying With Standards

Our audit will follow the Auditing Standards of the AICPA, Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida, and any other applicable federal, state and local regulations. We will deliver our reports in accordance with your requirements.

This proposal is a firm and irrevocable offer for 90 days. We certify this proposal is made without previous understanding, agreement or connection either with any previous firms or corporations offering a proposal for the same items. We also certify our proposal is in all respects fair, without outside control, collusion, fraud, or otherwise illegal action, and was prepared in good faith. Only the person(s), company or parties interested in the project as principals are named in the proposal. Grau has no existing or potential conflicts and anticipates no conflicts during the engagement. Our Federal I.D. number is 20-2067322.

We would be happy to answer any questions or to provide any additional information. We are genuinely excited about the prospect of serving you and establishing a long-term relationship. Please do not hesitate to call or email either of our Partners, Antonio J. Grau, CPA (tgrau@graucpa.com) or Racquel McIntosh, CPA (rmcintosh@graucpa.com) at 561.994.9299. We thank you for considering our firm's qualifications and experience.

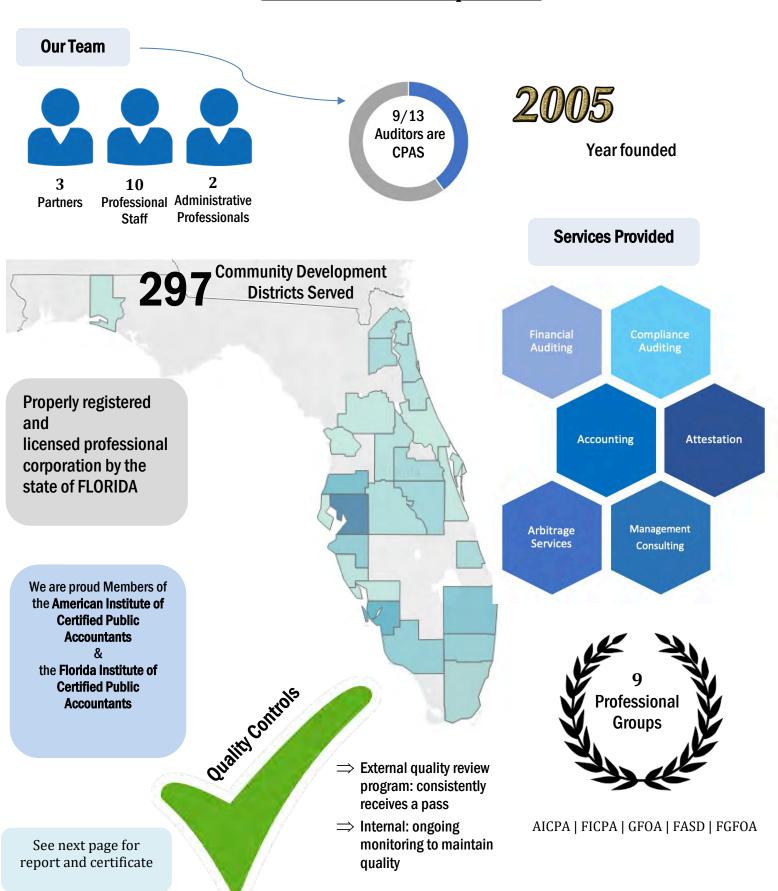
Very truly yours, Grau & Associates

Antonio J. Grau

Firm Qualifications



Grau's Focus and Experience









Peer Review Program

FICPA Peer Review Program
Administered in Florida
by The Florida Institute of CPAs

AICPA Peer Review Program
Administered in Florida
by the Florida Institute of CPAs

March 17, 2023

Antonio Grau Grau & Associates 951 Yamato Rd Ste 280 Boca Raton, FL 33431-1809

Dear Antonio Grau:

It is my pleasure to notify you that on March 16, 2023, the Florida Peer Review Committee accepted the report on the most recent System Review of your firm. The due date for your next review is December 31, 2025. This is the date by which all review documents should be completed and submitted to the administering entity.

As you know, the report had a peer review rating of pass. The Committee asked me to convey its congratulations to the firm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

FICPA Peer Review Committee

Peer Review Team FICPA Peer Review Committee

850.224.2727, x5957

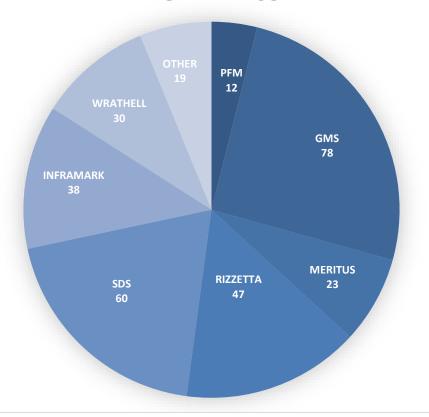
cc: Daniel Hevia, Racquel McIntosh

Firm Number: 900004390114 Review Number: 594791

Firm & Staff Experience



GRAU AND ASSOCIATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT EXPERIENCE BY MANAGEMENT COMPANY



Profile Briefs:

Antonio J GRAU, CPA (Partner)

Years Performing
Audits: 30+
CPE (last 2 years):
Government
Accounting, Auditing:
24 hours; Accounting,
Auditing and Other:
56 hours
Professional
Memberships: AICPA,
FICPA, FGFOA, GFOA

Racquel McIntosh, CPA (Partner)

Years Performing
Audits: 14+
CPE (last 2 years):
Government
Accounting, Auditing:
47 hours; Accounting,
Auditing and Other:
58 hours
Professional
Memberships: AICPA,
FICPA, FGFOA, FASD

"Here at Grau & Associates, staying up to date with the current technological landscape is one of our top priorities. Not only does it provide a more positive experience for our clients, but it also allows us to perform a more effective and efficient audit. With the every changing technology available and utilized by our clients, we are constantly innovating our audit process."

