SOUTHERN HILLS PLANTATION II COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 12, 2017

#### SOUTHERN HILLS PLANTATION II COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AGENDA APRIL 12, 2017 AT 10:00 a.m.

Southern Hills Plantation II 4200 Summit View Drive, Brooksville, FL 34601

**Committee Members** 

**Staff Members** 

Chairman Vice-Chairman Supervisor Supervisor

District Manager District Attorney District Engineer Devon Rushnell Chuck Maynard Matt Pallardy Jon Franz

Brian Lamb Leigh Fletcher Don Lacey

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April 12, 2017

#### **Southern Hills Plantation II**

Dear Committee Members:

The meeting of the Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District Audit Committee and Regular Board Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Southern Hills Clubhouse, located at 4200 Summit View Drive, Brooksville, FL 34601. Included below is the agenda:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS
- 4. AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING
  - A. Open the Audit Committee Meeting

  - C. Evaluate and Rank the Audit Proposals
  - D. Finalize the Ranking and Consideration of Audit Committee Recommendation
  - E. Close the Audit Committee Meeting

#### 5. REGULAR BOARD MEETING

- A. Open the Regular Board Meeting
- B. Consideration of Audit Committee Recommendations and Evaluation
- C. Consideration of District Engineer Proposals
- D. Consideration of District Management Proposals
- E. General Matters of the District
- 6. SUPERVISOR REQUESTS AND AUDIENCE COMMENTS
- 7. ADJOURNMENT

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (813) 397-5120.

Sincerely,

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Brian Lamb District Manager

## SOUTHERN HILLS PLANTATION II COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

March 10, 2017 Audit Committee Meeting

#### Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting

The Audit Committee Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District was held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Southern Hills Clubhouse, located at 4200 Summit View Drive, Brooksville, FL 34601.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mr. Lamb called the Audit Committee Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District to order on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present and Constituting a Quorum:Devon RushnellVice ChairmanMatt PallardySupervisorJon FranzSupervisor

Staff Members Present: Brian Lamb Leigh Fletcher

District Manager District Counsel

There were a few audience members present.

#### 2. APPOINT CHAIRMAN

Mr. Lamb was appointed the Chairman of the meeting.

#### 3. SELECTION OF CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

Mr. Lamb went over the criteria for evaluation of proposals. Mr. Lamb said there are four items the Board could use to evaluate proposals: ability of the personnel, ability to furnish the required services, experience, and an additional factor, which could be price. He recommended that the Board weigh them equally. Ms. Fletcher discussed the pros and cons of using price as the additional factor in the criteria. The Board discussed using price as another factor to evaluate the proposals and would like to factor price into their determination. Mr. Lamb stated that they could also use timeline and have five categories with equal balance, and the Board agreed.

MOTION TO:	Use the following five categories with equal weight as selection criteria to evaluate the proposals: ability of the personnel, ability to furnish the required services, experience, price, and timeline.
MADE BY:	Supervisor Franz
SECONDED BY:	Supervisor Rushnell
DISCUSSION:	None Further
RESULT:	Called to Vote: Motion PASSED
	3/0 - Motion Passed Unanimously

#### 4. DETERMINE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION RFP REQUIRED CONSIDER NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES

Mr. Lamb stated that management will run an advertisement in the newspaper for RFP and will also reach out to four or five companies that do the work. He stated there will be a time frame of around three weeks to process this, and there will need to be a committee meeting and a Board of Supervisors meeting about it in mid-April. The Board had questions about the scope of the audit, and Mr. Lamb and Ms. Fletcher answered their questions.

MOTION TO:	Write in a specialty criteria for the company to do a review of the 2011 audit and that the audit that was used is in good standing and consistent with requirements.
MADE BY:	Supervisor Franz
SECONDED BY:	Supervisor Rushnell
DISCUSSION:	None Further
RESULT:	Called to Vote: Motion PASSED
	3/0 - Motion Passed Unanimously

#### 6. DETERMINE DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The Audit Committee agreed to meet on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. The CDD Board meeting will be scheduled for directly after the Audit Committee meeting.

#### 5. CONSIDER SENDING RFP TO INTERESTED FIRMS

Mr. Lamb reiterated that management will reach out to some companies who do audits as well as advertise the RFP in the newspaper.

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO:	Adjourn.
MADE BY:	Supervisor Rushnell
SECONDED BY:	Supervisor Pallardy
DISCUSSION:	None Further
RESULT:	Called to Vote: Motion PASSED
	3/0 - Motion Passed Unanimously

\*These minutes were done in summary format.

\*Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Meeting minutes were approved at a meeting by vote of the Board of Supervisors at a publicly noticed meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Signature	Signature
Printed Name	Printed Name
Title: Chairman  Vice Chairman	Title: □ Secretary □ Assistant Secretary
Official District Seal	Recorded by Records Administrator

Date

#### PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE AUDITING SERVICES TO THE

## SOUTHERN HILLS PLANTATION II COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - AUDIT SERVICES

March 29, 2017

Submitted by:



934 NORTH MAGNOLIA AVENUE SUITE 100 ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32803 (407) 615-8215

CONTACT: ELDEN McDIRMIT, C.P.A.

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#### PROPOSAL FOR AUDIT SERVICES TO SOUTHERN HILLS PLANTATION II COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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LETTER OF INTEREST

## MCDIRMIT /// DAVIS CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND ADVISORS

March 29, 2017

Eric Davidson, District Treasurer Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District 2005 Pan Am Circle, Suite 120 Tampa, Florida 33607

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our qualifications and experience to serve as independent auditors of the *Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District*. The accompanying proposal will provide you detailed information regarding the scope of services to be provided, as well as a profile of the firm, the individuals who will serve you, our qualifications and experience, and representative clients, including specific references.

It is our understanding that we will provide the following services:

- 1. Financial audit as defined in Sec. 11.45(I)(b), Florida Statutes, of the basic financial statements of the *Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District* for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2012 through September 30, 2017. We will commit to maintain staff required to conclude the audits within the time constraints indicated in the RFP.
- 2. The audit will be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Governmental Auditing Standards* and the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida.

We believe we are the best-qualified firm to perform the engagement for the following reasons:

- <sup>o</sup> We presently audit sixty-seven Community Development Districts, fourteen municipalities and one water authority and have an excellent working knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles related to governmental entities. We assist in the preparation of the CAFR for most of these governmental entities.
- <sup>o</sup> We have assisted nine municipalities in receiving the GFOA "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting". Most of these municipalities have been receiving the "Certificate of Achievement" for between ten and twenty years. Elden McDirmit is active as a national review team member of the GFOA's "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" program. As a review team member, Mr. McDirmit reviews and evaluates financial reports submitted by cities and counties to determine whether the financial reports meet the stringent requirements to receive the GFOA'S prestigious award. Participating as a review team member, Mr. McDirmit has demonstrated his expertise in governmental accounting and auditing.

- We have strong information technology ability and will input the District's general ledger balances into our ProSystem fx Engagement software and perform a virtually "paperless" audit. The District's Financial Statements are linked to the general ledger; therefore, the likelihood of errors on the financial statements is reduced.
- We have recent and continuous experience, and have devoted a great deal of our continuing education to the governmental auditing and accounting field. Our firm meets the independence and education requirements of the *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our firm is independent of the *Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District* as defined by *Government Auditing Standards*.
- We believe in continuing client contact throughout the year, not just during the audit. We encourage on-going client contact by <u>not</u> charging any fee for phone calls.
- <sup>o</sup> We are members of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants and an Associate member of the Governmental Finance Officers Association. Our firm is active in governmental organizations throughout Central Florida and serves on governmental committees of the Florida Institute of CPA's.
- We are a local firm with personnel committed to quality and professional performance, accustomed to providing a high level of client satisfaction. We believe that our firm is part of a team effort to assist the District in developing the best financial reporting possible.
- We have a history of continuity of personnel assigned to the engagement. Our single office firm and low personnel turnover assures uninterrupted services from our partners and staff. We have a staff of 26 people and **10 of those are governmental audit staff**.
- We certify that we do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, familial status, age, or any other protected characteristic as established in the Equal Employment Opportunity law.

Because of our unique qualifications and a philosophy based on complete dedication to client service, we feel confident that we can provide you with responsiveness and a range of experience that will best serve your needs.

Mr. Elden G. McDirmit, partner is authorized to represent the firm and may be contacted at 934 North Magnolia Avenue, Suite 100, Orlando, Florida 32803, or phone (407) 615-8215.

We would consider it a privilege to serve as independent auditors for the Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District.

Sincerely,

McDIRMIT DAVIS & COMPANY, LLC

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Elden McDirmit, C.P.A.

COMPANY BACKGROUND

#### **Company Background**

#### **Description and History of Audit Firm**

McDirmit Davis & Company, LLC was incorporated in the State of Florida in August 1984 and serves Central Florida from its centrally located office in Orlando, Florida. The partners have over 150 years of combined experience in public accounting, and our firm has grown to be ranked as one of the top 10 accounting firms in Central Florida by the Orlando Business Journal.

