

**TERM CONTRACT FOR EXTERNAL AUDITING SERVICES FOR SEMINOLE
COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(RFP-5180-26/GCM)**

THIS AGREEMENT is dated as of the _____ day of _____ 20____, by and between **FORVIS MAZARS, LLP**, duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida, whose address is 255 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 600, Orlando, Florida 32801, in this Agreement referred to as “**CONTRACTOR**”, and **SEMINOLE COUNTY**, a charter county and political subdivision of the State of Florida, whose address is Seminole County Services Building, 1101 E. 1st Street, Sanford, Florida 32771, in this Agreement referred to as “**COUNTY**”.

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, COUNTY desires to retain the services of a competent and qualified contractor to provide external auditing services for the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY has requested and received expressions of interest for the retention of services of contractors; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR is competent and qualified to provide materials and services to COUNTY, and desires to provide materials and services according to the terms and conditions stated in this Agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual understandings and covenants set forth in this Agreement, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR agree as follows:

Section 1. Materials and/or Services. COUNTY hereby retains CONTRACTOR to provide materials and services as further described in the Scope of Services attached as Exhibit A and made a part of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR is also bound by all requirements as contained in the solicitation package, all addenda to this package, and CONTRACTOR’s

submission in response to this solicitation. Required materials and services will be specifically enumerated, described, and depicted in the Purchase Orders authorizing purchase of specific materials and services. This Agreement standing alone does not authorize the purchase of materials and services or require COUNTY to place any orders for work.

Section 2. Term. This Agreement takes effect on the date of its execution by COUNTY and continues for a period of three (3) years. At the sole option of COUNTY, this Agreement may be renewed for two (2) successive periods not to exceed one (1) year each. This Agreement may also be extended for up to one (1) year upon mutual agreement between the parties. Renewals and extensions are wholly contingent on the availability of funds and shall be subject to the same terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and any written amendments signed by the parties. Expiration of the term of this Agreement will have no effect upon Purchase Orders issued pursuant to this Agreement and prior to the expiration date. Obligations entered by both parties under such Purchase Orders will remain in effect until delivery and acceptance of the materials authorized by the respective Purchase Order. The first three (3) months of the initial term are considered probationary. During the probationary period, COUNTY may immediately terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon written notice to CONTRACTOR.

Section 3. Authorization for Materials and/or Services. Authorization for provision of materials and services by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement must be in the form of written Purchase Orders issued and executed by COUNTY. A sample Purchase Order is attached as Exhibit B. Each Purchase Order will describe the materials and services required, state the dates for delivery of materials and services, and establish the amount and method of payment. The Purchase Orders must be issued under and incorporate the terms of this Agreement. COUNTY makes no covenant or promise as to the number of available Purchase Orders or that CONTRACTOR will perform any Purchase Order for COUNTY during the life of this Agreement.

COUNTY reserves the right to contract with other parties for the services contemplated by this Agreement when it is determined by COUNTY to be in the best interest of COUNTY to do so.

Section 4. Time for Completion. The materials and services to be provided by CONTRACTOR will be delivered, as specified in such Purchase Orders as may be issued under this Agreement, within the time specified in the Purchase Order.

Section 5. Compensation. COUNTY shall compensate CONTRACTOR for the materials and services provided for under this Agreement on a Fixed Fee basis at the rates as outlined in Exhibit C. When a Purchase Order is issued on a Fixed Fee basis, then the applicable Purchase Order Fixed Fee amount will include any and all reimbursable expenses and will be based on the unit pricing attached to this Agreement, or as reduced in the quoting process leading to specific Purchase Orders.

Section 6. Payment and Billing.

(a) CONTRACTOR shall supply all materials and services required by the Purchase Order, but in no event will CONTRACTOR be paid more than the negotiated Fixed Fee amount stated within each Purchase Order.

(b) For Purchase Orders issued on a Fixed Fee basis, CONTRACTOR may invoice the amount due based on the percentage of total Purchase Order materials and services actually provided, but in no event may the invoice amount exceed a percentage of the Fixed Fee amount equal to a percentage of the total services actually completed.

(c) COUNTY shall make payments to CONTRACTOR when requested as materials and services are provided, but not more than once monthly. Each Purchase Order will be invoiced separately. At the close of each calendar month, CONTRACTOR shall render to COUNTY an itemized invoice, properly dated, describing any materials and services provided, the cost of the

materials and services provided, the name and address of CONTRACTOR, Purchase Order Number, Contract Number, and any other information required by this Agreement.

(d) Submittal instructions for invoices are as follows:

(1) The original invoice must be emailed to:

AP@SeminoleClerk.org

(2) The original invoice may also be mailed or delivered to:

Director of County Comptroller's Office
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 8080
Sanford, FL 32772-8080

(3) A copy of the invoice must be sent to:

Seminole County Administrative Services Department
1101 East 1st Street
Sanford, FL 32771

(e) Upon review and approval of CONTRACTOR's invoice, COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR the approved amount in accordance with the terms as set forth in Chapter 218, Part VII, Florida Statutes.

(f) The COUNTY's performance and obligation to pay under this Agreement is wholly contingent upon the COUNTY's receipt of sufficient appropriations.

Section 7. General Terms of Payment and Billing.

(a) Upon satisfactory delivery of materials and services required under this Agreement and upon acceptance of the materials and services by COUNTY, CONTRACTOR may invoice COUNTY for the full amount of compensation provided for under the terms of this Agreement less any amount already paid by COUNTY.

(b) COUNTY may perform or have performed an audit of the records of CONTRACTOR at any time during the term of this Agreement and after final payment to support final payment under this Agreement. Audits may be performed at a time mutually agreeable to

CONTRACTOR and COUNTY. Total compensation to CONTRACTOR may be determined subsequent to an audit as provided for in this Section and the total compensation so determined will be used to calculate final payment to CONTRACTOR. Performance of this audit will not delay final payment as provided by subsection (a) of this Section.

(c) CONTRACTOR shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to materials and services provided under this Agreement in such a manner as will readily conform to the terms of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall make such materials available at CONTRACTOR's office at all reasonable times during the term of this Agreement and for five (5) years from the date of final payment under the contract for audit or inspection as provided for in subsection (b) of this Section.

(d) In the event any audit or inspection conducted after final payment but within the period provided in paragraph (c) of this Section reveals any overpayment by COUNTY under the terms of the Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall refund such overpayment to COUNTY within thirty (30) days of notice by COUNTY.

Section 8. No Waiver by Forbearance. COUNTY's review of, approval and acceptance of, or payment for the materials or services required under this Agreement does not operate as a waiver of any rights under this Agreement, or of any cause of action arising out of the performance of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR is and will always remain liable to COUNTY in accordance with applicable law for any and all damages to COUNTY caused by CONTRACTOR's negligent or wrongful provision of any of the materials or services provided under this Agreement.

Section 9. Termination.

(a) COUNTY may, by written notice to CONTRACTOR, terminate this Agreement or any Purchase Order issued under this Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time, either for COUNTY's convenience or because of the failure of CONTRACTOR to fulfill its obligations

under this Agreement. Upon receipt of such notice, CONTRACTOR shall immediately discontinue all services affected, unless the notice directs otherwise, and deliver to COUNTY all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and any and all such other information and materials of whatever type or nature as may have been accumulated by CONTRACTOR in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in process.

(b) If the termination is for the convenience of COUNTY, CONTRACTOR will be paid compensation for services performed to the date of termination.

(c) If the termination is due to the failure of CONTRACTOR to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, COUNTY may take over the work and carry it to completion by other agreements or otherwise. In such case, CONTRACTOR will be liable to COUNTY for all reasonable additional costs associated with CONTRACTOR's failure to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement.

(d) CONTRACTOR will not be liable for such additional costs if the failure to perform the Agreement arises without any fault or negligence of CONTRACTOR, but CONTRACTOR will be responsible and liable for the actions by its subcontractors, agents, employees, persons, and entities of a similar type or nature. Matters beyond the fault or negligence of CONTRACTOR include acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of COUNTY in its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather, but in every case the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of CONTRACTOR.