- Tony Grau

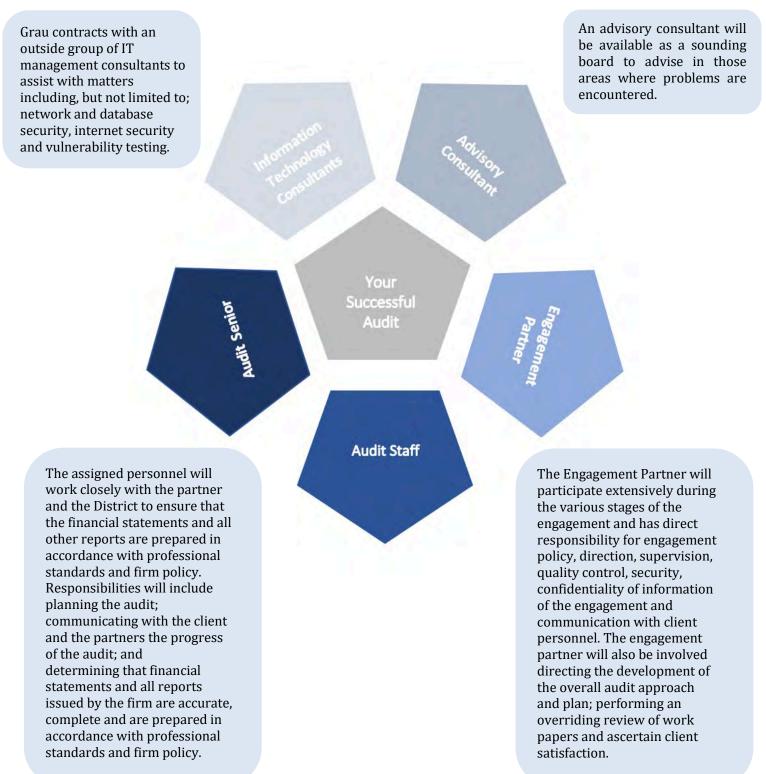
"Quality audits and exceptional client service are at the heart of every decision we make. Our clients trust us to deliver a quality audit, adhering to high standards and assisting them with improvements for their organization."

-Racquel McIntosh



YOUR ENGAGEMENT TEAM

Grau's client-specific engagement team is meticulously organized in order to meet the unique needs of each client. Constant communication within our solution team allows for continuity of staff and audit team.







Antonio 'Tony ' J. Grau, CPA Partner

Contact: tgrau@graucpa.com | (561) 939-6672

Experience

For over 30 years, Tony has been providing audit, accounting and consulting services to the firm's governmental, non-profit, employee benefit, overhead and arbitrage clients. He provides guidance to clients regarding complex accounting issues, internal controls and operations.

As a member of the Government Finance Officers Association Special Review Committee, Tony participated in the review process for awarding the GFOA Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting. Tony was also the review team leader for the Quality Review of the Office of Management Audits of School Board of Miami-Dade County. Tony received the AICPA advanced level certificate for governmental single audits.

Education

University of South Florida (1983) Bachelor of Arts Business Administration

Clients Served (partial list)

(>300) Various Special Districts, including:

Bayside Improvement Community Development District Dunes Community Development District Fishhawk Community Development District (I,II,IV) Grand Bay at Doral Community Development District Heritage Harbor North Community Development District St. Lucie West Services District Ave Maria Stewardship Community District Rivers Edge II Community Development District Bartram Park Community Development District Bay Laurel Center Community Development District

Boca Raton Airport Authority Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District Lake Worth Drainage District South Indian River Water Control

Professional Associations/Memberships

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Florida Government Finance Officers Association Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants Government Finance Officers Association Member City of Boca Raton Financial Advisory Board Member

Professional Education (over the last two years)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Government Accounting and Auditing	32
Accounting, Auditing and Other	<u>41</u>
Total Hours	$\underline{73}$ (includes of 4 hours of Ethics CPE)





Racquel C. McIntosh, CPA Partner

Contact: rmcintosh@graucpa.com | (561) 939-6669

Experience

Racquel has been providing government audit, accounting and advisory services to our clients for over 14 years. She serves as the firm's quality control partner; in this capacity she closely monitors engagement quality ensuring standards are followed and maintained throughout the audit.

Racquel develops in-house training seminars on current government auditing, accounting, and legislative topics and also provides seminars for various government organizations. In addition, she assists clients with implementing new accounting software, legislation, and standards.

Education

Florida Atlantic University (2004) Master of Accounting Florida Atlantic University (2003) Bachelor of Arts: Finance, Accounting

Clients Served (partial list)

(>300) Various Special Districts, including: Carlton Lakes Community Development District Golden Lakes Community Development District Rivercrest Community Development District South Fork III Community Development District TPOST Community Development District

East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facilities Indian Trail Improvement District Pinellas Park Water Management District Ranger Drainage District South Trail Fire Protection and Rescue Service District Westchase Community Development District Monterra Community Development District Palm Coast Park Community Development District Long Leaf Community Development District Watergrass Community Development District

Professional Associations/ Memberships

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants FICPA State & Local Government Committee FGFOA Palm Beach Chapter

Professional Education (over the last two years)

Course

Government Accounting and Auditing Accounting, Auditing and Other Total Hours

Hours

47

58

105 (includes of 4 hours of Ethics CPE)



References



We have included three references of government engagements that require compliance with laws and regulations, follow fund accounting, and have financing requirements, which we believe are similar to the District.

Dunes Community Development District

Scope of Work Financial audit **Engagement Partner** Antonio J. Grau

Dates Annually since 1998

Client Contact Darrin Mossing, Finance Director

475 W. Town Place, Suite 114 St. Augustine, Florida 32092

904-940-5850

Two Creeks Community Development District

Scope of WorkFinancial auditEngagement PartnerAntonio J. Grau

Dates Annually since 2007

Client Contact William Rizzetta, President

3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200

Tampa, Florida 33614

813-933-5571

Journey's End Community Development District

Scope of Work Financial audit **Engagement Partner** Antonio J. Grau

Dates Annually since 2004

Client Contact Todd Wodraska, Vice President

2501 A Burns Road

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

561-630-4922



Specific Audit Approach



AUDIT APPROACH

Grau's Understanding of Work Product / Scope of Services:

We recognize the District is an important entity and we are confident our firm is eminently qualified to meet the challenges of this engagement and deliver quality audit services. You would be a valued client of our firm and we pledge to commit all firm resources to provide the level and quality of services (as described below) which not only meet the requirements set forth in the RFP but will exceed those expectations. Grau & Associates fully understands the scope of professional services and work products requested. Our audit will follow the Auditing Standards of the AICPA, Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida and any other applicable Federal, State of Local regulations. We will deliver our reports in accordance with your requirements.