Our firm now consists of the following staff:

Partners	4
Managers	3
Seniors	4
Staff Accountants/Paraprofessionals	12
Support Staff	2
Information Systems	
Technology Staff	_1
	26

The total number of governmental audit staff is ten (10). We are members of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants and an associate member of the Governmental Finance Officers Association. We are also a member of the *Governmental Audit Quality Center*.

Our firm has a wide range of clients providing both goods and services in the Central Florida area. Our practice encompasses auditing, accounting, management advisory and tax services. A list of all governmental clients audited by us for the fiscal years 2010-2015 is as follows:

- Sixty-seven Community Development Districts
- Sun'n Lake of Sebring Improvement District
- City of Winter Springs, Florida \*
- City of Ocoee, Florida \*
- City of Longwood, Florida \*
- City of Lake Mary, Florida\*
- City of Belle Isle, Florida \*
- City of Mascotte, Florida
- City of Tavares, Florida \*
- Town of Windermere, Florida
- City of Clermont, Florida \*
- City of Maitland, Florida \*
- City of Oviedo, Florida\*
- City of Inverness, Florida
- City of Orange City, Florida\*
- City of Groveland, Florida
- These entities are presently clients of McDirmit Davis & Company, LLC
- \* These entities participate in the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting program.



#### **Engagement Team**

The following supervisory people will work on the audit:

- Elden McDirmit, C.P.A., engagement partner
- Kelly Leary, C.P.A., review partner
- Tammy Campbell, C.P.A., director of audit services
- Gina Kleindorfer, IT specialist



All of the above people have considerable experience on governmental audit engagements. Resumes detailing their experience follow on pages 8 through 11. All supervisory personnel assigned to the audit, except the IT Professional, are Certified Public Accountants. The engagement partner and director of audit services will be assigned to audit on a full-time basis.

The professional staff of our firm has been conducting governmental audits in the Central Florida area for the past thirty years. We are experienced auditors in a variety of industries and offer experience in auditing federal grants under the Single Audit Act and performing compliance audits of state grants. Our policy is to assign staff accountants to the same audit each year, but rotate the areas they work on. We will notify the District prior to assigning new staff to the audit.

#### License to Practice in Florida

Our Firm and all key professional staff are properly licensed to practice in the state of Florida. In addition, our Firm and all assigned key personnel are in good standing with the Florida Board of Accountancy. We can provide a copy of actual License, if requested.

#### Independence

McDirmit Davis & Company, LLC is independent of the District as defined by auditing standards contained in *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Governmental Audit Quality Center**

McDirmit Davis & Company, LLC is a member of the AICPA's Governmental Audit Quality Center which is dedicated to establishing the highest standards of audit quality in the governmental accounting and audit sector.

#### External Quality Control Review

Our Firm understands the importance of developing a formal quality control program, and therefore have been a member of the Private Companies Practice Section of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants **since 1985**. Member firms are required to adhere to quality control standards established by the AICPA Quality Control Standards Committee and to submit to peer reviews of the firm's accounting and audit practice. Peer reviews are intensive reviews of a firm's quality control system by an independent CPA firm. Our firm has had seven peer reviews performed by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Each peer review has included a review of a local governmental entity. We received a "pass" opinion on each review, which represents the best opinion that a firm can receive.

#### **External Quality Control Review - Continued**

On our most recent peer review performed in 2014, we received a peer review rating of "pass", which is the highest rating that a firm can receive under the revised peer review standards. We have <u>never</u> been subject to any litigation or disciplinary actions by a client, the State or any professional organization for substandard field work. A copy of our firm's most recent peer review report follows this page. These peer reviews included a review of at least two governmental engagements, and it should be noted that there were no findings as a result of this review. We have never withdrawn from an engagement prior to the agreed expiration date.

#### Federal or State Reviews

Any Federal or State desk review has resulted in no findings and we have never undergone a Federal or State field audit.

#### Other Services Provided

Our experience in governmental auditing has led to the development of efficient procedures that provide various client benefits. Our services provide our clients with a wide range of knowledge, confidence, and helpful management advice. Below is a listing of the type of other services that we have provided to governmental clients.

- 1. Assistance in preparation of Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports for recognition by the Government Finance Officers Certificate of Achievement Program.
- 2. Internal audit services.
- 3. Issuance of Comfort Letters and Consent Letters in conjunction with the issuance of tax-exempt bonds.
- 4. Assistance on early implementation of new GASB Statements.
- 5. Assisting in compiling historical financial data for first-time submissions for GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.
- 6. Detailed internal control studies and evaluations of accounting systems.

System Review Report

To the Owners of McDirmit Davis & Company, LLC And the Peer Review Committee of the Florida Institute of CPAs

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of McDirmit Davis & Company, LLC (the firm) in effect for the year ended June 30, 2014. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures. The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review. The nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review are described in the standards at www.aicpa.org/prsummary.

As required by the standards, engagements selected for review included engagements performed under the *Government Auditing Standards* and audits of employee benefit plans.

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of McDirmit Davis & Company, LLC in effect for the year ended June 30, 2014, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass, pass with deficiency (ies)* or *fail.* McDirmit Davis & Company, LLC has received a peer review rating of *pass.* 

Shoren + Stunt, P.A.

Gregory, Sharer & Stuart, P.A. October 16, 2014

#### **Continuing Education**

McDirmit Davis & Company, LLC is committed to the personal and professional growth of its staff. Our firm requires an annual minimum of 40 hours of continuing professional education for each staff member.

Our governmental audit staff complies with the continuing education requirements of the State of Florida, the Governmental Accountability Office (GAO), and *Governmental Auditing Standards* (Yellow Book). Therefore at least 24 hours during a 2 year period must be in subjects directly related to the government environment and to governmental auditing. Our governmental audit staff always exceed this requirement since they attend each year the Florida Governmental Financial Officer's Association Annual Conference which provides 22 hours of training in governmental accounting and auditing.



As a result of our governmental experience, our staff has taught classes or lectured on various topics. We offer "in-house" education courses for our staff, which at times, our clients have attended. In addition, we would be happy to teach seminars for the benefit of the District's accounting staff.

#### Information Technology

Our firm has one dedicated Information Technology specialist who has several years' experience in setting up and administering computer systems and networks of all sizes. In addition, all ten governmental audit personnel are experienced with various governmental software programs. We utilize automated, paperless auditing software which stores all trial balances and audit workpapers electronically. We also use IDEA Data Analysis Software, which enables us to obtain 100% of selected data and **test** "through your computer system."

One of the services we provide our clients is CLIENT PORTAL. This is a convenient online storage space in which files can be effortlessly uploaded, downloaded, stored and shared in a safe and secure environment. We understand that every business has different requirements when it comes to IT systems. To help you find the best IT system to suit your needs, our IT Specialist will evaluate your network and provide a comprehensive solution.

#### **Records Retention**

Our firm maintains records in accordance with local, state, and Federal Public Records Retention Requirements.

## EXPERIENCE

## MCDIRMIT *III* DAVIS



### Resume - Elden G. McDirmit, CPA Engagement Partner

#### Education, Certifications, and Licenses

- B.S. Degree in Accounting, University of Central Florida
- CPA, Certified Public Accountant Florida, 1978
- CEA, Certified of Education Achievement from AICPA in Governmental accounting and auditing

#### Affiliations and Community Involvement

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)
- Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA)
- FICPA Peer Review Committee
- Reviewer for GFOA's "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" program
- Past Chairman of the Orange County Housing Finance Authority, which has authority to issue revenue bonds to address the needs of Orange, Seminole, Lake and Osceola Counties.

#### **Continuing Professional Education**

Elden has completed over 80 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) in the area of governmental accounting and auditing within the past two years and meets the requirements of *Governmental Auditing Standards*.

#### Experience

- Elden started the firm McDirmit Davis & Company in 1984 and began the audit of the City of Ocoee in 1985 and City of Tavares in 1988. The firm still performs audits of both these cities.
- He has assisted municipalities with the issuance of comfort letter and consent letters in conjunction with the issuance of tax-exempt bonds.

#### Governmental Audit Experience (Past 5 years)

- Sun'n Lake of Sebring
   Improvement District
- Over 67 Community Development Districts
- City of Umatilla
- City of Ocoee
- City of Longwood
- City of Maitland
- City of Winter Springs
- City of Oviedo
- City of Lake Mary

- City of Belle Isle
- City of Clermont
- City of Mascotte
- Town of Windermere
- Homosassa Water District
- City of Tavares

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#### Resume - Kelly D. Leary, CPA Review Partner

#### Education, Certifications, and Licenses

- B.S. Degree in Accounting, University of Hawaii
- CPA, Certified Public Accountant Florida, 1983
- CPA, Certified Public Accountant California, 1980

#### **Affiliations and Community Involvement**

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)
- Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA)
- FICPA State and Local Government Committee
- Board of Directors of Fairwinds Credit Union

#### **Continuing Professional Education**

Kelly has completed over 80 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) in the area of governmental accounting and auditing within the past two years and meets the requirements of *Governmental Auditing Standards*.