(e) If after notice of termination for CONTRACTOR's failure to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement it is determined that CONTRACTOR had not so failed, the termination will be conclusively deemed to have been effected for the convenience of COUNTY. In such event, adjustment in the Agreement price will be made as provided in subsection (b) of this Section.

(f) The rights and remedies of COUNTY provided for in this Section are in addition and supplemental to any and all other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

Section 10. Conflict with Contract Documents. Wherever the terms of this Agreement conflict with any Purchase Order issued pursuant to it or any other contract documents, including bids or proposals previously submitted by CONTRACTOR, this Agreement will prevail. For the avoidance of doubt, bid/proposals and any other documents submitted by CONTRACTOR are not incorporated into this Agreement, unless expressly stated otherwise.

Section 11. Equal Opportunity Employment. CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment for work under this Agreement because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin. CONTRACTOR shall take steps to ensure that applicants are employed and employees are treated during employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin. This provision includes, but is not limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training including apprenticeship.

Section 12. No Contingent Fees. CONTRACTOR warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONTRACTOR to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONTRACTOR, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from award or making of this Agreement. For the breach or violation of this provision, COUNTY will have the right to terminate the Agreement at its sole discretion without liability and

to deduct from the Agreement price or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift, or consideration.

Section 13. Conflict of Interest.

(a) CONTRACTOR shall not engage in any action that would create a conflict of interest in the performance of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement with COUNTY or violate or cause others to violate the provisions of Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes, relating to ethics in government.

(b) CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that no officer, agent, or employee of COUNTY has any material interest (as defined in Section 112.312(15), Florida Statutes, as over 5%), either directly or indirectly, in the business of CONTRACTOR to be conducted under this Agreement and that no such person will have any such interest at any time during the term of this Agreement.

Section 14. Assignment. Neither this Agreement nor any interest in it may be assigned, transferred, or otherwise encumbered under any circumstances by either party without prior written consent of the other party and in such cases only by a document of equal dignity with this Agreement.

Section 15. Subcontractors. CONTRACTOR shall first secure the prior written approval of COUNTY before engaging or contracting for the services of any subcontractors under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR will remain fully responsible to COUNTY for the services of any subcontractors under this Agreement.

Section 16. Indemnification of COUNTY. To the fullest extent permitted by law, CONTRACTOR shall hold harmless, release, and indemnify COUNTY, its commissioners, officers, employees, and agents from any and all third-party claims, losses, damages, costs, attorney fees, and lawsuits for damages arising from, allegedly arising from, or related to CONTRACTOR's provision of materials or services under this Agreement to the extent caused

by CONTRACTOR's negligent act or omission in the performance of this Agreement. This provision is not to be construed as a waiver by COUNTY of its sovereign immunity, except to the extent waived pursuant to Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, as this statute may be amended from time to time. CONTRACTOR, however, shall not be liable for punitive or exemplary damages arising out of or related to this Agreement, except to the extent such limitation is prohibited by law.

Section 17. Insurance.

(a) CONTRACTOR, at its sole expense, shall maintain the insurance required under this Section at all times throughout the duration of this Agreement and have this insurance approved by COUNTY's Risk Manager with the Resource Management Department. CONTRACTOR shall immediately provide written notice to the COUNTY upon receipt of notice of cancellation of an insurance policy or a decision to terminate an insurance policy.

(1) CONTRACTOR shall require and ensure that each of its sub-vendors or subcontractors providing services under this Agreement, if any, procures and maintains insurance of the types and to the limits specified in this Agreement until the completion of their respective services.

(2) If COUNTY elects to raise an objection to the coverage afforded by or the provisions of the insurance furnished, then CONTRACTOR shall promptly provide to COUNTY such additional information as COUNTY may reasonably request, and CONTRACTOR shall remedy any deficiencies in the policies of insurance within ten (10) days.

(3) COUNTY's authority to object to insurance does not in any way whatsoever give rise to any duty on the part of COUNTY to exercise this authority for the benefit of CONTRACTOR or any other party.

(b) General Requirements.

(1) Before commencing work, CONTRACTOR shall furnish COUNTY with a current Certificate of Insurance on a current ACORD Form signed by an authorized representative of the insurer evidencing the insurance required by this Section and Exhibit D. **The Certificate must have the Agreement number for this Agreement clearly marked on its face**, and including the following as Certificate Holder:

Seminole County, Florida
Seminole County Services Building
1101 East 1st Street
Sanford, Florida 32771

The Certificate of Insurance must evidence and all policies must be endorsed to provide the COUNTY with not less than thirty (30) days (10 days for non-payment) written notice prior to the cancellation or non-renewal of coverage directly from the Insurer and without additional action of the Insured or Broker. Until such time as the insurance is no longer required to be maintained, CONTRACTOR shall provide COUNTY with a renewal or replacement Certificate of Insurance within ten (10) days after the expiration or replacement of the insurance for which a previous certificate has been provided.

(2) Deductible and self-insured retention amounts must be declared to COUNTY. The risk of loss within the deductible or retention amount, if any, in the insurance purchased and maintained pursuant to this document must be borne by CONTRACTOR.

(3) The insurer's cost of defense, including attorney's fees and attorney's fees on appeal, must not be included within the policy limits, but must remain the responsibility of the insurer for all General Liability, Auto Liability, Employers' Liability, and Umbrella Liability coverages.

(4) In the event of loss covered by Property Insurance, the proceeds of a claim must be paid to COUNTY and COUNTY shall apportion the proceeds between COUNTY and CONTRACTOR as their interests may appear.

(5) Additional Insured: Seminole County, Florida, its commissioners, officials, officers, and employees must be included as Additional Insureds under General Liability, Umbrella Liability, Business Auto Liability, Pollution Liability, and Cyber Liability policies. Such is only applicable if the aforementioned policies are required per this Agreement or Exhibit D. Such policies shall provide exception to any “Insured versus Insured” exclusion for claims brought by or on behalf of Additional Insureds.

(6) Coverage: The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability insurance provided by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement must apply on a primary and non-contributory basis and any other insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners or COUNTY’s officials, officers, or employees must be in excess of and not contributing with the insurance provided by CONTRACTOR.

(8) Waiver of Subrogation: All policies must be endorsed to provide a Waiver of Subrogation clause in favor of the Seminole County, Florida and its respective officials, officers, and employees. This Waiver of Subrogation requirement does not apply to any policy that includes a condition that specifically prohibits such an endorsement or voids coverage should the Named Insured enter into such an agreement on a pre-loss basis.

(9) Provision: Commercial General Liability and Umbrella Liability Policies, if required by this Agreement or Exhibit D, must be provided on an occurrence rather than a claims-made basis.

(c) Insurance Company Requirements. Insurance companies providing the insurance must meet the following requirements.

(1) Such companies must be either: (a) authorized by maintaining Certificates of Authority or Letters of Eligibility issued to the companies by the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation to conduct business in the State of Florida, or (b) with respect only to the coverage required by this Agreement for Workers' Compensation/Employers' Liability, authorized as a group self-insurer by Section 624.4621, Florida Statutes, as this statute may be amended from time to time.

(2) In addition, such companies other than those authorized by Section 624.4621, Florida Statutes, as this statute may be amended from time to time, must have and maintain a Best's Rating of "A-" or better and a Financial Size Category of "VII" or better according to A.M. Best Company.

(3) If, during the period which an insurance company is providing the insurance coverage required by this Agreement, an insurance company, (A) loses its Certificate of Authority or Letter of Eligibility, (B) no longer complies with Section 624.4621, Florida Statutes, as this statute may be amended from time to time, or (C) fails to maintain the Best's Rating and Financial Size Category, then CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify COUNTY as soon as CONTRACTOR has knowledge of any such circumstance and, upon request of COUNTY, immediately replace the insurance coverage provided by the insurance company with a different insurance company meeting the requirements of this Agreement. Until such time as CONTRACTOR has replaced the unacceptable insurer with an insurer acceptable to the COUNTY, CONTRACTOR will be deemed to be in default of this Agreement.