Proposed segmentation of the engagement

Our approach to the audit engagement is a risk-based approach which integrates the best of traditional auditing techniques and a total systems concept to enable the team to conduct a more efficient and effective audit. The audit will be conducted in three phases, which are as follows:



Phase I - Preliminary Planning

A thorough understanding of your organization, service objectives and operating environment is essential for the development of an audit plan and for an efficient, cost-effective audit. During this phase, we will meet with appropriate personnel to obtain and document our understanding of your operations and service objectives and, at the same time, give you the opportunity to express your expectations with respect to the services that we will provide. Our work effort will be coordinated so that there will be minimal disruption to your staff.

During this phase we will perform the following activities:

- » Review the regulatory, statutory and compliance requirements. This will include a review of applicable federal and state statutes, resolutions, bond documents, contracts, and other agreements;
- » Read minutes of meetings;
- » Review major sources of information such as budgets, organization charts, procedures, manuals, financial systems, and management information systems;
- » Obtain an understanding of fraud detection and prevention systems;
- » Obtain and document an understanding of internal control, including knowledge about the design of relevant policies, procedures, and records, and whether they have been placed in operation;
- Assess risk and determine what controls we are to rely upon and what tests we are going to perform and perform test of controls;
- » Develop audit programs to incorporate the consideration of financial statement assertions, specific audit objectives, and appropriate audit procedures to achieve the specified objectives;
- » Discuss and resolve any accounting, auditing and reporting matters which have been identified.



Phase II - Execution of Audit Plan

The audit team will complete a major portion of transaction testing and audit requirements during this phase. The procedures performed during this period will enable us to identify any matter that may impact the completion of our work or require the attention of management. Tasks to be performed in Phase II include, but are not limited to the following:

- » Apply analytical procedures to further assist in the determination of the nature, timing, and extent of auditing procedures used to obtain evidential matter for specific account balances or classes of transactions:
- » Perform tests of account balances and transactions through sampling, vouching, confirmation and other analytical procedures; and
- » Perform tests of compliance.

Phase III - Completion and Delivery

In this phase of the audit, we will complete the tasks related to year-end balances and financial reporting. All reports will be reviewed with management before issuance, and the partners will be available to meet and discuss our report and address any questions. Tasks to be performed in Phase III include, but are not limited to the following:

- » Perform final analytical procedures;
- » Review information and make inquiries for subsequent events; and
- » Meeting with Management to discuss preparation of draft financial statements and any potential findings or recommendations.

You should expect more from your accounting firm than a signature in your annual financial report. Our concept of truly responsive professional service emphasizes taking an active interest in the issues of concern to our clients and serving as an effective resource in dealing with those issues. In following this approach, we not only audit financial information with hindsight but also consider the foresight you apply in managing operations.

Application of this approach in developing our management letter is particularly important given the increasing financial pressures and public scrutiny facing today's public officials. We will prepare the management letter at the completion of our final procedures.

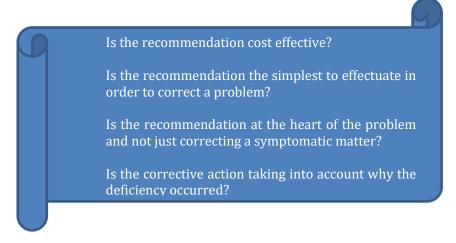
In preparing this management letter, we will initially review any draft comments or recommendations with management. In addition, we will take necessary steps to ensure that matters are communicated to those charged with governance.

In addition to communicating any recommendations, we will also communicate the following, if any:

- » Significant audit adjustments:
- » Significant deficiencies or material weaknesses;
- » Disagreements with management; and
- » Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.



Our findings will contain a statement of condition describing the situation and the area that needs strengthening, what should be corrected and why. Our suggestions will withstand the basic tests of corrective action:



To assure full agreement with facts and circumstances, we will fully discuss each item with Management prior to the final exit conference. This policy means there will be no "surprises" in the management letter and fosters a professional, cooperative atmosphere.

Communications

We emphasize a continuous, year-round dialogue between the District and our management team. We regularly communicate through personal telephone calls and electronic mail throughout the audit and on a regular basis.

Our clients have the ability to transmit information to us on our secure client portal with the ability to assign different staff with separate log on and viewing capability. This further facilitates efficiency as all assigned users receive electronic mail notification as soon as new information has been posted into the portal.



Cost of Services



Our proposed all-inclusive fees for the financial audit for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023-2027 are as follows:

Year Ended September 30,	Fee
2023	\$4,500
2024	\$4,700
2025	\$4,900
2026	\$5,100
2027	<u>\$5,300</u>
TOTAL (2023-2027)	<u>\$24,500</u>

The above fees are based on the assumption that the District maintains its current level of operations. Should conditions change or Bonds are issued the fees would be adjusted accordingly upon approval from all parties concerned.



Supplemental Information



PARTIAL LIST OF CLIENTS

SPECIAL DISTRICTS	Governmental Audit	Single Audit	Utility Audit	Current Client	Year End
Boca Raton Airport Authority	✓	√		✓	9/30
Captain's Key Dependent District	✓			✓	9/30
Central Broward Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Collier Mosquito Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Coquina Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility	✓		✓		9/30
Florida Green Finance Authority	✓				9/30
Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District	✓			✓	9/30
Greater Naples Fire Control and Rescue District	✓	✓		✓	9/30
Green Corridor P.A.C.E. District	✓			✓	9/30
Hobe-St. Lucie Conservancy District	✓			✓	9/30
Indian River Mosquito Control District	✓				9/30
Indian Trail Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
Key Largo Waste Water Treatment District	✓	✓	✓	✓	9/30
Lake Padgett Estates Independent District	✓			✓	9/30
Lake Worth Drainage District	✓			✓	9/30
Lealman Special Fire Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District	✓				9/30
Old Plantation Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Pal Mar Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Pinellas Park Water Management District	✓			✓	9/30
Pine Tree Water Control District (Broward)	✓			✓	9/30
Pinetree Water Control District (Wellington)	✓				9/30
Ranger Drainage District	✓	✓		✓	9/30
Renaissance Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
San Carlos Park Fire Protection and Rescue Service District	✓			✓	9/30
Sanibel Fire and Rescue District	✓			✓	9/30
South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Board	✓			✓	9/30
South-Dade Venture Development District	✓			✓	9/30
South Indian River Water Control District	✓	✓		✓	9/30
South Trail Fire Protection & Rescue District	✓			✓	9/30
Spring Lake Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
St. Lucie West Services District	✓		✓	✓	9/30
Sunshine Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
West Villages Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
Various Community Development Districts (297)	✓			✓	9/30
TOTAL	333	5	3	328	