#### Experience

- Kelly has 28 years of governmental accounting and auditing experience and has been with McDirmit Davis and Company since 1991. She has significant experience in the audits of governmental and not-for-profit entities, including those subject to Federal and Florida Single Audit requirements.
- She has written articles for the magazine <u>Florida CPA Today</u> relating to governmental pension plans and single audits.
- For many years she has been on a subcommittee that has revised <u>Compliance Auditing in</u> <u>Florida</u>, an FICPA Practice Aid.
- She has assisted municipalities with the issuance of comfort letter and consent letters in conjunction with the issuance of tax-exempt bonds.

#### Governmental Audit Experience (Past 5 years)

- City of Winter Springs
- City of Oviedo
- City of Umatilla
- City of Ocoee
- City of Longwood
- City of Maitland
- Sanford Airport Authority

- City of Lake Mary
- City of Tavares
- City of Belle Isle
- City of Clermont
- City of Mascotte
- Town of Windermere
- Homosassa Water District
- Various Community Development Districts

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## **Resume - Tammy Campbell, CPA**

#### Director of Audit Services

#### Education, Certifications, and Licenses

- B.S. Degree in Accounting, University of Central Florida
- Masters in Taxation, University of Central Florida
- CPA, Certified Public Accountant Florida, 2007

#### Affiliations and Community Involvement

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)
- Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA)
- Reviewer for GFOA's "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" program

#### **Continuing Professional Education**

Tammy has completed over 120 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) in the area of governmental accounting and auditing within the past three years and meets the requirements of *Governmental Auditing Standards (the "Yellow Book"*). CPE included classes on Single Audits, the *Yellow Book*, and changes in governmental accounting principles, such as GASBS 67 and 68 on pension plans.

#### Experience

- Tammy has ten (12) years of governmental accounting and auditing experience, including municipalities and airport authorities.
- Her experience has included planning, fieldwork, and preparation of comprehensive annual financial reports for several governmental audit engagements.
- Tammy has worked with all 14 municipalities in the CAFR preparation process, including assisting most cities with obtaining the GFOA Certificate of Achievement.

#### Governmental Audit Experience (Past 5 years)

- Over 60 Community
   Development Districts
- City of Umatilla
- City of Clermont
- City of Oviedo
- City of Lake Mary
- City of Ocoee
- City of Tavares
- Sanford Airport Authority
- City of Orange City

- Town of Windermere
- City of Longwood
- City of Belle Isle
- City of Winter Springs
- City of Maitland
- City of Mascotte
- Homosassa Water District
- City of Inverness

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### Resume - Gina Kleindorfer

#### Information Technology Specialist

#### Education, Certifications, and Licenses

Associates Degree, Indiana University

#### Experience

Gina is an IT Professional with over 25 years' experience, directing a broad range of corporate IT security initiatives while participating in planning, analyzing, and implementing solutions in support of business objectives. She has provided comprehensive secure network design, system analysis and full lifecycle project management. Gina has hands-on experience leading all stages of system development, including design, architecture, testing and support. Her outstanding project and program leadership allows her to be able to coordinate and direct all phases of projects.

#### **Key Skills**

- Network & System Security
- Risk Management
- Vulnerability Assessments
- Authentication & Access Control
- System Monitoring
- System Integration Planning
- Multitier Network Architectures
- Implementation Planning
- End-user Training
- Staff Leadership/Mentoring
- System Administration
- Application Management
- User Requirements Analysis
- Help Design/Technical Support

#### **Technology Summary**

Security Technologies:	Anti-Virus Tools; Disaster Recovery, Network Administration; PCI security standards
Systems:	Windows (all)
<u>Networking:</u>	LANs, WANs, VPNs, Routers, Firewalls, TCP/IP

## References of Governmental Accounting Experience:

Principal Client Contact		Scope of Work	Engagement <u>Stockholder</u>	Total <u>Hours</u>	<u>Years</u>	
Ms. Tanya Cannady Sun'n Lake of Sebring Improvement District 5306 Sun'n Lake Blvd. Sebring, FL 33872 tcannady@snldistrict.org		Annual Financial & Compliance Audit and preparation of Financials	Elden McDirmit	210	2011 to Present	
Ms. Barbara Brown Rizzetta & Company 3434 Colwell Ave. Suite 200 Tampa, Florida 33614 (813) 933-5571	•	Annual Financial & Compliance Audit of thirty- two (32) CDD's	Elden McDirmit	960	2008 to Present	
Mr. James Ward JPWard and Associates, LLC 2041 NE 6 <sup>th</sup> Terrace Wilton Manors, Florida 33305 <u>ward9490@comcast.net</u>	•	Annual Financial & Compliance Audit of four (4) CDD's	Elden McDirmit	150	2010 to Present	
Mr. Jim Gleason, City Mgr. City of Mascotte 100 East Myers Blvd. Mascotte, FL 34753 (352) 429-3341 jim.gleason@cityofmascotte.com	•	Annual Financial & Compliance Audit and preparation of Financials	Elden McDirmit	150	2000 to Present	
Mr. Darrin Mossing GMS dmossing@gmstnn.com	•	Annual Financial & Compliance Audit of eleven (11) CDD's	Elden McDirmit	350	2010 to Present	

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## References of Governmental Accounting Experience - Continued:

Principal Client Contact Mr. John Williams, City Administrator City of Longwood, Florida 175 W. Warren Avenue Longwood, FL 32750 jwilliams@longwoodfl.org	<ul> <li>Scope of Work</li> <li>Annual Financial &amp; Compliance Audit (Single Audit) and preparation of CAFR</li> <li>Received GFOA's "Certificate of Achievement"</li> </ul>	Engagement <u>Stockholder</u> Kelly Leary	Total <u>Hours</u> 250	Years 1991 to 1993 and 1997 to Present 2000 to Present	
Mr. Robert Smith, Town Mgr. Town of Windermere 614 Main Street Windermere, FL 34786 (407) 876-2563 rsmith@town.windermere.fl.us	• Annual Financial & Compliance Audit and preparations of Financials	Kelly Leary	150		
Ms. Lori Houghton, Fin. Dir. City of Tavares, Florida P.O. Box 1068 Tavares, FL 32778-1068 (352) 742-6212 Ihoughton@tavares.org	<ul> <li>Tavares, Florida</li> <li>Box 1068</li> <li>es, FL 32778-1068</li> <li>742-6212</li> <li>nton@tavares.org</li> <li>Utility and Franchise Tax</li> </ul>		250	1988 to Present	
Ms. Wanda Horton, Fin. Dir. City of Ocoee, Florida 150 Lakeshore Drive Ocoee, FL 34761 (407) 905-3100 wandah@ci.ocoee.fl.us	FloridaCompliance Audit (Singlee DriveAudit) and preparation of.761CAFR00		350	1985 to Present	
Ms. Dianne Holloway, Fin. Dir. City of Lake Mary, Florida 100 N. Country Club Road Lake Mary, FL 32749 (407) 585-1409 <u>dholloway@lakemaryfl.com</u>	<ul> <li>Annual Financial &amp; Compliance Audit</li> <li>Received GFOA's "Certificate of Achievement"</li> </ul>	Kelly Leary	200	1997 to Present	

Principal Client Contact	Scope of Work	Engagement <u>Stockholder</u>	Total <u>Hours</u>	<u>Years</u>
Mr. Shawn Boyle, Fin. Dir. City of Winter Springs, Florida 1126 E. State Road 434 Winter Springs, FL 32708	<ul> <li>Annual Financial &amp; Compliance Audit and preparation of CAFR</li> </ul>	Kelly Leary	400	2000 to Present
(407) 971-5544 sboyle@winterspringsfl.org	<ul> <li>Received GFOA's "Certificate of Achievement"</li> </ul>			

## References of Governmental Accounting Experience - Continued:

## SERVICE APPROACH

#### Service Approach

Our audit will be segmented as follows:

- Phase 1:Audit PlanningPhase 2:Evaluation and Testing of Internal ControlsPhase 3:Substantive TestingPhase 4:Reporting

#### Phase 1: Audit Planning

Preliminary planning includes deciding on an overall strategy for the audit, obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including its internal control, making an initial assessment of audit risk and materiality, and deciding on the overall timing of the engagement. We will also begin to assemble our "permanent file," which consists of copies of organizational charts, District manuals, documents, and financial and other management systems.

We will meet with staff of the District to obtain an understanding of the flow of transactions through your accounting system. This includes understanding your computer environment in order to comply with the requirements of SAS 94 *The Effect of Information Technology on the Auditor's Consideration of Internal Control in a Financial Statement Audit.* We will also gather information to identify fraud risks as required by SAS 99 *Consideration of Fraud in a Financial Statement Audit.* 

We will also perform preliminary analytical procedures and compare trends for the current and at least the two previous years for unusual fluctuations. This will include review of both budget and actual amounts.