(d) Specifications. Without limiting any of the other obligations or liabilities of CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR, at CONTRACTOR's sole expense, shall procure, maintain, and keep in force amounts and types of insurance conforming to the minimum requirements set forth in Exhibit D. Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, the insurance must become

effective prior to the commencement of work by CONTRACTOR and must be maintained in force until final completion or such other time as required by this Agreement. The amounts and types of insurance must conform to the following minimum requirements:

(1) Workers' Compensation/Employers' Liability.

(A) CONTRACTOR's insurance must cover CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors of every tier for those sources of liability which would be covered by the latest edition of the standard Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Policy (NCCI Form WC 00 00 00 A), as filed for use in Florida by the National Council on Compensation Insurance. In addition to coverage for the Florida Workers' Compensation Act, where appropriate, coverage is to be included for the United States Longshoremen and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, Federal Employers' Liability Act and any other applicable federal or state law.

(B) Subject to the restrictions of coverage found in the standard Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Policy, there must be no maximum limit on the amount of coverage for liability imposed by the Florida Workers' Compensation Act, and if applicable, the United States Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act or any other coverage customarily insured under Part One of the standard Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Policy.

(C) The minimum limits to be maintained by CONTRACTOR are as specified in Exhibit D.

(D) If CONTRACTOR asserts an exemption to the provisions of Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, Workers' Compensation, as this statute may be amended from time to time, CONTRACTOR shall provide notification to COUNTY's Risk Manager with the Resource Management Department and shall complete the COUNTY's Workers' Compensation Waiver Request. Approval of exemption is subject to COUNTY's sole discretion. If approved, the

named individuals listed in COUNTY'S approved exemption will be the only individuals authorized to perform work under this Agreement.

(E) Any vendor or contractor, including CONTRACTOR, using an employee leasing company must complete the COUNTY'S Leased Employee Affidavit.

(2) Commercial General Liability.

(A) CONTRACTOR'S insurance must cover CONTRACTOR for those sources of liability which would be covered by the latest edition of the standard Commercial General Liability Coverage Form (ISO Form CG 00 01), as filed for use in the State of Florida by the Insurance Services Office, or equivalent acceptable to COUNTY. Such coverage must not contain any endorsements excluding or limiting Products/Completed Operations, Contractual Liability, or Separation of Insureds. If CONTRACTOR'S work, or work under its direction, control, or sub-contract, requires blasting, explosive conditions, or underground operations, the comprehensive general liability coverage shall contain no exclusion relative to blasting, explosion, collapse of structures, or damage to underground property.

(B) ISO Endorsement CG 20 10 or CG 20 26 and CG 20 37 or their equivalent must be used to provide such Additional Insured status or blanket additional insured coverage.

(C) The minimum limits to be maintained by CONTRACTOR are as specified in Exhibit D.

(3) Business Auto Liability.

(A) CONTRACTOR'S insurance must cover CONTRACTOR for those sources of liability which would be covered by Section II of the latest edition of the standard Business Auto Policy (ISO Form CA 00 01), as filed for use in the State of Florida by the Insurance Services Office. Coverage must include owned, non-owned, and hired autos or any auto. In the

event CONTRACTOR does not own automobiles, CONTRACTOR shall maintain coverage for hired and non-owned auto liability, which may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy or separate Business Auto Liability policy. If the contract involves operations governed by Sections 29 or 30 of the Motor Carrier Act of 1980, endorsement MCS-90 is required.

(B) If CONTRACTOR'S operations involve pollutants as defined in the ISO Form CA 00 01, Form CA9948, Pollution Liability – Broadened Coverage for Covered Autos, is required.

(C) The minimum limits to be maintained by CONTRACTOR are as specified in Exhibit D.

(4) Cyber Liability Insurance and Technology Errors and Omissions Insurance.

(A) Cyber Liability and Technology Errors and Omissions Insurance must include liability related to: multimedia liability, including cloud computing and mobile devices; protection of private or confidential information, whether electronic or non-electronic; network security and privacy; system attacks, digital asset loss, denial or loss of service; introduction, implantation, or spread of malicious software code; security breach; unauthorized access and use; disclosure of COUNTY data, whether by CONTRACTOR or any subcontractor or cloud service provider used by CONTRACTOR; regulatory action expenses; breach response costs including, but not limited to, notification of affected individuals, customer support, forensics, crisis management consulting, public relations consulting, legal services, and credit monitoring expenses and identity fraud resolution services; and the rendering of or failure to render technology products and services, if the contract involves the provision of cyber technology services or products. Coverage must be maintained in effect during the period of the Agreement and for no less than

two (2) years after termination or completion of the Agreement, if written on a “claims-made” basis.

(B) Cyber Liability and Technology Errors and Omissions Insurance must cover CONTRACTOR, its employees, subcontractors and agents for expenses, claims and losses resulting from wrongful acts committed in the performance of, or failure to perform, all services under this Agreement, including, without limitation, claims, demands, and any other payments related to electronic or physical security, breaches of confidentiality, and invasion of or breaches of privacy.

(C) The minimum limits to be maintained by CONTRACTOR are as specified in Exhibit D.

(5) Professional Liability Insurance.

(A) CONTRACTOR shall maintain an Errors & Omissions Liability policy providing professional liability coverage for any damages caused by wrongful acts, errors, or omissions.

(i) In the event that the professional liability insurance required by this contract is written on a claims-made basis, CONTRACTOR warrants that any retroactive date under the policy will precede the effective date of this Agreement and that either continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of three (3) years beginning at the time work under this contract is completed.

(ii) If CONTRACTOR contends that any of the insurance it maintains pursuant to other sections of this clause satisfies this requirement (or otherwise insures the risks described in this section), then CONTRACTOR shall provide proof of such satisfactory coverage, subject to approval of COUNTY.

(B) The minimum limits to be maintained by CONTRACTOR are as specified in Exhibit D.

(e) The maintenance of the insurance coverage set forth in this Section may not be construed to limit or have the effect of limiting CONTRACTOR's liability under the provisions of Section 16 concerning indemnification or any other provision of this Agreement.

Section 18. Dispute Resolution.

(a) In the event of a dispute related to any performance or payment obligation arising under this Agreement, the parties shall exhaust COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures prior to filing a lawsuit or otherwise pursuing legal remedies. COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures for proper invoice and payment disputes are set forth in Section 22.15, "Prompt Payment Procedures," Seminole County Administrative Code. COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures for contract claims related to this Agreement, other than for proper invoice and payment disputes, are set forth in Section 220.11, "Contract Claims," Seminole County Code of Ordinances.

(b) In any lawsuit or legal proceeding arising under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR hereby waives any claim or defense based on facts or evidentiary materials that were not presented for consideration in COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures set forth in subsection (a) above of which CONTRACTOR had knowledge and failed to present during COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures.

(c) In the event that COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures are exhausted and a lawsuit or legal proceeding is filed, the parties shall exercise best efforts to resolve disputes through voluntary mediation and to select a mutually acceptable mediator. The parties participating in the voluntary mediation shall share the costs of mediation equally.

Section 19. Representatives of COUNTY and CONTRACTOR.

(a) It is recognized that questions in the day to day conduct of performance pursuant to this Agreement may arise. Upon request by CONTRACTOR, COUNTY shall designate and advise CONTRACTOR in writing of one or more of its employees to whom to address all communications pertaining to the day to day conduct of this Agreement. The designated representative will have the authority to transmit instructions, receive information, and interpret and define COUNTY's policy and decisions pertinent to the work covered by this Agreement.

(b) At all times during the normal work week, CONTRACTOR shall designate or appoint one or more representatives who are authorized to act on behalf of CONTRACTOR and bind CONTRACTOR regarding all matters involving the conduct of the performance pursuant to this Agreement, and who will keep COUNTY continually and effectively advised of such designation.

Section 20. All Prior Agreements Superseded. This Agreement incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements, or understandings applicable to the matters contained in this Agreement and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements, or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained or referred to in this document. Accordingly, it is agreed that no deviation from the terms of this Agreement may be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written.

Section 21. Modifications, Amendments, or Alterations. No modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained in this Agreement will be effective unless contained in a written amendment executed with the same formality and of equal dignity with this Agreement.