ADDITIONAL SERVICES

CONSULTING / MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SERVICES

Grau & Associates also provide a broad range of other management consulting services. Our expertise has been consistently utilized by Governmental and Non-Profit entities throughout Florida. Examples of engagements performed are as follows:

- Accounting systems
- Development of budgets
- Organizational structures
- Financing alternatives
- IT Auditing

- Fixed asset records
- Cost reimbursement
- Indirect cost allocation
- Grant administration and compliance

ARBITRAGE

The federal government has imposed complex rules to restrict the use of tax-exempt financing. Their principal purpose is to eliminate any significant arbitrage incentives in a tax-exempt issue. We have determined the applicability of these requirements and performed the rebate calculations for more than 150 bond issues, including both fixed and variable rate bonds.

73 Current
Arbitrage
Calculations

We look forward to providing Riverbend West Community Development District with our resources and experience to accomplish not only those minimum requirements set forth in your Request for Proposal, but to exceed those expectations!

For even more information on Grau & Associates please visit us on www.graucpa.com.



Professional Services Proposal for Riverbend West Community Development District

August 7, 2023

Proposer

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Submitted by

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Dear Riverbend West Community Development District:

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC (CRI) appreciates the opportunity to propose on auditing services to Riverbend West Community Development District. We are genuinely excited about the prospect of continuing to serve you and strengthening our long-term relationship. We pride ourselves on getting to know our clients and illuminating solutions by providing innovative ideas to move them from compliance to providing them a competitive advantage.

Investment in You. We believe in developing long-term, mutually beneficial relationships and quickly demonstrating value with a fee structure and service solutions that provide immediate and continued savings. Our investment starts on "Day 1" as your assigned team begins with our proven, streamlined process that minimizes your time and disruption during the service provider change and continues throughout the relationship.

Dedicated Team. CRI's team consists of more than 2,000 professionals, which allows us to tailor your service team by aligning their industry, service, and specialty skills with your needs. Our dedicated teams deliver the highest level of business acumen and knowledge to your organization; our commitment to consistent staffing allows you to maximize savings and remain focused on your needs.

Equilibrium. CRI delivers big firm expertise with small firm service. Of approximately 46,000 public accounting firms in the United States, CRI currently ranks in the top 25. Additionally, as a part of PrimeGlobal, an association of independent accounting firms, we have access to international resources as – and when – needed. Leveraging these resources while maintaining local decision-making authority means that simplified solutions are only a phone call away. And we believe that's the best of both worlds for our clients.

Active Partner Participation. Collectively, our partners deliver expertise derived from more than 7,500 years of business experience. With this level of talent, we thoughtfully choose a partner that aligns with your business' needs and industry. Our hands-on, working partners "show up" to convey our genuine commitment to your success. They strive to earn trusted advisor roles by digging in, proactively learning your business, and producing long-term value for you.

Simplified Solutions. While our 500+ cumulative partner certifications is an impressive statistic, success is measured by translating complex concepts into client solutions. While accounting is the language of business, we're here to decipher the jargon and help you make educated decisions. CRInnovate embraces agility and invention.

Our CRI vSTAR™ process provides a transformational approach to client service by encompassing every service we offer in a completely virtual format. Regardless of physical location, our processes are designed to provide clients with increased efficiencies, reduced travel costs, and crisis-proofing for business functions.

We have enjoyed being your business partner for the last eight years and we welcome the opportunity to continue demonstrating the same teamwork, expertise, innovation, and responsiveness that have made us one of the fastest growing public accounting firms in the United States. Again, we appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

K. Alan Jowers Engagement Partner Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC



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UNDERSTANDING & MEETING YOUR NEEDS



From the RFP or during our recent visit with your team, we understood your team to express the following needs, requests, and/or issues. We've detailed our proposed solutions below and are happy to discuss other related projects as they arise and upon request.

	NEEDS & ISSUES	SOLUTIONS & SERVICES
Technical	The District is required to have independent audits performed on its financial statements.	Perform external audit services in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), in order to express an opinion on the Riverbend West Community Development District's financial statements.
Relational	The District's Board of Supervisors and management expect open and continuous communication with their CPA firm in order to avoid surprise findings at the end of the audit.	Communicate contemporaneously and directly with management regarding the results of our procedures. Anticipate and respond to concerns of management and/or the Audit Committee (if/when formed).

YOUR SERVICES AND FEES



We value creating mutually rewarding, long-term relationships with our clients. Our goal is to provide high quality, responsive service that yields returns far greater than your investment in our professional fees. Please find below our proposal of fees to provide the requested services for the upcoming fiscal years.

SERVICE	CRI FEES				
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Perform external audit services in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS)	\$10,500	\$11,100	\$11,800	\$12,500	\$13,250

If Riverbend West Community Development Districtrequests additional services outside of this proposal, professional fee hourly rates are as follows, but may be negotiated depending on the project request:

CLASSIFICATION	HOURLY RATE
Partner	\$325
Manager	\$225
Senior	\$150
Staff	\$110
IT Specialist	\$400
Fraud Specialist	\$400

Our professional fees are based on the key assumptions that Riverbend West Community Development District will:

- Make available documents and work papers for review at Riverbend West Community Development District's headquarters location, although we may choose to review at alternate locations.
- Prepare certain schedules and analyses and provide supporting documents as requested.
- Assist us in obtaining an understanding of the accounting systems of Riverbend West Community Development District.
- Not experience a significant change in business operations or financial reporting standards.

CRI FIRM PROFILE



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2,000+



400 +



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CRI FIRM VALUES:

CLIENT SERVICE. RESPECT. INTEGRITY.