During this planning phase, we will ask management and staff at the District to identify areas of higher risk as well as other areas that they want us to focus on during our audit. We will also provide the District with a list of all schedules to be prepared by the District.

#### Phase 2: Evaluation and Testing of Internal Controls and Compliance

During Phase 2, we will evaluate your control policies and procedures to determine if they are functioning properly in significant transaction classes. To gain an understanding of the procedures in place, and current internal control structure, we typically conduct interviews with staff and management involved in the specific transaction class to be tested. We then perform tests of these controls to determine with reasonable assurance that control procedures are functioning as planned and whether further testing will

be needed. As part of our tests of controls, we will include tests of compliance with applicable ordinances, and state and federal laws and regulations. In order to determine which ordinances, laws and regulations to test for compliance, we start by reviewing the FICPA Practice Aid *Compliance Auditing in Florida*. We then evaluate which ordinances, laws and regulations have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. Sample sizes are determined based upon our assessment of control risk and may be judgmental, random, or stratified, depending on the attributes of the population being tested. We will select samples from the significant transaction classes and trace from original documents through the computer system to the general ledger through the use of IDEA Data Analysis Software.



#### Service Approach - Continued

#### Phase 2: Evaluation and Testing of Internal Controls and Compliance - Continued

Our control testing includes obtaining an understanding of the computer software used by the District, and tracing sample selections through the system to determine the desired outcomes are being achieved. Our testing of Information Technology includes inquiries of appropriate personnel regarding data backups and access to District files.

After controls have been documented, evaluated and tested, we will finalize the District's audit plan. Audit programs will be tailored to fit the specifics of the District's accounting systems.

#### Phase 3: Substantive Testing

Prior to starting year-end substantive testing, we will have a pre-audit meeting with the District Manager. We plan to use an audit senior for the audit. The partner or senior will always be in the field to supervise the work.

Our year-end fieldwork will focus on verifying balances in accounts. For example, we will confirm cash balances, as well as debt balances with financial institutions. In addition to obtaining audit confirmations, representation letters and attorney letters, we will perform tests on account balances using analytical procedures, recalculation and verification. Our firm uses ProSystem fx Engagement electronic audit software which may allow us to interface with your accounting system and reduce the time required to transfer your accounting data to a separate software package. We believe it is important to use analytical review procedures in this substantive phase of the audit. We compare analytical results to our expectation of what the results should be in order to determine if additional audit procedures are required. Typical analytical procedures include expense variances with previous years and budget amounts, revenue variances with previous years and budgeted amounts.

We will keep the District's management up to date on the progress of the audit and will discuss preliminary findings and potential problems or opportunities as we encounter them. Our approach to resolving problems encountered is to discuss with the District Manager to make sure our understanding is correct. Our process to produce a meaningful "management letter" is to review results of testing of internal controls, as well as year-end field work and draft recommendations for improvements to be discussed with management.

#### Service Approach - Continued

#### Phase 4: Reporting

The audit work is reviewed by the engagement partner throughout the engagement. Once the engagement partner review is complete, a second review of the financial statements is performed by the review partner. This second review is required as part of McDirmit Davis and Company's internal system of quality control and ensures the District receives the best service possible.

We will prepare a draft of the financial statements and then issue the following:

- Auditor's report on financial statements
- Report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards"
- Management Letter

We will provide technical assistance to the District to meet changes in required disclosures. Once reports have been reviewed by management and approved in final form, we will issue final reports and supply in electronic format.

COST PROPOSAL

#### Cost Proposal

We understand the requested services include audits of the District's financial statements for the term of six years, beginning with the year ended September 30, 2012. The audits will be made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

McDirmit Davis & Company, LLC is duly licensed under Chapter 473, Florida Statutes and is qualified to conduct audits in the State of Florida and audits in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Fees include all services, including but not limited to, meals and lodging, transportation, printing and binding, telephone, fax and copies. Out of pocket expense (if any) related to charges for confirmations will be in addition to the audit fee. Invoices will be submitted as work progresses on each phase of the audit.

Audit fees (All-Inclusive)	2012	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total audit fee	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,300	\$4,500

# Helping You Shine by Illuminating Solutions

## professional services PROPOSAL FOR

Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District March 29, 2017

#### PROPOSER

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC 500 Grand Boulevard, Suite 210 Miramar Beach, FL 32550 (850) 837-3141

#### SUBMITTED BY

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Stephen Riggs, IV Concurring Partner SCRiggs@cricpa.com



Dear Audit Selection Committee:

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC (CRI) appreciates the opportunity to propose on auditing services to Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District (the "District"). We are genuinely excited about the prospect of serving you and establishing a long-term relationship. We pride ourselves on getting to know our clients and illuminating solutions by providing innovative **IDEAS** to move them from compliance to providing them a competitive advantage.

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

edicated Team. CRI's team consists of more than 1,400 professionals, which allows us to tailor your service team by aligning their industry, service, and specialty skills with your needs. Our dedicated teams deliver the highest level of business acumen and knowledge to your organization; our commitment to consistent staffing allows you to maximize savings and remain focused on your needs.

**quilibrium.** CRI delivers big firm expertise with small firm service. Of approximately 45,000 public accounting firms in the United States, CRI currently ranks among the top 25. Additionally, as a part of PrimeGlobal, an association of independent accounting firms, we have access to international resources as – and when – needed. Leveraging these resources while maintaining local decision-making authority means that simplified solutions are only a phone call away. And we believe that's the best of both worlds for our clients.



ctive Partner Participation. Collectively, our partners deliver expertise derived from more than 4,400 years of business experience. With this level of talent, we thoughtfully choose a partner that aligns with your business' needs and industry. Our hands-on, working partners "show up" to convey our genuine commitment to your success. They strive to earn trusted advisor roles by digging in, proactively learning your business, and producing long-term value for you.



**implified Solutions.** Our 225 different cumulative partner certifications is an impressive statistic, success is measured by translating complex concepts into client solutions. While accounting is the language of business, we're here



to decipher the jargon and help you make educated decisions. CRInnovate embraces agility and invention. The CRI vSTAR<sup>™</sup> process, our inaugural initiative delivering a virtual audit, is designed to provide you with maximized efficiencies, reduced workload, and an improved experience.

We welcome the opportunity to demonstrate to you the same teamwork, expertise, innovation, and responsiveness that have made us one of the fastest growing public accounting firms in the United States. Again, we appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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K. Alan Jowers, CPA Engagement Partner

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## **UNDERSTANDING & MEETING YOUR NEEDS**

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

	NEEDS & ISSUES	SOLUTIONS & SERVICES
Technical	The District is required to have independent audits performed on its financial statements. The District is requesting audits for past due fiscal years 2012-2013 through 2014-2015. In addition, the District is looking for audits of fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.	Perform external audit services in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), in order to express an opinion on the District's financial statements.
Relational	The District's Board of Supervisors and management expect open and continuous communication with their CPA firm in order to avoid surprise findings at the end of the audit.	<ul> <li>Communicate contemporaneously and directly with management regarding the results of our procedures.</li> <li>Anticipate and respond to concerns of management and/or the Audit Committee (if/when formed).</li> </ul>

### **YOUR SERVICES & FEES**

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

SERVICE	CRI FEES		
SERVICE	2013	2014	2015
Perform external audit services in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS)	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500

CRI FEES	
2017	
\$5,75	

### UNIQUE SAVINGS OPPORTUNITY WITH CRI

CRI offers the unique opportunity to utilize the CRI vSTAR<sup>™</sup> process, our virtual audit process that combines minimal hardware, collaborative software, and cameras to allow us to perform all or part of our audit engagement virtually and in real time. CRI vSTAR<sup>™</sup> clients will enjoy reduced or eliminated travel costs – which translates into savings.