Section 22. Independent Contractor. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or may be construed as in any manner creating or establishing a relationship of co-partners between the parties, or as constituting CONTRACTOR (including its officers, employees, and agents) as an agent, representative, or employee of COUNTY for any purpose or in any manner whatsoever. CONTRACTOR is and will remain forever an independent contractor with respect to all services performed under this Agreement.

Section 23. Employee Status. Persons employed by CONTRACTOR in the performance of services and functions pursuant to this Agreement have no claim to pension, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, civil service, or other employee rights or privileges granted to COUNTY's officers and employees, either by operation of law or by COUNTY.

Section 24. Services Not Provided For. No claim for services provided by CONTRACTOR not specifically provided for in this Agreement will be honored by COUNTY.

Section 25. Public Records Law.

(a) CONTRACTOR acknowledges COUNTY's obligations under Article 1, Section 24, Florida Constitution and Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, to release public records to members of the public upon request. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that COUNTY is required to comply with Article 1, Section 24, Florida Constitution and Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, in the handling of the materials created under this Agreement and this statute controls over the terms of this Agreement. Upon COUNTY's request, CONTRACTOR shall provide COUNTY with all requested public records in CONTRACTOR's possession, or shall allow COUNTY to inspect or copy the requested records within a reasonable time and at a cost that does not exceed costs as provided under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

(b) CONTRACTOR specifically acknowledges its obligations to comply with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, with regard to public records and shall perform the following:

(1) CONTRACTOR shall keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by COUNTY in order to perform the services required under this Agreement,

(2) CONTRACTOR shall provide COUNTY with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that COUNTY would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.

(3) CONTRACTOR shall ensure public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed, except as authorized by law.

(4) CONTRACTOR, however, shall not be responsible for the provision of hosting, electronic security, or backup services, e.g., business continuity or disaster recovery services, unless separately engaged to do so.

(c) Upon termination of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall transfer, at no cost to COUNTY, all public records in possession of CONTRACTOR, or keep and maintain public records required by COUNTY under this Agreement. If CONTRACTOR transfers all public records to COUNTY upon completion of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If CONTRACTOR keeps and maintains the public records upon completion of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to COUNTY, upon request of COUNTY, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of COUNTY.

(d) Failure to comply with this Section will be deemed a material breach of this Agreement for which COUNTY may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice

to CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR may also be subject to statutory penalties as set forth in Section 119.10, Florida Statutes.

(e) IF CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTRACTOR MAY CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS, THE SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS COORDINATOR, AT 407-665-7410, PUBLICRECORDS@SEMINOLECOUNTYFL.GOV, 1101 E. FIRST STREET, SANFORD, FLORIDA 32771.

Section 26. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue. The laws of the State of Florida govern the validity, enforcement, and interpretation of this Agreement. The sole jurisdiction and venue for any legal action in connection with this Agreement will be in the courts of Seminole County, Florida.

Section 27. Compliance with Laws and Regulations. In providing all services pursuant to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall abide by all statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations pertaining to or regulating the provision of such services, including those now in effect and subsequently adopted. Any violation of these statutes, ordinances, rules, or regulations will constitute a material breach of this Agreement and will entitle COUNTY to terminate this Agreement immediately upon delivery of written notice of termination to CONTRACTOR.

Section 28. Patents and Royalties. Unless otherwise provided, CONTRACTOR is solely responsible for obtaining the right to use any patented or copyrighted materials in the performance of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR, without exception, shall indemnify and save harmless COUNTY and its employees from liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured or supplied by CONTRACTOR. In the event of any claim against COUNTY of

copyright or patent infringement, COUNTY shall promptly provide written notification to CONTRACTOR. If such a claim is made, CONTRACTOR shall use its best efforts to promptly purchase for COUNTY the legitimate version of any infringing products or services or procure a license from the patent or copyright holder at no cost to COUNTY that will allow continued use of the service or product. If none of these alternatives are reasonably available, COUNTY shall return the article on request to CONTRACTOR and receive reimbursement, if any, as may be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 29. Notices. Whenever either party desires to give notice to the other, it must be given by written notice, sent by registered or certified United States mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the party for whom it is intended at the place last specified. The place for giving of notice will remain such until it has been changed by written notice in compliance with the provisions of this Section. For the present, the parties designate the following as the respective places for giving of notice:

For COUNTY:

Seminole County Administrative Services Department
1101 East 1st Street
Sanford, FL 32771

With a copy to:

Seminole County Purchasing & Contracts Division
1301 E. Second Street
Sanford, FL 32771

For CONTRACTOR:

Forvis Mazars, LLP
255 S. Orange Avenue
Suite 600
Orlando, FL 32801

Section 30. Rights At Law Retained. The rights and remedies of COUNTY provided for under this Agreement are in addition and supplemental to any other rights and remedies provided by law.

Section 31. Headings and Captions. All headings and captions contained in this Agreement are provided for convenience only, do not constitute a part of this Agreement, and may not be used to define, describe, interpret or construe any provision of this Agreement.

Section 32. E-Verify System Registration.

(a) CONTRACTOR must register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees prior to entering into this Agreement with COUNTY. If COUNTY provides written approval to CONTRACTOR for engaging with or contracting for the services of any subcontractors under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR must require certification from the subcontractor that at the time of certification, the subcontractor does not employ, contract, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. CONTRACTOR must maintain a copy of the foregoing certification from the subcontractor for the duration of the agreement with the subcontractor.

(b) If COUNTY has a good faith belief that CONTRACTOR has knowingly violated this Section, COUNTY shall terminate this Agreement. If COUNTY terminates this Agreement with CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR may not be awarded a public contract for at least one (1) year after the date on which this Agreement is terminated. If COUNTY has a good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated this Section, but CONTRACTOR otherwise complied with this Section, COUNTY must promptly notify CONTRACTOR and order CONTRACTOR to immediately terminate its agreement with the subcontractor.

(c) CONTRACTOR shall execute and return the Affidavit of E-Verify Requirements Compliance, attached to this Agreement as Exhibit E, to COUNTY.

Section 33. Foreign Country of Concern Attestation. When providing services to COUNTY involving access to personally identifiable information, as defined in Section 501.171, Florida Statutes, CONTRACTOR shall also execute and return the Foreign Country of Concern Attestation, attached and incorporated to this Agreement as Exhibit F. Through this attestation, CONTRACTOR affirms that it is neither owned nor controlled by a government of a Foreign Country of Concern, nor organized under the laws of such a country, as required by section 287.138, Florida Statutes.

Section 34. Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit. In accordance with Section 787.06(13), Florida Statutes, CONTRACTOR shall attest under penalty of perjury, that CONTRACTOR does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06(2), Florida Statutes. Attestations shall be documented using a Human Trafficking Affidavit attached and incorporated to this Agreement as Exhibit G. Such Affidavit shall be required when executing, renewing or extending a contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have made and executed this Agreement for the purposes stated above.

ATTEST:

FORVIS MAZARS, LLP

Witness

By: _____

Print Name

Print Name

Witness

Title

Print Name

Date

SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Witness

Print Name

Witness

Print Name

By: _____
ROBERT BRADLEY,
Purchasing and Contracts Manager

Date: _____

As authorized for execution by the Board of
County Commissioners at its _____,
20___, regular meeting.

For the use and reliance of
Seminole County only.

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

County Attorney

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05/14/2026

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Attachments:

- Exhibit A - Scope of Services
- Exhibit B - Sample Purchase Order
- Exhibit C - Pricing Schedule
- Exhibit D - Insurance Requirements
- Exhibit E - Affidavit of E-Verify Requirements Compliance
- Exhibit F - Foreign Country of Concern Attestation
- Exhibit G - Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit
- Exhibit H - Americans with Disabilities Act Affidavit
- Exhibit I - Auditor Engagement Letter

Exhibit A

Scope of Services

1. General

The County is soliciting the services of qualified firms of Certified Public Accountants to audit the financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, 2027 and 2028 with the option to audit each of the two subsequent fiscal years. These audits are to be performed in accordance with the provisions contained in this request for proposals.

2. Scope of Services to be Performed

The Auditor shall express an opinion on the fair presentation of the basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Per the requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) of Seminole County includes the Board of County Commissioners (Board), five Constitutional Officers, and two discretely presented component units.