SERVICES

Accounting & Auditing Advisory **Business Support & Transactions** Business Tax Employee Benefit Plans Governance, Risk & Assurance Individual Tax & Planning

INDUSTRY EXPERTISE

IT Audits & Assurance

Captive Insurance Commercial Real Estate Construction Financial Institutions Governments Healthcare Insurance Manufacturing & Distribution Nonprofit

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CRI Advanced Analytics



CRI Capital Advisors



CRI Simple Numbers



CRI TPA Services



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CRI'S GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTISE



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80+ School Districts
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110+ Municipalities \$1.8 Billion

75+ Agencies/Authorities
\$3 Billion

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE



CRI delivers a depth of resources that ensures our understanding of your challenges and innovative solutions for overcoming them. Our team's combined experience is derived from providing audit, tax, consulting, and accounting outsourcing services. We parlay this vast experience and derived best practices into proven solutions that benefit you. Below we share specific, relevant client references; we encourage you to consult with them.

RELATIONSHIP	TIMELINE	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	RELEVANT POINTS TO CONSIDER
Rizzetta & Company Shawn Wildermuth 3434 Colwell Avenue Suite 200 Tampa, FL 33614 813.933.5571	2006 – Present	Annual Financial Statement Audits of Multiple CDDs	 Client service experience Responsiveness to client needs Long-term relationship CDD management co.
GMS, LLC Dave DeNagy 14785 Old St. Augustine Road Suite 4 Jacksonville, FL 32258 904.288.9130	2006 – Present	Annual Financial Statement Audits of Multiple CDDs	 Client service experience Responsiveness to client needs Long-term relationship CDD management co.
Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC Jeffrey Pinder 2300 Glades Road Suite 410W Boca Raton, FL 33431 561.571.0010	2006 – Present	Annual Financial Statement Audits of Multiple CDDs	 Client service experience Responsiveness to client needs Long-term relationship CDD management co.
PFM Group Consulting, LLC Jennifer Glasgow 12051 Corporate Blvd. Orlando, FL 32817 407.382.3256	2007 – Present	Annual Financial Statement Audits of Multiple CDDs	 Client service experience Responsiveness to client needs Long-term relationship CDD management co.

YOUR SOLUTION TEAM



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Representative Clients

- Santa Rosa County District School Board
- Okaloosa Gas District
- Santa Rosa Island Authority
- Pasco County
- Okaloosa County District School Board
- Pinellas County School District
- Celebration Community
 Development District
- Hammock Bay Community Development District
- Amelia National Community
 Development District

Experience

Alan has over 25 years of experience in public accounting primarily with financial statement assurance engagements. His practice includes local governmental entities, condominium and homeowner associations, non-profit organizations, and nonpublic companies. He currently has direct engagement responsibility for a significant number of audits throughout the state of Florida .

Alan is licensed to practice as a certified public accountant in Florida and Georgia. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA), has been an active member of the FICPA's State and Local Governmental Committee, and is a past chair of its Common Interest Realty Association Committee. He is also active in the Panhandle Chapter of the Florida Governmental Finance Officers Association (FGFOA) and is a former member of the FGFOA's statewide Technical Resource Committee.

Education, Licenses & Certifications

- Masters of Accountancy, University of Alabama
- BS, Accounting, Florida State University
- · Certified Public Accountant

Professional Affiliations

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA) member of the Board of Governors
- · Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA)
- Florida Governmental Finance Officers Association (FGFOA)

YOUR SOLUTION TEAM



Chad Branson

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Representative Service Areas

- Local Governments including Water and Sewer Organizations and Fire Districts
- School Districts including Foundations
- Nonprofit Organizations

Representative Clients (including previous clients)

- School Districts Pinellas County, Okaloosa County, Pasco County, Santa Rosa County
- Florida Office of Early Learning Coalition
- Florida Department of Elder Affairs
- Fire Districts -Destin, Ocean City, North Bay
- Utilities Regional
 Utilities,Midway Water
 Systems, Inc.,Emerald Coast
 Utilities Authority
- · Escambia County

Experience

Chad Branson has over 20 years of experience in public accounting, with practice concentrations in auditing governmental, nonprofit, and for profit entities. Chad has accumulated experience throughout his career in Federal and Florida Single Audit Acts compliance monitoring and auditing. During his career he has supervised and managed audit engagements for a wide variety of governmental and nonprofit organization clients. In addition, he has performed internal audit work, information technology general controls testing, forensic investigations, and risk assessments for governmental entities.

Chad has been with Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC since 2005.

Education, Licenses & Certifications

- · Bachelor and Master of Accountancy University of Mississippi, Oxford MS
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Licensed in Florida and Mississippi
- Community Association Manager (CAM) Florida
- Certified Information Technology Professional AICPA

Professional Affiliations

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)
- Emerald Coast Chapter (FICPA) Board
- Florida Governmental Finance Officers Association (FGFOA)

YOUR SOLUTION TEAM



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Representative Clients

- Community Development Districts
- Condominium and Homeowner Associations
- Utility Services
- School Districts
- County and Local Governments
- · Non-Profit Organizations

Experience

Grace has over 15 years accounting and audit experience with CRI. She has worked on several major construction companies, government entities, community development districts, condominium and homeowner associations and non-profit organizations. In addition, she has been involved in special audit projects for the Miami-Dade Airport Authority. Grace is licensed to practice as a certified public accountant in Florida and exceeds all continuing professional education requirements related to Government Auditing Standards. In addition, Grace fluently speaks several languages including French and Arabic. Grace currently supervises engagements for many special districts in the State of Florida including community development districts and school districts. She is active in our firm's condominium and homeowner association practice. Grace started with CRI in August 2006, upon completion of her master's degree, and was promoted to manager in 2011.

Education, Licenses & Certifications

- · MAcc, Accounting, University of West Florida
- · Certified Public Accountant
- Community Association Manager (CAM), Licensed in Florida

Professional Affiliations

- · American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)

YOUR SOLUTION TEAM



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Senior Manager

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Representative Service Areas

- Community Development Districts
- Condominium and Homeowner Associations
- Employee Benefit Plans
- County and Local Governments
- · Non-Profit Organizations

Experience

Lauren has six years auditing and accounting experience in the Destin office of CRI. She is a senior manager with primary responsibility for fieldwork and reporting on audits of clients in a variety of industries including local governmental and non-profit entities as well as employee benefit plans and commercial businesses. She is currently the in-charge auditor for over two dozen community development districts with several CDD management companies in the State of Florida.

Lauren is licensed to practice as a Certified Public Accountant in Florida. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She exceeds all continuing professional education requirements related to Government Auditing Standards.