If the District requests additional services outside of this proposal, professional fee hourly rates are as follows, but may be negotiated depending on the project request:

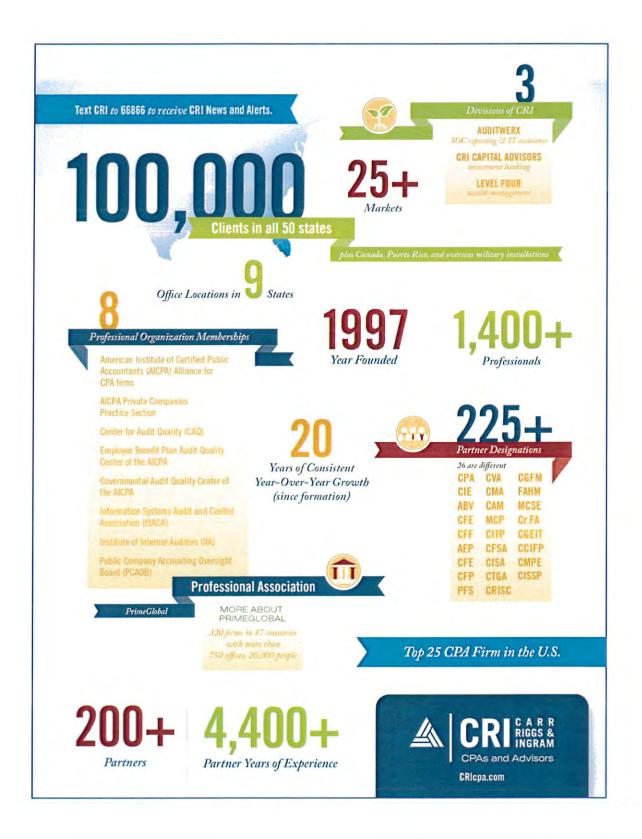
CLASSIFICATION	HOURLY RATE		
Partner	\$225		
Manager	\$140		
Senior	\$100		
Staff	\$80		
IT Specialist	\$200		
Fraud Specialist	\$200		

Our professional fees are based on the key assumptions that Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District will:

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



### FIRM PROFILE



### **GOVERNMENT CREDENTIALS**





During the 7 years we have worked with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, I have found that their team has tremendous expertise in local government financial operations. They have demonstrated a keen understanding of our risks and worked with our city officials to develop sensible solutions to mitigate those risks. Moreover, they have provided us with a number of suggested "best practices" in day-to-day operations and have helped document the way we do things. I can say without question that Carr, Riggs & Ingram has truly made a measurable difference for the City of Moultrie and its finance department. I would recommend them for any work for which they are under consideration.

- Gary McDaniel, Finance Director Tity of Moultrie, Georgia



### **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

CRI delivers a depth of resources that ensures our understanding of your challenges and innovative solutions for overcoming them. Our governmental team's 1,100+ years of combined experience is derived from providing audit and accounting outsourcing services to a client base that includes:

- 450+ governmental entity clients across the South totaling approximately \$22 billion in total revenues,
- Perform single audits for approximately 30% of all governmental clients, and
- Municipality clients of up to \$550 million in total revenues.

We parlay this vast experience and derived best practices into proven solutions that benefit you. Below we share specific, relevant client references; we encourage you to consult with them.

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

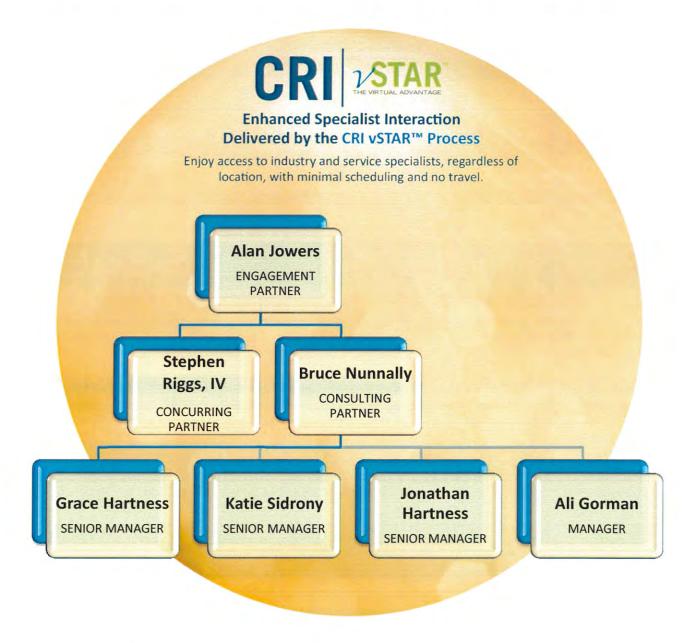


For an example of our team's expertise, watch a CRI video blog by partners Lanny White and Tom Carmichael discussing Governmental Budgeting in Challenging Times. Just snap this QR code with your mobile phone to download or visit cricpa.com to view one of our 100+ videos.

### YOUR SOLUTION TEAM



We have assembled a team of professionals who will ensure the highest level of personal dedication and professional excellence to you. Our team delivers exceptional services through a balanced blend of skills (service-driven, industry-specific, technical, and business) and experience that we know are important to you.



Brief profiles of each member of the team identified below follow on subsequent pages.

### YOUR SOLUTION TEAM





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### **Representative Clients**

- Santa Rosa County District School Board
- City of Crestview, Florida
- Okaloosa Gas District
- Santa Rosa Island Authority
- Okaloosa County District School Board
- Celebration Community
   Development District
- Hammock Bay Community Development District
- Amelia National Community Development District

### Experience

Alan has over 20 years' experience in public accounting, primarily on financial statement assurance engagements. His practice includes audits, reviews and compilations of local governmental entities, condominium and homeowner associations, non-profit organizations and nonpublic companies. He currently has direct engagement responsibility for over 50 audits of local governmental entities, including cities, county school boards, utility districts and Florida community development districts.

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

### Education, Licenses & Certifications

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

### **Professional Affiliations**

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





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### **Representative Clients**

- Bainebridge CDD
- CFM CDD
- Gramercy Farms CDD
- Heritage Harbour North
   CDD
- River Hall CDD
- Tern Bay CDD
- Waterlefe CDD
- City of Key West, Florida

   Internal Audit and
   Forensic
- Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office
- Bahama Conch Community Land Trust – Internal Audit and Forensic

### Experience

Stephen has over 13 years accounting and audit experience, including three years with the international public accounting firm, Ernst & Young, LLP. His experience includes numerous clients in industries including governmental, not-for-profit, healthcare, SEC and privately held corporations.

Stephen is licensed to practice as a certified public accountant in Florida. He is a member of the State and local Governmental section of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants and exceeds all continuing professional education requirements related to *Government Auditing Standards*.

He is currently a partner on engagements for many special districts in the State of Florida, including community development districts, fire districts and school districts. In addition to his public accounting experience, Stephen has served on the Board of Directors for a Community Development District and a non-profit organization.

### Education, Licenses & Certifications

- Masters of Accountancy, University of West Florida
- BA, Economics, University of Florida
- Certified Public Accountant

### **Professional Affiliations**

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)
- Past President, Emerald Coast Chapter of Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)





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### **Representative Clients**

- Okaloosa County Schools
- Pinellas County Schools
- Santa Rosa County School District
- City of Destin
- Destin Fire Control District
- North Bay Fire District
- Ocean City Wright Fire
   Control District
- Mid Bay Bridge Authority
- Florida Community Services Corp.

### Experience

Bruce Nunnally has over 30 years of public accounting experience, including over 10 years with the international public accounting firm, Ernst & Young, LLP.

Currently, Bruce serves as **Engagement Partner on 8 significant governmental audit engagements** which encompass 50% of his client responsibility time. Bruce has extensive experience in reviewing financial and internal controls of governmental entities, and serves as **technical reviewer on over 50 governmental audits.** 

Bruce is a **nationally sought-after lecturer** and serves as an instructor of accounting and auditing issues for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He has presented accounting and auditing continuing education classes for a quarter of the top 30 CPA firms in the U.S. Before Bruce was recognized as a national speaker, he was awarded by the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants as the "Outstanding Discussion Leader" in 2000.

Bruce has been a partner with CRI since its inception.

### Education, Licenses & Certifications

- BS, Accounting, summa cum laude, Harding University
- Certified Public Accountant

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- AICPA Technical Issues Committee Government Section
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)
- Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)
- Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA)

### YOUR SOLUTION TEAM





Grace Hartness Senior Manager

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### **Representative Service Areas**

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

### Experience

Grace has over 10 years accounting and audit experience with CRI. She has worked on several major construction companies, government entities, community development districts, condominium and homeowner associations and non-profit organizations. In addition, she has been involved in special audit projects for the Miami-Dade Airport Authority.

Grace is licensed to practice as a certified public accountant in Florida and exceeds all continuing professional education requirements related to Government Auditing Standards. In addition, Grace fluently speaks several languages including French and Arabic.

Grace currently supervises engagements for many special districts in the State of Florida including community development districts and school districts. She is active in our firm's condominium and homeowner association practice.

Grace started with CRI in August 2006, upon completion of her master's degree, and was promoted to manager in 2011.

### Education, Licenses & Certifications

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

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)
- Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance (AFWA)





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### Representative Service Areas

- Community Development Districts
- Condominium and Homeowner Associations
- County and Local
   Governments
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Privately-held
- corporations

### Experience

Katie has over 10 years accounting and audit experience with CRI. She is in-charge of fieldwork on audits of clients in a variety of industries including governmental entities, condominium and homeowner associations, non-profit organizations and privately-held corporations.

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

Katie currently supervises engagements for many special districts in the State of Florida including community development districts, fire districts, utility districts and school districts. She is active in our firm's condominium and homeowner association practice.

### Education, Licenses & Certifications

- Master of Business Administration, Troy University
- BSBA, Professional Accountancy, University of West Florida
- Certified Public Accountant
- Community Association Manager (CAM), Licensed in Florida

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

### YOUR SOLUTION TEAM





Jonathan Hartness Senior Manager

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### Representative Service Areas

- Community Development
   Districts
- Condominium and Homeowner Associations
- Non-Profit Organizations

### Experience

Jonathan has over nine years auditing and accounting experience with CRI. He is an audit manager with primary responsibility for fieldwork and reporting on audits of clients in a variety of industries including local governments, condominium and homeowner associations, and small businesses. He is currently the audit manager for approximately 20 community development districts and works with several CDD management companies in the State of Florida.