The Auditor is required to audit the separate financial statements of the Board and each of the Constitutional Officers and express an opinion on the fair presentation of all funds in the financial statements of the Board and each Constitutional Officer.

The Auditor will review the Annual Financial Report reconciliation to the ACFR for the State Department of Financial Services.

The Auditor is not required to audit the introductory, management discussion and analysis section or statistical section of the ACFR.

Engagement partners, managers, other supervisory staff and specialists may be changed if those personnel leave the firm, are promoted or are assigned to another office providing that replacements have equal or higher qualifications than those personnel replaced. These personnel may also be changed for other reasons with the express prior written permission of the County. However, in either case the County retains the right to approve or reject replacements. The qualifications of any replacements will be furnished to the Clerk of Court and Comptroller prior to beginning any work on the audit.

Auditor shall provide their standard Auditor Engagement Letter, which shall be included as an Exhibit under the Contract. Terms of this Letter shall not conflict with Terms of the Contract and RFP. If provisions are included, the provisions will be removed prior to signing.

3. Joint Venture

In the event of a joint venture or use of a sub-contractor, requirements of this section apply to all staff connected with the audit.

4. Auditing Standards and Requirements

To meet the requirements of this request for proposals, the audit shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards as set forth by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and including but not limited to the following documents:

- The standards for financial audits set forth in U.S. Government Accountability Office's Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS)
- Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (2 CFR) Sub-Title A. Chapter II, Part 200, et al. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Uniform Guidance, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards
- Section 218.39, 218.415, 215.97, 365.172(10), 365.173(d), 163.081 and 163.082, Florida Statutes
- Rules of the Auditor General for Local Government Entity Audits (Chapter 10.550 and 10.554)
- Rules of the Florida Department of Financial Services and the Executive Office of the Governor

5. Reports to be Issued

Following the completion of the audit of the fiscal year's financial statements on a fund level the Auditor shall issue:

- A. A report on the fair presentation of all required financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as expressed on a fund level basis (an "in relation to opinion" will not be acceptable).
- B. A report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters for each financial reporting level receiving an audit opinion.
- C. All reports necessary to comply with current laws and regulations, as amended, relating to Federal grants received by the County and State of Florida financial assistance programs.
- D. Any other attestations and reports as may be now or in the future required by Federal Departments, Florida Statutes, Florida Administrative Code, or County bond covenants. This includes, but is not limited to, Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (2 CFR) Sub-Title A, Chapter II, Part 200, et al. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, HUD Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) reports, Financial Assessment Subsystem (FASS-PH), County funding of court related obligations [Sec. 29.008 and 29.0085, Florida Statutes, Constitutional Officers' compliance reports pursuant to Florida Statutes, and certification on solid and hazardous waste financial responsibility in compliance with Rule 62-701.630(5) of the Florida Administrative Code.

6. Auditor Communications

The Auditor shall communicate in a management letter with required elements as required by the Rules of the Auditor General for each reporting level receiving an audit opinion.

In the required report(s) on internal controls, the Auditor shall communicate any reportable conditions found during the audit. A reportable condition shall be defined as a significant deficiency in the design or operation of the internal control structure which could adversely affect the organization's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. In addition, the audit reports shall include all necessary components and disclosures required by the Rules of the Auditor General.

Reportable conditions that are also material weaknesses shall be identified as such in the report. Non-reportable conditions discovered by the Auditor shall be reported in the management letter(s) which shall be referred to in the report(s) on internal controls. The reports on compliance shall include all instances of non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

The auditor shall be required to make an immediate, written report of all irregularities and illegal acts or indications of illegal acts of which they become aware. Such report shall be made to the elected official responsible for the operations, the County Manager, Clerk of Circuit Court and the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

7. Special Considerations

- A. The Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller will send the ACFR to the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for review in its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program. The Auditor will provide any special technical assistance necessary to ensure the County continues to meet the requirements of the program.
- B. The County may prepare one or more official statements in connection with the sale of debt securities which will contain the basic financial statements and the Auditor's report thereon. The Auditor shall be required under the contract, if requested by the financial advisor and/or the underwriter, to issue a "consent and citation of expertise" as the Auditor and any necessary "comfort letters."
- C. Audit the schedules and reports required under Federal and State financial assistance regulations and being prepared as part of the annual audit process are to be issued as part of the ACFR.
- D. The Auditor will be required to prepare the financial statements and the accompanying notes for the Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections and Tax

Collector. The Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller will prepare the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

- E. If new statutory or regulatory requirements are enacted during the term of this engagement that necessitate the Auditor's review, preparation, or attestation of additional financial statement or schedules not currently required, the selected Auditor shall be expected to provide such services. The County reserves the right to negotiate the scope and associated fees for these additional services at the time such requirements become effective.
- F. The partner-in-charge and the audit manager shall be available to attend up to three public meetings for discussion of the audit report.

8. Working Paper Retention and Access to Working Papers

The awarded Auditor shall establish and maintain a reasonable accounting system, which enables ready identification of Auditor's cost of goods and use of funds. Such accounting system shall also include adequate records and documents to justify all prices for all items invoiced as well as all charges, expenses and costs incurred in providing the goods for at least five (5) years after completion of this contract. The Board and the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller or its designees shall have access to such books, record, subcontract(s), financial operations, and documents of the Auditor or its sub-contractors as required to comply with this section for the purpose of inspection or audit anytime during normal business hours at the contractor's place of business. This right to audit shall include the Auditor's sub-Contractors used to procure goods or services under the contract with the County. Auditor shall ensure the County has these same rights with sub-Contractor(s) and suppliers.

9. Time Requirements

Interim audit work may commence at any date after the execution of the contract between the parties, beginning with an audit entrance conference. However, interim work shall not be performed in the month of September unless agreed to by the respective Constitutional Officer (or designee), as applicable.

10. Schedule for the Fiscal Year Audit

Each of the following shall be completed by the Auditor no later than the dates indicated.

- A. Constitutional Officers' issued financial statements must be submitted to the Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller by January 31 of the year following the audit period.
- B. Fieldwork – The Auditor shall complete all field work by March 1 of the year following the audit period.

- C. Entrance Conferences with each of the Constitutional Officers and/or their designee shall be held no later than July 31 of the audit period. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the prior year audit and interim work to be performed. This meeting will establish the overall liaison for the audit and plan for workspace and other needs of the Auditor.
- D. Exit Conferences shall be conducted with each Board of County Commissioner, the Clerk of Circuit Court and County Manager or designee prior to the ACFR presentation. The purpose of this meeting is to summarize the results of fieldwork and review any significant findings, if applicable. Exit Conferences shall also be conducted with each Constitutional Officer prior to the issuance of the stand-alone Special Purpose financial statements for each Constitutional Officer. The purpose of this meeting is to summarize the results of fieldwork and review any significant findings, if applicable.
- E. The Auditor shall provide drafts and all recommendations, revisions and suggestions for improvement to each Constitutional Officer prior to issuance of their Special Purpose financial statements.
- F. The Auditor shall attend periodic status meetings on the progress of the audit with the Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller staff starting at the beginning of audit field work and continuing until the final report is issued.
- G. The Auditor shall present the ACFR to the Board of County Commissioners at a Board meeting in April, unless otherwise requested to be presented at an earlier date.

EXHIBIT B

ORDER NUMBER: 48148

FLORIDA SALES: 85-8013708974C-0
 FEDERAL SALES/USE: 59-6000856

**Board of County Commissioners
 PURCHASE ORDER**

ALL PACKING SLIPS INVOICES AND CORRESPONDENCE MUST REFER TO THIS ORDER NUMBER	
ORDER DATE	01/14/2021
REQUISITION	63930 - OR
REQUESTOR	
VENDOR #	409286
ANALYST	

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**SUBMIT ALL INVOICES TO:
 AP@seminoleclerk.org
 Seminole Count Clerk & Comptroller
 POST OFFICE BOX 8080
 SANFORD, FL 32772
 Accts. Payable Inquiries - Phone (407) 665
 7656**

ORDER INQUIRIES

ITEM #	QTY	UNIT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1.00		EA		0.00	

THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS & CONDITIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS ORDER.		TOTAL AMOUNT	00.00
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PURCHASING AND CONTRACT DIVISION
 1301 EAST SECOND STREET
 SANFORD FLORIDA 32771
 PHONE (407) 665-7116 / FAX (407) 665-7956

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE FOR THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Terms and Conditions

1. Acceptance/Entire Agreement. This Purchase Order ("PO") is entered into between Seminole County, Florida ("County") and the Supplier referenced herein (individually, referred to as "Party," and collectively, "Parties"). By accepting this PO, Supplier accepts all Terms and Conditions contained herein. This PO, including specifications and drawings, if any, and referenced documents, such as solicitations and responses constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties. Whenever terms and conditions of Main Agreement, if any, conflict with any PO issued pursuant to Main Agreement, Main Agreement will control.