Lauren currently supervises engagements for many governmental entities in the State of Florida including community development districts and other special governments. She is active in our firm's governmental industry line as well as the condominium and homeowner association practice. In addition, Lauren has accumulated experience in Federal and Florida Single Audit Acts compliance monitoring and auditing. Lauren has performed several single audits of federal grants under OMB Circular A-133.

Education, Licenses & Certifications

- BS, Accounting, Florida State University
- · BS, Business Administration, Florida State University
- · Certified Public Accountant
- · Community Association Manager (CAM), Licensed in Florida

Professional Affiliations

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- · Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)

DELIVERING QUALITY TO YOU



AUDIT METHODOLOGY

Our audit, tax, consulting, and client accounting services documentation is maintained electronically. Compliance with our methodology is regularly reviewed and evaluated as part of our internal quality program, which is further discussed in this section under INTERNAL QUALITY CONTROL REVIEWS AND EXTERNAL REVIEWS. Comprehensive policies and procedures governing all of our practices and addressing professional and regulatory standards and implementation issues are constantly updated for new professional developments and emerging issues. See the table of contents to identify the relevant audit approach and methodology detailed description section.

ENGAGEMENT QUALITY REVIEW PARTNER (CONCURRING PARTNER)

Audit engagements are assigned engagement quality review (EQR) partner, as appropriate. This role is one of the most important elements of our quality assurance process, as it provides for a timely, independent review of key accounting and auditing issues. The EQR partner also reviews the financial statements and related supporting documentation—including the disclosures—to evaluate their fair presentation under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

INTERNAL QUALITY CONTROL REVIEWS AND EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Experienced partners and professional staff of our firm conduct quality control reviews of our audits. Our partners' work is reviewed annually, and the inspection process includes periodic testing of the effectiveness of our quality controls and a continuous improvement program. This risk-based annual inspection is intended to mimic the triennial peer review described in the following paragraph and are performed on completed engagements. In addition to this inspection, we perform in-process, "pre-issuance" reviews of partners' work that are chosen for using a risk-based selection process; these reviews are performed by our corporate quality control team. The combination of the in-process and completed engagements is part of our continuous improvement processes.

Peer reviews are performed every three years by another independent public accounting firm. The most recent review of our firm was performed in 2022 by Brown Edwards, whose report was the most favorable possible "Pass."

In addition, we are registered with the PCAOB and our 2021 PCAOB inspection report was also the most favorable possible—no audit deficiencies or quality control defects identified.

The 2021 PCAOB report can be viewed at https://pcaob-assets.azureedge.net/pcaob-dev/docs/default-source/inspections/reports/documents/104-2022-150-carr-riggs.pdf?sfvrsn=2a077f2f 2.

SHARING CRI'S VALUES WITH YOU



We are proud of our hands-on, service-centric, and results-oriented approach. Combining that approach with quality controls and superior talent allows us to help you achieve your goals and strengthen your management systems and processes. This approach is further emphasized through our three core values which guide our team's behavior and function as the foundation for interactions with our clients and each other.



CLIENT SERVICE

Defining our brand by meeting or exceeding the highest expectations of our clients

RESPECT

Building productive, longterm relationships with each other that are based on mutual respect, trust, and sharing

INTEGRITY

Living with sincerity, transparency, and honesty

TRANSITIONING YOU



When choosing to change firms, the time involved in working with new accounting professionals is often a concern. CRI's well-defined efficient, seamless transition process is designed to:

- Provide you with value from the very first encounter,
- · Avoid interruption of service,
- · Minimize disruption and investment of management's time,
- · Raise the standard of service, and
- · Establish ongoing channels of communication with Riverbend West Community Development District's management.

The transition plan is comprised of the following key activities and can occur within approximately two weeks, depending on the availability of the parties involved:

- Management approves the change in firms, pending new firm's completion of client acceptance procedures.
- CRI performs client acceptance procedures, such as:
 - Interview key service provider relationships
 - Interview predecessor firm.
 - Internal firm review and approval.

PRE-APPROVAL & ACCEPTANCE

PREDECESSOR FIRM COMMUNICATIONS

- Management notifies predecessor firm of decision to change service providers.
- CRI makes inquiries of and reviews predecessor firm workpapers related to your prior year's audit and tax services (as applicable).
- Predecessor firm provides copies of requested workpapers.

- CRI and management sign engagement letter.
- CRI and management develop communication plan protocol.
- CRI and management finalize timetable and key dates.
- CRI develops initial understanding of your business processes.
- CRI reports to management process review items subsequent to initial planning stage.

CLIENT UNDERSTANDING & PLANNING

CRI'S GLOBAL RESOURCES



Many businesses are expanding and/or evaluating their global reach, and they require assistance in order to comprehensively consider the various financial implications of growing in international markets. In addition to CRI's internal resources, we deliver the expertise and support of some of the world's most highly regarded accounting firms through shared alliance as members of PrimeGlobal.

WHO IS PRIMEGLOBAL?



HOW OUR PRIMEGLOBAL MEMBERS CAN BENEFIT YOU

We supplement our in-depth, industry knowledge and specialized services through our collaborations with other PrimeGlobal firms to help you evaluate your options globally. CRI's goal is to provide you with the information you need to make well-informed, smart business decisions.

4 KEY BENEFITS TO CRI CLIENTS FROM OUR PRIMEGLOBAL MEMBERSHIP



JOIN OUR CONVERSATION



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CRI AUDIT FRAMEWORK

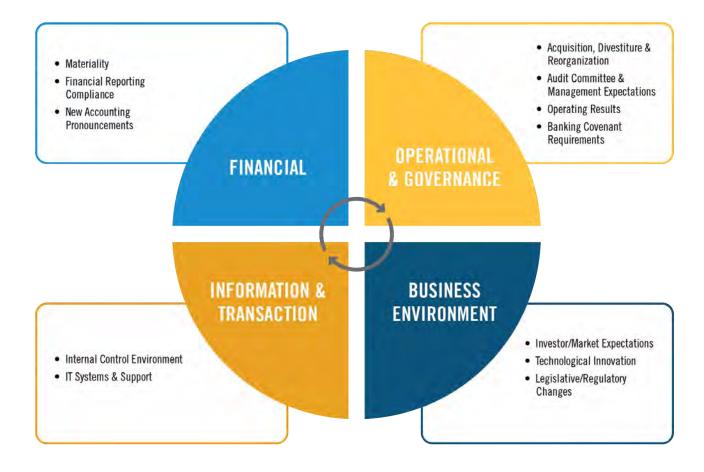


Our proposed services require a coordinated effort between us and Riverbend West Community Development District's team. Planning and continual communication are essential to developing the appropriate procedures, working collaboratively to resolve any identified issues, and meeting your timelines.