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

Jonathan currently supervises engagements for many governmental entities in the State of Florida including community development districts. He is active in our firm's governmental industry line as well as our condominium and homeowner association practice. Jonathan is an integral part of our community development district practice.

### Education, Licenses & Certifications

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

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





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### **Representative Service Areas**

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

### Experience

Ali has over nine years auditing and accounting experience in both the Tallahassee and Destin offices of CRI. She is an audit manager with primary responsibility for fieldwork and reporting on audits of clients in a variety of industries including local governmental and non-profit entities as well as financial institutions and commercial businesses. She is currently the audit manager for over 25 community development districts, and works with several CDD management companies in the State of Florida.

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

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

### Education, Licenses & Certifications

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

### **Professional Affiliations**

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)
- Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA)

### **DELIVERING QUALITY TO YOU**



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### AUDIT METHODOLOGY

Our audit, tax, consulting, and client accounting services documentation is maintained electronically. Compliance with our methodology is regularly reviewed and evaluated as part of our internal quality program, which is further discussed in this section under INTERNAL QUALITY CONTROL REVIEWS AND EXTERNAL REVIEWS. Comprehensive policies and procedures governing all of our practices and addressing professional and regulatory standards and implementation issues are constantly updated for new professional developments and emerging issues. See Pages 23 - 26 for a more detailed description of the relevant approach and methodology.

### ENGAGEMENT QUALITY REVIEW PARTNER (CONCURRING PARTNER)

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

### INTERNAL QUALITY CONTROL REVIEWS AND EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Experienced partners and professional staff of our firm conduct quality control reviews of our audits. Our partners' work is reviewed annually, and the inspection process includes periodic testing of the effectiveness of our quality controls and a continuous improvement program.

Peer reviews are performed every three years by another independent public accounting firm. The most recent review of our firm was performed in 2013 by EideBailly, whose report was the most favorable possible.

In addition, we are registered with the PCAOB and our 2006, 2009, and 2012 PCAOB external inspection reports were also the most favorable possible—no audit deficiencies. The 2012 PCAOB report can be viewed at <a href="http://pcaobus.org/Inspections/Reports/Documents/2013">http://pcaobus.org/Inspections/Reports/Documents/2013</a> Carr Riggs Ingram LLC.pdf.

### THE CRI vSTAR™ PROCESS



### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Is the CRI vSTAR™ process secure?

Yes. Three points of focus are:

- 1. All sessions are encrypted using TLS.
- All recordings are maintained on encrypted CRI recordings.
- It eliminates your need to potentially supply user credentials to your auditor.

### What are the set-up requirements?

Internet connection and installation of the GoToMeeting App (license provided by CRI) plus:

- For group meetings, TV or projector with HDMI input plus approximately 20 minutes for CRI vSTAR<sup>TM</sup> kit set-up.
- For one-to-one meetings, a device with sound – and preferably a camera.

### How does session scheduling work for the CRI vSTAR<sup>™</sup> process?

The process utilizes widely accepted calendaring tools – such as Microsoft Outlook – to schedule audit procedures.



### SHARING CRI'S VALUES WITH YOU



We are proud of our hands-on, service-centric, and results-oriented approach. Combining that approach with quality controls and superior talent allows us to help you achieve your goals and strengthen your management systems and processes. This approach is further emphasized through our three core values which guide our team's behavior and function as the foundation for interactions with our clients and each other. Ccable Client Service respect for Al **Unyielding Integrity CLIENT SERVICE** INTEGRITY RESPECT Living with integrity, Defining our Building productive, brand by meeting transparency, long-term relationships or exceeding the and honesty. with each other that highest expectations are based on of our clients. mutual respect, trust, and sharing.



### TRANSITIONING YOU

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

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

The transition plan is comprised of the following key activities and can occur within approximately two weeks, depending on the availability of the parties involved: "As a CPA and former auditor myself, I know that changing auditors can often be difficult and time consuming due to learning curves and new processes. Fortunately, I quickly found that CRI's partners and staff make the transition simple and relatively painless. The significant involvement of the firm's partners is one of the main reasons for this result. CRI's partners are responsive to our needs and professionally handle the entire engagement from beginning to end."

> Ed Oliphant, Chief Financial Officer Regional Transportation Authority

Predecessor Firm Management approves CRI and management the change in firms, sign engagement letter. Management notifies pending new firm's · CRI and management completion of client predecessor firm of develop communication decision to change acceptance procedures. plan protocol. service providers. **CRI** performs client CRI and management **CRI** makes inquiries acceptance procedures, finalize timetable and of and reviews such as: key dates. predecessor firm - Interview key CRI develops initial workpapers related to service provider understanding of your your prior year's audit relationships business processes. and tax services (as - Interview applicable). CRI reports to predecessor firm. Predecessor firm management - Internal firm review provides copies of process review items subsequent to initial and approval. requested workpapers. planning stage. **Pre-Approval & Client Understanding** Acceptance & Planning

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CRI shines a light on best practices via thousands of articles, videos, informative charts, and descriptive testimonials. With sections dedicated to illuminating insights by industries and services, our easy-to-navigate website highlights trending topics that detail new standards, changing regulations, and other current business topics. From cybersecurity to the new revenue recognition standard, we are ready to proactively answer your questions.

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- 6 Key Ways to Strengthen Your Cybersecurity Posture
- Back to Basics: 5 Key Financial Considerations for Construction Companies
- The Not-for-Profit's Guide to Fraud Prevention



### NEWSLETTER

Our team is dedicated to keeping our clients informed, and we prove it by creating a custom monthly e-newsletter with widely-applicable topics. The articles are designed to help you improve your business and personal finances. Popular topics include:

- 3 Things To Improve Business Operations Immediately
- Financial Statement Audits Aren't Designed to Identify Fraud
- Are You a Big "Phish?" Protect from Cybersecurity Whaling Attacks
- You Might Have Money Hiding In Plain Sight

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### **CRI AUDIT FRAMEWORK**



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

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

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

We assess risks in the following areas:



### CRI AUDIT FRAMEWORK



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

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

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

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

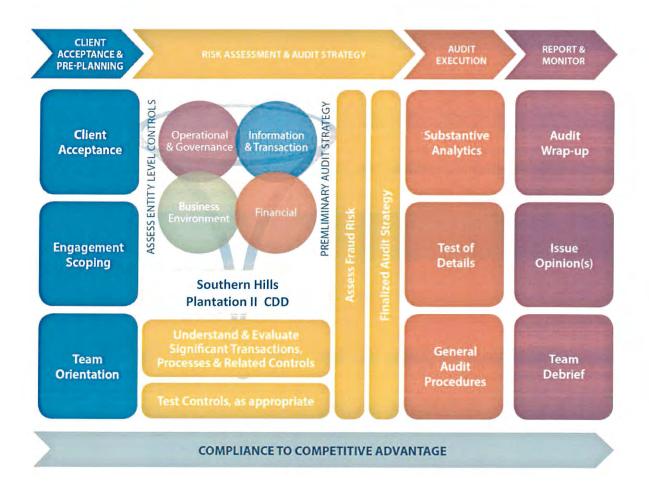
Consistent communication is a key to completion of the audit. By ensuring constant involvement, we are in a better position to respond to your issues timely and efficiently. Therefore, we plan to meet with your management to:

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

### **CRI AUDIT APPROACH**



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





### Stage 1: Client Acceptance & Pre-planning

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

### Stage 2: Risk Assessment & Audit Strategy

- Interview client personnel and others, as necessary to understand client-specific objectives and risks.
- Assess environmental and other external risks and potential impact on the audit planning.
- Assess entity level controls including: control environment, risk assessment, information & communication, and monitoring controls.
- Assess management's fraud and IT risk assessment models. Develop independent fraud and IT risk assessment.
- Assess IT General Computer (ITGC) controls, such as IT Environment, Developing & Delivering IT, and Operating IT & Monitoring IT.
- Assess materiality.
- Perform preliminary analytical procedures.
- Map financial statements to significant transactions, processes, IT systems and related controls.
- Develop understanding of significant processes and related controls.
- Determine existence of/reliance on SSAE 16 (formerly SAS 70(s)).
- Test controls including ITGC, as and if deemed appropriate. Tests will include a mix of:
  - inquiry,
  - observation,
  - examination and
  - re-performance.
- Determine reliance on Internal Audit, if applicable (e.g. controls or detailed tests).
- Determine reliance on specialist(s), if applicable (e.g. valuations, pension costs, etc.).
- Finalize risk assessments and develop final audit strategy.