2. Inspection. Notwithstanding any prior payment or inspection, all goods/services are subject to inspection/rejection by County at any time, including during manufacture, construction or preparation. To the extent a PO requires a series of performances by Supplier, County reserves right to cancel remainder of PO if goods/services provided during the term of PO are non-conforming or otherwise rejected. Without limiting any rights County may have, County, at its sole option, may require Supplier, at Supplier's expense to: (a) promptly repair or replace any or all rejected goods, or to cure or re-perform any or all rejected services; or (b) refund price of any or all rejected goods or services. All rejected goods will be held for Supplier's prompt inspection at Supplier's risk. Nothing contained in PO will relieve Supplier's obligation of testing, inspection and quality control.

3. Packing & Shipping. Unless otherwise specified, all goods must be packed, packaged, marked and prepared for shipment in a manner that is: (a) in accordance with good commercial practice; (b) acceptable to common carriers for shipment at the lowest rate for the particular good; (c) in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations; and (d) protected against weather. Supplier must mark all containers with necessary lifting, handling, shipping information, PO number, date of shipment and the name of the consignee and consignor. An itemized packing sheet must accompany each shipment.

4. Delivery; Risk of Loss. All goods are FOB destination, and risk of loss will remain with Supplier until delivery by Supplier and acceptance by County. Goods delivered by Supplier that are damaged, defective, or otherwise fail to conform to PO may be rejected by County or held by County at Supplier's risk and expense. County may charge Supplier for cost(s) to inspect, unpack, repack, store and re-ship rejected goods.

5. Delivery of Excess Quantities. If Supplier delivers excess quantities of goods without prior written authorization from County, excess quantities of goods may be returned to Supplier at Supplier's expense.

6. Time is of the Essence. Time is of the essence for delivery of goods /services under PO. Failure to meet delivery schedules or deliver within a reasonable time, as determined by County, entitles County to seek all remedies available at law or in equity. County reserves right to cancel any PO and procure goods/services elsewhere if delivery is not timely. Supplier agrees to reimburse County for all costs incurred in enforcing its rights. Failure of County to cancel PO, acceptance, or payment will not be deemed a waiver of County's right to cancel remainder of PO. Delivery date or time in PO may be extended if Supplier provides a written request in advance of originally scheduled delivery date and time and County agrees to delayed delivery in writing prior to originally scheduled delivery date and time.

7. Warranties. Supplier warrants to County that all goods/services covered by PO conform strictly to specifications, drawings or samples specified or furnished by County, and are free from: (a) defects in title; and (b) latent or patent defects in material or workmanship. If no quality is specified by County, Supplier warrants to County that goods/services are of the best grade of their respective kinds, meet or exceed applicable standards for industry represented, are merchantable (as to goods) and are fit for County's particular purpose. Supplier warrants that at the time County accepts the goods/services, the goods/services will have been produced, sold, delivered and furnished in strict compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, ordinances, rules, labor agreements and working conditions to which goods/services are subject. Supplier warrants the title to goods furnished under PO is valid, transfer of such title to County is rightful and goods are free of any claims or liens of any nature whatsoever, whether rightful or otherwise, of any person, corporation, partnership or association. All applicable manufacturers' warranties must be furnished to County at time of delivery of goods or completion of service. All warranties are cumulative and are in addition to any other express or implied warranties provided by law.

8. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Supplier assumes any and all liability for damages, breach of PO, loss or injury of any kind or nature whatsoever to persons or property caused by, resulting from or related to the goods/services provided under PO. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Supplier shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its commissioners, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, damages, demands, lawsuits, losses, costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, patent, copyright or trademark infringement, judgments, decrees of whatsoever nature which County may incur as a result of claims, demands, lawsuits or causes of action of any kind or nature arising from, caused by or related to goods/services furnished by Supplier, its officers, employees, agents, partners, principals or subcontractors. Remedies afforded to County by this section are cumulative with and in no way affect any other legal remedy County may have under PO or at law. Supplier's

obligations under PO must not be limited by any insurance coverage or by any provision in or exclusion or omission from any policy of insurance.

9. Insurance. Supplier, at its sole expense, shall maintain insurance coverage acceptable to County. All policies must name County as an additional insured. All Insurance Certificates must be provided to the Purchasing and Contracts Division within ten (10) days of request. Supplier shall notify County, in writing, of any cancellation, material change, or alteration to Supplier's Certificate of Insurance.

10. Modifications. PO may be modified or rescinded in writing by County.

11. Material Safety Data Sheets. At time of delivery, Supplier agrees to provide County with a current Material Safety Data Sheet for any hazardous chemicals or toxic substances, as required by law.

12. Pricing. Supplier agrees that pricing included on PO shall remain firm through and until delivery of goods and/or completion of services, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties in writing.

13. Invoicing & Payment. After delivery of goods/services by Supplier and acceptance by the County, the Supplier must electronically submit an original invoice via email to AP@seminoleclerk.org or may mail the invoice, if electronic invoice is not available, to: Seminole County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, P.O. Box 8080, Sanford, Florida 32772. Invoices must be billed at pricing stipulated on PO and must include the County's Purchase Order Number. Thereafter, all payments and interest on any late payments will be paid in compliance with Florida Prompt Payment Act, §218.70, Florida Statutes.

14. Taxes. County is exempt from Florida sales tax, federal taxes on transportation charges and any federal excise tax. County will not reimburse Supplier for taxes paid.

15. Termination. County may terminate PO, in whole or in part, at any time, either for County's convenience or because of Supplier's failure to fulfill its obligations under PO, by written notice to Supplier. Upon receipt of written notice, Supplier must discontinue all deliveries affected unless written notice directs otherwise. In the event of termination, County will be liable only for materials procured, work completed or services rendered or supplies partially fabricated, within the authorization of PO. In no event will County be liable for incidental or consequential damages by reason of such termination.

16. Equal Opportunity Employer. County is an Equal Employment Opportunity ("EEO") employer, and as such, requires all Suppliers to comply with EEO regulations with regards to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or genetic information, as may be applicable to Supplier. Any subcontracts entered into, as authorized by County, must make reference to this clause with the same degree of application being encouraged.

17. Assignment. Supplier may not assign, transfer, or subcontract PO or any right or obligation under it without County's written consent. Any purported assignment, transfer, or subcontract will be null and void.

18. Venue & Applicable Law. The laws of the State of Florida govern validity, enforcement, and interpretation of PO. The sole jurisdiction and venue for any legal action in connection with PO will be in the courts of Seminole County, Florida.

19. Fiscal Non-Funding. In the event sufficient budgeted funds are not available for payment to Supplier for a new fiscal period, County shall notify Supplier of such occurrence and PO will terminate on the last day of the current fiscal period without penalty or expense to County.

20. Public Records. Supplier acknowledges that PO and any related financial records, audits, reports, plans, correspondence and other documents may be subject to disclosure to members of the public pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Supplier shall maintain all public records and, upon request, provide a copy of requested records or allow records to be inspected within a reasonable time. Supplier shall also ensure that any public records that are exempt or confidential from disclosure are not disclosed except as authorized by law. In event Supplier fails to abide by provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, County may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy and after giving Supplier seven (7) days written notice, during which period Supplier still fails to allow access to such documents, terminate PO. **IF SUPPLIER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO SUPPLIER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO PO, CONTACT CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT: 407-665-7116, PURCH@SEMINOLECOUNTYFL.GOV, PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS DIVISION, 1301 E. SECOND STREET, SANFORD, FL 32771.**

21. Right to Audit Records. County will be entitled to audit the books and records of Supplier to the extent that the books and records relate to this PO. Supplier must maintain books and records relating to this PO for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under the PO, unless the County authorizes otherwise in writing.

22. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of PO are, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion will be deemed separate, distinct, and independent and such holding will not affect validity of remaining portion of PO.

23. Headings & Captions. All headings and captions contained in PO are provided for convenience only, do not constitute a part of PO, and may not be used to define, describe, interpret or construe any provision of PO.

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Exhibit C – Price Proposal

Exhibit C PRICE PROPOSAL

RFP-5180-26/GCM - EXTERNAL AUDITING SERVICES

Name of Proposer: Forvis Mazars, LLP

Mailing Address: 255 South Orange Avenue, #600

City/State/Zip: Orlando, FL 32801

Phone Number: (407) 740.5400 FAX Number: (407) 386.6107

E-Mail Address: joel.knopp@us.forvismazars.com

Pursuant to and in compliance with the Request for Proposals documents, including Addenda Nos. 1 through 2, on file in the Purchasing Division, the undersigned Proposer hereby proposes and agrees to perform the required services for the amount hereinafter set forth. The undersigned, as Proposer, declares that the only persons or parties interested in this proposal as principals are those named herein; that this proposal is made without collusion with any person, firm or corporation; and he proposes and agrees, if the proposal is accepted, that he/she will execute an Agreement with the COUNTY in the form set forth in the Contract Documents; that he/she will furnish Insurance Certificates, that he is aware that failure to properly comply with the requirements set out in the "Instructions to Proposers" and elsewhere in the Contract Documents may result in a finding that the Proposer is non-responsive.

SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES:

Total all-inclusive cost for audit of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026	\$ <u>225,000</u>
Total all-inclusive cost for audit of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027:	\$ <u>230,600</u>
Total all-inclusive cost for audit of the Fiscal Year 2027-2028:	\$ <u>236,350</u>

The Agreement allows for two (2) one-year renewable options:

Total all-inclusive cost for audit of the Fiscal Year 2028-2029:	\$ <u>242,300</u>
Total all-inclusive cost for audit of the Fiscal Year 2029-2030:	\$ <u>248,350</u>

In addition, the Applicant must include all required information specified in this Request for Proposals.

RFP-5180-26/GCM – External Auditing

EXHIBIT D

MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

RFP-5180-26/GCM EXTERNAL AUDITING SERVICES

The following insurance requirements and limits of liability are required:

A. Workers' Compensation & Employers' Liability Insurance:

Workers' Compensation:	Statutory	
Employers' Liability:	\$ 1,000,000	Each Accident
	\$ 1,000,000	Disease Aggregate
	\$ 1,000,000	Disease Each Employee

B. Commercial General Liability Insurance:

	\$ 1,000,000	Each Occurrence
	\$ 2,000,000	General Aggregate
	\$ 2,000,000	Products and Completed Operations
	\$ 1,000,000	Personal and Advertising Injury

C. Business Automobile Liability Insurance:

	\$ 1,000,000	Combined Single Limit <u>(Any Auto or Owned, Hired, and Non-Owned Autos)</u>
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D. Professional Liability:

	\$1,000,000	Each Occurrence
	\$2,000,000	General Aggregate

E. Cyber Liability & Technology E&O:

	\$1,000,000	Each Occurrence
	\$2,000,000	General Aggregate

EXHIBIT E

Agreement Name: External Auditing Services for Seminole County Board of County Commissioners

Agreement Number: RFP-5180-26/GCM

AFFIDAVIT OF E-VERIFY REQUIREMENTS COMPLIANCE

The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with section 448.095, Florida Statutes, and to incorporate in all subcontracts the obligation to comply with section 448.095, Florida Statutes.

1. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the CONSULTANT during the term of the Agreement and shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the Agreement to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the Agreement term.
2. That the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that its failure to comply with the verification requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes or its failure to ensure that all employees and subcontractors performing work under Agreement Number RFP-5180-26/GCM are legally authorized to work in the United States and the State of Florida, constitutes a breach of this Agreement for which Seminole County may immediately terminate the Agreement without notice and without penalty. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR further understands and agrees that in the event of such termination, the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR shall be liable to the county for any costs incurred by the County as a result of the CONSULTANT'S/CONTRACTOR'S breach. DATED this 6th day of April, 2026.

Forvis Mazars, LLP
 Consultant Name
 By: [Signature]
 Print/Type Name: Joel Knopp, CPA
 Title: Partner

STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF Orange

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence OR online notarization, this 6th day of April, 2026, by Joel Knopp, CPA (Full Name of Affiant).



Lina M. Mejia
 Comm.: HH 621322
 Expires: Jan. 9, 2029
 Notary Public - State of Florida

[Signature]
 Print/Type Name Lina M. Mejia
 Notary Public in and for the County
 and State Aforementioned
 My commission expires: Jan. 9, 2029

EXHIBIT F

**FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN ATTESTATION
(PUR 1355)**

This form must be completed by an officer or representative of an entity submitting a bid, proposal, or reply to, or entering into, renewing, or extending, a contract with a Governmental Entity which would grant the entity access to an individual's Personal Identifying Information. Capitalized terms used herein have the definitions ascribed in [Rule 60A-1.020, F.A.C.](#)

is not owned by the government of a Foreign Country of Concern, is not organized under the laws of nor has its Principal Place of Business in a Foreign Country of Concern, and the government of a Foreign Country of Concern does not have a Controlling Interest in the entity.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated in it are true.

Printed Name: Joel Knopp, CPA

Title: Partner

Signature: 

Date: 04/06/2026


EXHIBIT H

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT swears that the information herein contained is true and correct and that none of the information supplied was for the purpose of defrauding the COUNTY.

The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental handicap in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT agrees to comply with the rules, regulations and relevant orders issued pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), 42 USC s. 12101 *et seq.* It is understood that in no event shall the COUNTY be held liable for the actions or omissions of the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT or any other party or parties to the Agreement for failure to comply with the ADA. The CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the COUNTY, its agents, officers, or employees from any and all claims, demands, debts, liabilities or causes of action of every kind or character, whether in law or equity, resulting from the CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT's acts or omissions in connection with the ADA.

CONTRACTOR: Forvis Mazars, LLP

Signature: 

Printed Name: Joel Knopp, CPA

Title: Partner

Date: April 6, 2026

Affix Corporate Seal (if applicable)

STATE OF Florida

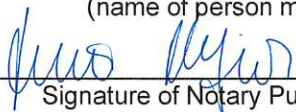
COUNTY OF Orange

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this 6th day of April, 2026, by Joel Knopp, CPA.

(name of person making statement)



Lina M. Mejia
Comm.: HH 621322
Expires: Jan. 9, 2029
Notary Public - State of Florida


Signature of Notary Public

Lina M. Mejia
Print/Type/Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced: _____

Exhibit I

[DATE]

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners
and Management
Sample County
[Address]

We appreciate your selection of **Forvis Mazars, LLP** as your service provider and are pleased to confirm the arrangements of our engagement in this contract. Within the requirements of our professional standards and any duties owed to the public, regulatory, or other authorities, our goal is to provide you an **Unmatched Client Experience**[®].

In addition to the terms set forth in this contract, including the detailed **Scope of Services**, our engagement is governed by the Terms and Conditions Addendum, incorporated fully by this reference

Summary Scope of Services

As described in the attached **Scope of Services**, our services will include the following:

Sample County, Florida, Sample County Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sample County Comptroller, Sample County Property Appraiser, Sample County Sheriff, Sample County Supervisor of Elections, Sample County Tax Collector, Sample County Community Redevelopment Agency, and Sample County Enterprise Fund

- Audit Services for the year ended September 30, 2026

You agree to assume full responsibility for the substantive outcomes of the contracted services and for any other services we may provide, including any findings that may result.

You also acknowledge these services are adequate for your purposes, and you will establish and monitor the performance of these services to ensure they meet management's objectives. All decisions involving management responsibilities related to these services will be made by you, and you accept full responsibility for such decisions.

We understand you have designated a management-level individual(s) to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the performance of nonattest services, and you have determined this individual is qualified to conduct such oversight.