CRI's audit approach occurs within a framework of our client's business and industry; therefore, we assess risk by:

- Understanding management's perspectives and goals, and
- · Considering business conditions and threats that could prevent management from achieving its business objectives.

We assess risks in the following areas:



CRI AUDIT FRAMEWORK



Our ultimate intent is to drill down from these broad risks to specific financial reporting risks. We understand both these risks and management's processes and procedures for mitigating them (i.e. internal controls) in order to develop our procedures to carry out our audit responsibilities.

Although our audits are conducted through a structured, risk-based model, we focus on understanding the client's needs, requirements, and expectations. We work collaboratively with management and the Audit Committee (or similar function) to develop a communication and work plan to continuously improve client service, by doing so we help in moving your team from simple compliance to providing you with a competitive advantage.

In planning, we concentrate on "key risks," (items with a greater risk of a material misstatement, a material weakness in internal controls, or other matters resulting in the issuance of an inappropriate audit report). We focus on "material" items (i.e. those items that would be important to the user of your financial statements). When evaluating materiality of identified misstatements, certain quantitative and qualitative factors must be considered—which may include:

- · Impact on operating trends (revenue/income, expenses, net income, etc).
- Nature of the misstatement (i.e., did the misstatement result from an unlawful transaction?).
- · Impact on liquidity, capital/surplus, earnings capacity, etc.
- Impact to loan covenants and contractual and regulatory requirements.

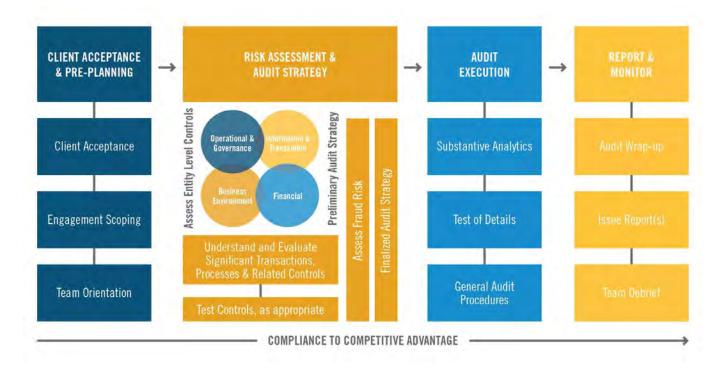
Consistent communication is a key to completion of the audit. By ensuring constant involvement, we are in a better position to respond to your issues timely and efficiently. Therefore, we plan to meet with your management to:

- Set-up the audit by reviewing the mapping of Riverbend West Community Development District's financial information (financial statements and notes) to significant processes and IT systems to ensure that all significant account balances, transactions, procedures, and systems are tested as deemed necessary.
- Discuss ongoing changes—specifically new accounting pronouncements and key business transactions in their early stages, enabling us to agree on the resolution of various complex business issues on a timely basis.

CRI AUDIT APPROACH



Our audit approach is a four stage approach, as depicted in the summary below. Our client acceptance and risk assessment procedures occur during detailed conversations and observations with your team. The results of those procedures allow us to tailor an audit program to your specific risks and needs. We then execute the audit, report the results, and evaluate continuous improvement opportunities for ongoing service and benefit to you.



CRI AUDIT APPROACH



STAGE 1: CLIENT ACCEPTANCE & PRE-PLANNING

- Perform client acceptance procedures.
- Collaborate with management to agree to expectations and scope.
- Assign appropriate staff based on client needs and assessed risk.

STAGE 2: RISK ASSESSMENT & AUDIT STRATEGY

- Interview client personnel and others to understand client-specific objectives and risks.
- Assess following aspects of the organization for their impact on the audit plan:
 - environmental and other external risks,
 - management's fraud and IT risk assessment models,
 - entity level controls including:
 - · control environment
 - · risk assessment,
 - · information and communication,
 - · and monitoring controls.
 - IT General Computer (ITGC) controls, such as
 - IT Environment
 - · Developing and Delivering IT, and
 - . Operating and Monitoring IT.
- · Determine materiality.
- Develop and document our understanding of and/or reliance on:
 - linkage of financial statements to:
 - · significant transactions,
 - · processes,
 - · IT systems, and
 - · related controls.
 - existence of/reliance on SOC entities and their reports,
 - internal audit, and
 - specialists (e.g. valuation, pension costs, etc.).
- . If elected, test controls including ITGC, through a mix of:
 - inquiry,
 - observation
 - examination, and
 - re-performance.
- Perform preliminary analytical procedures.
- Finalize risk assessments and develop a final audit strategy.

STAGE 3: AUDIT EXECUTION

- · Where possible to test as efficiently as possible:
- develop detailed analytical procedures to use as substantive tests (benefit = reducing tests of details): Examples include:
 - · ratio analysis.
 - · regression analysis,
 - · trend analysis,
 - · predictive tests, or
 - · reasonableness test.
- utilize Computer-Assisted Audit Techniques (CAATs) (benefit = automation of testing for more coverage and less disruption to the client), and
- perform targeted testing (also known as "coverage" testing) to test large portions of account balances (benefit = more coverage with smaller selections).
- · Perform tests of details, including sampling.
- · Perform general audit procedures such as tests related to:
 - commitments and contingencies,
 - legal letters,
 - management representations,
 - reviews of Board minutes,
 - related party transactions,
 - debt covenants, and
 - going concern.
- Perform other tests for compliance such as Yellow Book or Single Audit tests.

STAGE 4: REPORT & MONITOR

- Continually monitor throughout the audit providing feedback as agreed during scoping.
- Conclude the audit (i.e. issue opinions and reports).
- · Develop and present:
 - reports.
 - required communications,
 - management letter comments, and
 - other audit-related deliverables.
- Perform debriefings to identify opportunities for improvement with our:
 - engagement team, and/or
 - client's team.