### CRI AUDIT APPROACH

### Stage 3: Audit Execution

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

### Stage 4: Report & Monitor

- Continually monitor the audit and provide feedback as agreed during scoping or more frequently, as deemed appropriate.
- Conclude the audit (i.e. issue opinions and/or reports).
- Develop and present required communications, including management letter comments.
- Perform an internal team de-briefing to identify areas for improvement.
- Welcome the opportunity for an external debriefing with our clients to improve.

### **APPENDIX A – PEER REVIEW**





System Review Report

January 31, 2014

To the Partners of Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC and the National Peer Review Committee

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC (the firm) applicable to non-SEC issuers in effect for the year ended June 30, 2013. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures. The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review. The nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review are described in the standards at <u>www.aicpa.org/prsummary</u>.

As required by the standards, engagements selected for review included engagements performed under Government Auditing Standards; audits of employee benefit plans, and audits performed under FDICIA.

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC applicable to non-SEC issuers in effect for the year ended June 30, 2013, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass, pass with deficiency(ies)* or *fail*. Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC has received a peer review rating of *pass.* 

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### APPENDIX B - RFP DOCUMENTS



### SOUTHERN HILLS PLANTATION II COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2012 - 2015, 2015 - 2017

### INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

Section 1. DUE DATE. Sealed proposals must be received no later than <u>March 29, 2017</u> <u>at 12:00 p.m.</u> at the offices of District Management Services, Attention: Eric Davidson, District Treasurer, located at 2005 Pan Am Circle, Suite 120, Tampa, Florida 33607. Proposals will be publicly opened at that time.

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

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

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

Section 5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL. Submit eight (8) copies and one (1) unbound copy of the Proposal Documents and other requested attachments at the time and place indicated herein which shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope, marked with the title "Auditing Services – Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District" on the face of it.

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

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

### **APPENDIX B - RFP DOCUMENTS**



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### APPENDIX B – RFP DOCUMENTS



### AUDITOR SELECTION EVALUTION CRITERIA (PRICE FACTORED IN)

1. Ability of Personnel

(20 points)

(E.g., geographic locations of the firm's headquarters or permanent office in relation to the project, capabilities and experience of key personnel, present ability to manage this project, evaluation of existing work load, proposed staffing levels, etc.)

2. Proposer's Experience

(20 points)

(E.g. past record and experience of the Proposer in similar projects; volume of work previously performed by the firm; past performance for other Community Development Districts in other contracts; character, integrity, and reputation of respondent; etc.)

3. Understanding of Scope of Work (20 points)

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

4. Ability to Furnish the Required Services (20 points)

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates the adequacy of the Proposer's financial resources and stability as a business entity necessary to complete the services required (E.g., the existence of any natural disaster plan for business operations).

5. Price

(20 points)

Points will be awarded based upon the price bid for the rendering of the services and reasonableness of the price to the services.



### Proposal to Provide Financial Auditing Services

### SOUTHERN HILLS PLANTATION II

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Proposal Due: March 29, 2017, 12:00PM

### Submitted to:

Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District 2005 Pan Am Circle, Suite 120 Tampa, Florida 33607

### Submitted by:

Antonio J. Grau, Partner Grau & Associates 2700 North Military Trail, Suite 350 Boca Raton, Florida 33431 Tel (561) 994-9299 / (800) 229-5728 Fax (561) 994-5823 tony@graucpa.com / www.graucpa.com

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Re: Request for Proposal for a review the Audit ending September 30, 2011, Professional Auditing Services for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2012-2015 and for Professional Auditing Services for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2015-201, with two annual options

Grau & Associates (Grau) is pleased to respond to Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development Districts (the "District") Request for Proposal (RFP), and look forward to working with you on your audit. We are a team of knowledgeable professionals with extensive experience in audits for organizations just like yours, and we know how to work with you to complete an effective and efficient audit.

Since our focus is on government, we fully understand the professional services and work products required to meet your RFP requirements. Our team provided services in excess of 19,000 hours for our public sector clients last year, and we currently audit over 300 governmental entities. Our practice is unique as 98% of work is either audit or work related to government and non-profit entities.

In addition to our firm's focus, Grau & Associates is a great fit for your audit for a variety of other reasons, including:

Experience

Grau is proud of the fact that the personnel we assign to your audit are some of the most experienced auditors in the field. Unlike many other firms, our auditors work almost exclusively with governmental entities, which mean they are more knowledgeable and efficient on audits like yours. Our engagement partners have decades of experience and take a hands-on approach to our assignments, which all ensures a smoother process for you. Also, due to Grau's very low turnover rate for our industry, you won't have to worry about retraining your auditors from year to year.

Service

Our clients are pleased with the level of personalized service they receive from our talented professionals. Because of our extensive experience, we are adept at making the transition to a new firm as smooth as possible. We work with you to resolve any issues and keep in regular contact so there are no surprises when the final report delivers. In fact, your engagement team will report any potential audit adjustments to you on a regular basis so you will have adequate time to research and respond. Additionally, we have a disaster recovery plan that includes daily data back-ups and offsite file storage, so in the case of an emergency, your records would be safe.

Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District March 29, 2017

### Responsiveness

We pride ourselves on our high level of responsiveness. We answer emails and telephone calls within 24 hours, and usually right away. We are always accessible to clients during business hours, and make every effort to answer any questions as they arise. Additionally, we don't just complete your audit and disappear. We understand the "big picture" and think beyond the traditional auditor's perspective. We remain in touch for the entire year, suggesting ways you can improve your District's performance, procedures and controls. We will update, advise and educate you on new or revised reporting requirements so you are sure to always remain compliant.

### Reputation

Our reputation in our field is impeccable. We have never been involved in any litigation, proceeding or received any disciplinary action. Additionally, we have never been charged with, or convicted of, a public entity crime of any sort. We have the professional staff available to perform the engagement and resources required to complete the work. We are financially stable and have never been involved in any bankruptcy proceedings.

### Standards

Grau & Associates is a professional association / licensed certified public accounting firm serving clients through the state of Florida. We are a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA). Additionally, individuals are members of both the (GFOA) and (FGFOA). Grau is also a member of the Governmental Audit Quality Center (GAQC). Our audit will follow the Auditing Standards of the AICPA, Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida, and any other applicable federal, state and local regulations. We will deliver our reports in accordance with your requirements.

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

We would be happy to answer any questions or provide additional information as needed. Please do not hesitate to call or email either of our Partners, Antonio J. Grau, CPA (tgrau@graucpa.com) or Racquel McIntosh, CPA (rmcintosh@graucpa.com) at 561.994.9299. We thank you for considering our firm's qualifications and experience, and look forward to serving you.

Very truly yours,

Grau & Associates

Antonio J. Grau



### Firm Qualifications & Experience

Grau & Associates is a medium-sized accounting firm providing comprehensive financial and compliance auditing, attestation and accounting, and other management consulting services and we are properly registered and licensed by the State of Florida. The Partners, Consultant and Managers of Grau are members of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Grau & Associates is a properly registered/licensed State of Florida professional corporation and all assigned supervisory professional staff are properly registered/licensed to practice in the State of Florida.

### Grau's Focus and Experience

- We are dedicated to serving Special Districts.
- We currently audit over 300 Special Districts.
- Last year, Grau performed in excess of 19,000 *hours* of services for our Public Sector Clients under *Governmental Auditing Standards.*
- Grau currently <u>only</u> provides <u>audit and attestation</u> services principally for governmental and nonprofit entities under government auditing standards. The firm and staff are 100% dedicated to the audit practice.

During Grau's history we have consistently focused on providing service to the public sector. By focusing our resources on this industry, we provide the highest level of services to our Public Sector Clients.

Grau & Associates has a total of 17 employees, 15 professional staff, including 2 *Partners* and 13 *professionals* who *specialize* in *providing auditing, accounting, consulting, and monitoring services* to the *Public Sector and 2 administrative professionals*. The number of professional staff by employee classification is as follows:

Team Member	Total Professional Staff	Total CPAs	Total Government Audit Staff		
Partners *	2	2	2		
Managers *	3	3	3		
Advisory Consultant	1	1	1		
Supervisor / Seniors *	4	3	4		
Staff Accountants *	5	2	5		
Total	15	11	15		

\*ALL FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

### **Compliance with Government Education Requirements**

In order to maintain our high level of technical competence, we provide continuing professional education programs for all partners and professional staff members, which exceed national and state standards. All of the audit professionals of Grau & Associates exceed the education requirements as set forth in Government Auditing Standards, published by the Comptroller General of the United States, and our continuing professional education programs ensure that all audit professionals meet the requirements to participate in audits of government agencies.

### **Professional Staff Training**

<u>Partners</u> - All of our Partners are CPA's and have diversified public accounting experience. They are responsible for overall engagement performance, policy, direction and quality control and have *far* exceeded minimum CPE requirements.

<u>Managers</u> - All of our Audit Managers are CPA's who have demonstrated the ability to plan audit engagements, supervise personnel and maintain frequent contact with clients. They continually upgrade their skills through the firm's continuing education programs and courses sponsored by the AICPA, FICPA and GFOA. They have *far exceeded minimum CPE Requirements*.