Engagement Fees

Our fees will be based on time, skill, and resources, including our proprietary information required to complete the services. We have agreed that should time expended exceed our estimates, the maximum fee will not exceed \$XXX.

Our pricing for this engagement and our fee structure are based upon the expectation that our invoices will be paid promptly. These fees will be invoiced on an interim basis during the progress of our engagement. Invoices are due within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice in accordance with Florida Statute §218.74 ch. seq., the Local Government Prompt Payments Act. Any remaining balance is due upon delivery of the final product.

Our timely completion of services and the fees thereon depends on the assistance you provide us in accumulating information and responding to our inquiries. Inaccuracies or delays in providing this information or the responses may result in additional billings, untimely filings, or inability to meet other deadlines.

Contract Agreement

Please sign and return this contract to indicate your acknowledgment of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our services including our respective responsibilities.

Forvis Mazars, LLP

Acknowledged and agreed to as it relates to the entire contract, including the **Scope of Services** on behalf of Sample County, Florida.

BY _____

DATE _____

SAMPLE and FOIA exempt

Scope of Services – Audit Services

We will audit the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information and related disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements for the following entity:

Sample County, Florida as of and for the year ended September 30, 2026

We will audit the governmental activities and the general fund and related disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements for the following entities:

Sample County Community Redevelopment Agency as of and for the year ended September 30, 2025

We will audit the financial statements and related disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements for the following entities:

Sample County Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sample County Comptroller, Sample County Property Appraiser, Sample County Sheriff, Sample County Supervisor of Elections, and Sample County Tax Collector, and Sample County Enterprise Fund as of and for the year ended September 30, 2026

The audit has the following broad objectives:

- Obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- Expressing opinions on the financial statements
- Issuing a report on your internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters based on the audit of your financial statements in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*
- Expressing an opinion on your compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* and the Florida State Projects Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect to each of your major federal award programs and major state projects in accordance with the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), the Florida Single Act, and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, if applicable
- Issuing a report on your internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*
- Issuing a report on your schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance

You have informed us that the audited financial statements are expected to be presented along with management's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). Management is responsible for the other information included in the ACFR. The other information comprises the ACFR but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements will not cover the other information, and we will not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or whether the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

We will also express an opinion on whether supplementary information other than required supplementary information ("supplementary information") is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole. We consider the following to be supplementary information:

- Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Award and State Financial Assistance
- Combining and Individual Fund Financial Statements and Schedules

We will also provide you with the following nonattest services:

- Preparing a draft of the financial statements and related notes for the Sample County Clerk of the Courts, Sample County Property Appraiser, Sample County Sheriff, Sample County Supervisor of Elections, and Sample County Tax Collector

You agree to assume all management responsibilities and to oversee the nonattest services we will provide by designating an individual possessing suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience. You acknowledge that nonattest services are not covered under *Government Auditing Standards*. You are responsible for:

- Making all management decisions and performing all management functions
- Evaluating the adequacy and results of the services performed
- Accepting responsibility for the results of such services
- Designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities

Joel Knopp, CPA is responsible for supervising the engagement and authorizing the signing of the report or reports.

We will issue a written report(s) upon completion of our audit(s), addressed to the following parties:

Entity Name	Party Name
Sample County, Florida	Board of County Commissioners
Sample County Enterprise Fund	Board of County Commissioners
Sample County Community Redevelopment Agency	Board of Commissioners
Sample County Clerk of the Court	[Elected Official]
Sample County Comptroller	[Elected Official]
Sample County Property Appraiser	[Elected Official]
Sample County Sheriff's Office	[Elected Official]
Sample County Supervisor of Elections	[Elected Official]
Sample County Tax Collector	[Elected Official]

You are responsible to distribute our reports to other officials who have legal oversight authority or those responsible for acting on audit findings and recommendations, and to others authorized to receive such reports.

The following apply for the audit services described above:

Our Responsibilities

We will conduct our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, Uniform Guidance, and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*. Those standards require that we plan and perform:

- The audit of the financial statements to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error
- The audit of compliance to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the entity(ies) complied with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Compliance Supplement and Florida State Projects Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal award program and each major state financial assistance project, if applicable

We will exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We will identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We will obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.

We will evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We will also conclude, based on audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We will identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the entity's compliance with compliance requirements subject to audit and performing such other procedures as the auditor considers necessary in the circumstances.

We will obtain an understanding of the entity's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance, regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that the auditor identified during the audit.

Limitations & Fraud

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit that is planned and conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement or material noncompliance with federal award programs when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement or material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with compliance requirements is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the

aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the entity's compliance with the requirements of the federal programs as a whole.

Our understanding of internal control is not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of your internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we identify during the audit.

We are available to perform additional procedures with regard to fraud detection and prevention at your request, subject to completion of our normal engagement acceptance procedures. The actual terms and fees of such an engagement would be documented in a separate contract to be signed by you and Forvis Mazars, LLP.

Opinion

Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinion, add an emphasis-of-matter paragraph or other-matter paragraph(s) to our auditor's report, or if necessary, decline to express an opinion or withdraw from the engagement.

If we discover conditions that may prohibit us from issuing a standard report, we will notify you. In such circumstances, further arrangements may be necessary to continue our engagement.

Your Responsibilities

Management and, if applicable, those charged with governance acknowledge and understand their responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of all information provided and for the following:

- **Audit Support** – to provide us with:
 - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity or within components of the entity (including management, those charged with governance, and component auditors) from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence
 - Information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, including access to information relevant to disclosures
 - Information about events occurring or facts discovered subsequent to the date of the financial statements, of which management may become aware, that may affect the financial statements
 - Information about any known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees with significant role in internal control, and others where fraud could have a material effect on the financials
 - Identification and provision of report copies of previous audits, attestation engagements, or other studies that directly relate to the objectives of the audit, including whether related recommendations have been implemented
 - Additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit
- **Internal Control and Compliance** – for the:
 - Design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to compliance with laws and regulations and the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error

- Alignment of internal control to ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported; and that compliance with and identification of the laws, regulations, contracts, grants, or agreements (including any federal award programs and state financial assistance projects) applicable to the entity's activities is achieved
 - Remedy, through timely and appropriate steps, of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or other agreements reported by the auditor
 - Establishment and maintenance of processes to track the status and address findings and recommendations of auditors
- **Accounting and Reporting** – for the:
 - Maintenance of adequate records, selection and application of accounting principles, and the safeguard of assets
 - Adjustment of the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirmation to us in the representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole
 - Preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (or other basis if indicated in the contract)
 - Inclusion of the auditors' report in any document containing financial statements that indicates that such financial statements have been audited by us
 - Distribution of audit reports to any necessary parties

**Required
Supplementary
Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information ("RSI") to accompany the basic financial statements. We understand the following RSI will accompany the basic financial statements:

1. Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A")
2. Budgetary Comparison schedules
3. Pension and Other Postemployment Benefit information

Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

Management is responsible for the fair presentation of the RSI. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the RSI in GAAS. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements.

We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

**Supplementary
Information**

With regard to any supplementary information that we are engaged to report on:

- Management is responsible for its preparation in accordance with applicable criteria
- Management will provide certain written representations regarding the supplementary information at the conclusion of our engagement
- Management will include our report on this supplementary information in any document that contains this supplementary information and indicates we have reported on the supplementary information
- Management will make the supplementary information readily available to intended users if it is not presented with the audited financial statements

Such information is:

- Presented for the purpose of additional analysis of the financial statements
- Not a required part of the financial statements
- The responsibility of management
- Subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS

**Written
Confirmations
Required**

As part of our audit process, we will request from management and, if applicable, those charged with governance written confirmation acknowledging certain responsibilities outlined in this contract and confirming:

- The availability of this information
- Certain representations made during the audit for all periods presented
- The effects of any uncorrected misstatements, if any, resulting from errors or fraud aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole

**Peer Review
Report**

Government Auditing Standards require that we provide you with a copy of our most recent external peer review report and any letter of comment, and any subsequent peer review reports and letters of comment received during the period of the contract, upon request. If you would like a copy, please request from your engagement executive.