RIVERBEND WEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES

The Riverbend West Community Development District hereby requests proposals for annual financial auditing services. The proposal must provide for the auditing of the District's financial records for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027. The District is a local unit of special purpose government created under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, for the purpose of financing, constructing, and maintaining public infrastructure. The District was created by Hillsborough County Ordinance and has an annual operating budget of approximately \$362,231.91 dollars. The final contract will require that, among other things, the audit for Fiscal Year 2023 be completed no later than June 30, 2024.

The Auditing entity submitting a proposal must be duly licensed under Chapter 173, Florida Statutes and be qualified to conduct audits in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards", as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy Audits shall be conducted in accordance with Florida Law and particularly Section 218.39, Florida Statutes, and the rules of the Florida Auditor General.

Proposal packages, which include evaluation criteria and instructions to proposers, are available from the District Manager at the address and telephone number listed below. Proposers must provide one (1) digital copy of their proposal to Jennifer Goldyn, District Manager, Inframark, 313 Campus Street, Celebration, FL 34747, (813) 382-7355, in an envelope marked on the outside "Auditing Services – Riverbend West Community Development District." Proposals must be received by August 7, 2023, at 12:00 p.m., at the office of the District Manager. Please direct all questions regarding this Notice to the District Manager.

Riverbend West Community Development District

Jennifer Goldyn, District Manager

Run date: 6/11/23



Riverbend West Community DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

District Auditing Services for Fiscal Years Ending September 30, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027 Hillsborough County,

Florida Instructions to

PROPOSERS

SECTION 1. DUE DATE. Sealed proposals must be received no later than August 7, 2023, at 12:00 p.m., at the offices of the District Manager, Inframark, 313 Campus Street, Celebration, FL 34747.

SECTION 2. FAMILIARITY WITH THE LAW. By submitting a proposal, the Proposer is assumed to be familiar with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work. Ignorance on the part of the Proposer will in no way relieve it from responsibility to perform the work covered by the proposal in compliance with all such laws, ordinances and regulations.

SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS OF PROPOSER. The contract, if awarded, will only be awarded to a responsible Proposer who is qualified by experience and licensing to do the work specified herein. The Proposer shall submit with its proposal satisfactory evidence of experience in similar work and show that it is fully prepared to complete the work to the satisfaction of the District.

SECTION 4. SUBMISSION OF ONLY ONE PROPOSAL. Proposers shall be disqualified and their proposals rejected if the District has reason to believe that collusion may exist among the Proposers, the Proposer has defaulted on any previous contract or is in arrears on any previous or existing contract, or for failure to demonstrate proper licensure and business organization.

SECTION 5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL. Each Proposer shall submit seven (7) hard copies of their proposal and one (1) Adobe PDF file on a flash drive of the Proposal Documents (defined below), and other requested attachments at the time and place indicated herein, which shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope, marked with the title Auditing Services – Riverbend West Community Development District on the face of it.

SECTION 6. MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL. Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed and delivered to the place where proposals are to be submitted at any time prior to the time and date the proposals are due. No proposal may be withdrawn after opening for a period of ninety (90) days.

SECTION 7. PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS. The proposal documents shall consist of the notice announcing the request for proposals, these instructions, the Evaluation Criteria Sheet and a proposal with all required documentation pursuant to Section 12 of these instructions (the "Proposal Documents").



SECTION 8. PROPOSAL. In making its proposal, each Proposer represents that it has read and understands the Proposal Documents and that the proposal is made in accordance therewith.

SECTION 9. BASIS OF AWARD/RIGHT TO REJECT. The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, make modifications to the work, and waive any informalities or irregularities in proposals as it is deemed in the best interests of the District.

SECTION 10. CONTRACT AWARD. Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Notice of Award from the District, the Proposer shall enter into and execute a Contract (engagement letter) with the District.

SECTION 11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. Nothing herein shall be construed as or constitute a waiver of District's limited waiver of liability contained in section 768.28, Florida Statutes, or any other statute or law.

SECTION 12. MISCELLANEOUS. All proposals shall include the following information in addition to any other requirements of the proposal documents.

- A. List position or title of all personnel to perform work on the District audit. Include resumes for each person listed; list years of experience in present position for each party listed and years of related experience.
- B. Describe proposed staffing levels, including resumes with applicable certifications.
- C. Three references from projects of similar size and scope. The Proposer should include information relating to the work it conducted for each reference, as well as a name, address and phone number of a contact person.

SECTION 13. PROTESTS. Any protest regarding the Proposal Documents, must be filed in writing, at the offices of the District Manager, within seventy-two (72) hours after the receipt of the proposed contract documents. The formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to aforesaid plans, specifications or contract documents.

SECTION 14. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS. The criteria to be used in the evaluation of proposals are presented in the Evaluation Criteria Sheet, contained within the Proposal Documents.



AUDITOR SELECTION EVALUATION CRITERIA (WITH PRICE)

1. Ability of Personnel.

(20 Points)

This includes the geographic locations of the firm's headquarters or permanent office in relation to the project; capabilities and experience of key personnel; present ability to manage this project; evaluation of existing workload; proposed staffing levels, etc.

2. Proposer's Experience.

(20 Points)

This includes past record and experience of the Proposer in similar projects; volume of work previously performed by the firm; past performance for other community development districts in other contracts; character, integrity, reputation, of respondent, etc.

3. Understanding of Scope of Work.

(20 Points)

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates an understanding of the District's needs for the services requested.

4. Ability to Furnish the Required Services.

(20 Points)

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates the adequacy of Proposer's financial resources and stability as a business entity necessary to complete the services required.

5. Price.

(20 Points)

Points will be awarded based upon the lowest total bid for rendering the services and the reasonableness of the proposal.

AUDIT PROPOSAL COMMITTEE EVALUATION SPREADSHEET (with Price)

		1	2	3	4	5	6
		Ability of Personnel	Proposer's Experience	Understanding of Scope of Work	Ability to Furnish Required Services	Price	Total Points
_		20 Points	20 Points	20 Points	20 Points	20 Points	100 Points
Α	Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank						
В	Grau & Associates						
С	Carr, Riggs & Ingram						

Auditor	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$4,940	\$5,125	\$5,125	\$24,390
Grau & Associates	\$4,500	\$4,700	\$4,900	\$5,100	\$5,300	\$24,500
Carr, Riggs & Ingram	\$10,500	\$11,100	\$11,800	\$12,500	\$13,250	\$59,150

Supervisor:	Signature
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