<u>Seniors</u> - All of our Seniors have a minimum of 3 years of diversified public accounting experience. They perform audits, evaluate staff, review findings and prepare audit reports. They possess the potential for upward mobility and have *far exceeded minimum CPE requirements*.

### Memberships

All of the firm's CPA's are properly licensed as CPA's and members in good standing of both the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. In addition, certain firm professionals are members or have been members of the following professional groups:

- FICPA Committee on State and Local Government
- Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGOA)
- Technical Resource Committee of the Government Finance Officers Association
- Special Review Committee of the Government Finance Officers Association
- Florida Institute of CPA Non-Profit Conference Committee
- Florida Association of Special Districts (FASD)
- FGFOA Small Government committee
- FGFOA Annual Conference Program Committee
- FASD Finance Committee
- FICPA Young CPAs Committee
- FICPA Accounting Careers Committee

In addition, we have an ongoing recruitment program that seeks only those accountants with a proven record of academic success. When we recruit at the senior and manager level, we select CPA's with proven governmental accounting and auditing experience.

### **Quality Control and Confidentiality**

Grau participates in an external quality review program requiring an on-site independent examination of our auditing practice. Grau has consistently received an unqualified opinion on the quality of our audit practice. During our firm's last external quality control review, six audits were reviewed, including five government audits. <u>A copy of the report on the firm's most recent quality review can be found on the following page</u>.

In addition to scheduled Peer Reviews, <u>our firm continually monitors performance to ensure the highest</u> <u>quality of services</u>. <u>Under the supervision of the Audit Partner, an Audit Manager is responsible for</u> <u>monitoring quality control of all appropriate engagements</u>.

### **Results of State and Federal Reviews**

All state and federal reviews of the firm's reports and working papers have been accepted without change or revision to issued reports.



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## **GRAU & ASSOCIATES**

for an accounting and auditing practice established by the AICPA, and which was complied with during the year For having a system of quality control for its accounting and auditing practice in effect for the year ended then ended to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of conforming with professional standards. June 30, 2013 which has been designed to meet the requirements of the quality control standards

Rick Reeder, Chair AICPA Peer Review Board 2013

### **Partial List of Clients**

The following is a partial list of clients served and related experience:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS	Governmental Audit	<b>Utility Audit</b>	Current Client	Year End
Aberdeen Community Development District	1			9/30
Allen Plantation Community Development District	1	12		9/30
Amelia Concourse Community Development District	1			9/30
Amelia National Community Development District	1			9/30
Amelia Walk Community Development District	1	11		9/30
Anthem Park Community Development District	~			9/30
Antigua at St. Augustine Community District	~	1		9/30
Aqua Isles Community Development District	~			9/30
Arbor Green Community Development District	1	1.12	1	9/30
Arlington Ridge Community Development District	1			9/30
Armstrong Community Development District	~	111	1	9/30
Artisan Lakes Community Development District	1	1.11		9/30
Asturia Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Ave Maria Stewardship Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Aventura Isles Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Bahia Lakes Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Ballantrae Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Ballantrae Hillsborough Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Bartram Park Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Bartram Springs Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Bay Creek Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Bay Laurel Community Development District	1	~	~	9/30
Bay Tree Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Bayside Improvement Development District	~		1	9/30
Baywinds Community Development District	~			9/30
Beach Community Development District	~	11		9/30
Beacon Tradeport Community Development District	~			9/30
Beeline Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Bella Verda East Community Development District	1			9/30
Bella Verda Lake Community Development District	~			9/30
Bella Vida Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Bellagio Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Belmont Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Belmont Lakes Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Bexley Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Blackburn Creek Community Development District	~			9/30
Bluewaters Community Development District	~		~	9/30

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS	Governmental Audit	<b>Utility Audit</b>	Current Client	Year End
Bobcat Trail Community Developement District	~		~	9/30
Boggy Creek Community Development District	~			9/30
Bonita Landing Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Bonita Village Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Bonnett Creek Resort Community Development District	~	1.4	~	9/30
Bonterra Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Brandy Creek Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Bridgewater Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Bridgewater of Wesley Chapel Community Development District	1			9/30
Briger Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Brighton Lakes Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Brooks of Bonita Springs I Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Brooks of Bonita Springs II Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Bull Frog Creek Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Candler Hills East Community Development District	1			9/30
Capital Region Community Development District	1			9/30
Captain's Key Dependent District	1		1	9/30
Caribe Palm Community Development District	1	-	1	9/30
Carlton Lakes Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Cascades at Groveland Community Development District	1		-	9/30
Catalina at Winkler Preserve Community Development District	~	1	1	9/30
CBL/BM Port Orange West Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Cedar Pointe Community Development District	1			9/30
Celebration Point Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Central Lake Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Century Gardens Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Century Gardens at Tamiami Community Development District	~		1	9/3
Century Gardens Village Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Century Parc Community Development District	1		1	9/3
CFM (Coolidge Fort Myers) Community Development District	1			9/3
Chapel Creek Community Development District	1			9/3
Champions Gate Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Champion's Reserve Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Channing Park Community Development District	1			9/3
City Center Community Development District	1			9/3
City Place Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Clearwater Cay Community Development District	1			9/3
Coastal Lake Community Development District	1			9/3
Cocot Palms Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Coconut Cay Community Development District	~		1	9/3
Concorde Estates Community Development District	1			9/3
Concorde Station Community Development District	1		1	9/3

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Connerton West Community Development District	1			9/30
Copper Creek Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Copper Oaks Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Copperstone Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Coral Bay Community Development District	1	11	1	9/3
Coral Keys Homes Community Development District	1			9/30
Coral Town Park Community Development District	1			9/3
Cordoba Ranch Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Corkscrew Farms Community Development District	~		~	9/3
Coronado Community Development District	~		1	9/3
Cory Lakes Community Development District	1	1	1	9/3
Country Club of Mount Dora Community Development District	1			9/3
Country Greens Community Development District	~		1	9/3
Country Walk Community Development District	1		~	9/3
Covington Park Community Development District	~		1	9/3
Creekside Community Development District	~		~	9/3
Crestview II Community Development District	~		~	9/3
Crestview West Community Development District	1		~	9/3
Cross Country Home Services Community Development District	1			9/3
Cross Creek Community Development District	1			9/30
Cutler Cay Community Development District	~			9/30
Cypress Cove Community Development District	1	_	1	9/30
Cypress Grove Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Cypress Lakes Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Cypress Shadows Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Deer Island Community Development District	1			9/30
Deer Run Community Development District	~	24	1	9/30
Diamond Hill Community Development District	1		1.00	9/30
Double Branch Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Dove Pond Community Development District	1		_	9/30
Downtown Doral Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Dunes Community Development District	~	~	~	9/30
Dupree Lakes Community Development District	~		$\checkmark$	9/30
Eagle Point Community Development District	~		111	9/30
East Bonita Bridge Road Community Development District	~		1	9/30
East Park Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Easton Park Community Development District	~		1.6	9/30
Enclave at Black Point Marina Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Encore Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Enterprise Community Development District	1	~	~	9/30
Epperson Ranch Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Estancia at Wiregrass Community Development District	1			9/30

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Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Estuary Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Falcon Trace Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Fallschase Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Fiddler's Creek Community Development District	1			9/30
Fishhawk I Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Fishhawk II Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Fishhawk III Community Development District	1			9/30
Fishhawk IV Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Florida Green Finance Authority	1		1	9/30
Founder's Ridge Community Development District	1			9/30
Fountainbleau Lakes Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Forest Creek Community Development District	1	1		9/30
Gardens at Millenia Community Development District	1		-	9/30
Glen St. Johns Community Development District	1			9/30
Gramercy Farms Community Development District	1		1.1	9/30
Grand Bay at Doral Community Development District	1	1.1	1	9/30
Grand Hampton Community Development District	1	1.1	1	9/30
Grand Haven Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Greater Lakes/Sawgrass Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Green Corridor PACE District	1	111	1	9/30
Greyhawk Landing Community Development District	1			9/30
Groves Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Habitat Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Hacienda Lakes Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Hamal Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Hammocks Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Harbor Bay Community Development District	1			9/30
Harbour Isles Community Development District	1		-	9/30
Harbourage at Braden River Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Harmony Community Development District	1	-		9/30
Harrison Ranch Community Development District	1	-	-	9/30
Hawk's Point Community Development District	1	-	-	9/30
Hawk's Point Community Development District	1		1	9/3
	1		1	9/30
Heritage Bay Community Development District Heritage Greens Community Development District	1		1	9/30
	1	-		9/30
Heritage Harbor Community Development District	1	-		9/30
Heritage Harbor at Braden River Community Development District		-	-	9/3
Heritage Harbour Market Place Community Development District	V V	-	-	9/30
Heritage Harbour South Community Development District	· ·	-		9/3

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Heritage Isles Community Development District	1	1.1		9/30
Heritage Landing Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Heritage Oak Park Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Heritage Park Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Heritage Plantation Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Heritage Springs Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Heron Isles Community Development District	1			9/30
Hickory Hammock Community Development District	1		· · · · ·	9/30
High Ridge/Quantum Community Development District	~			9/30
Highlands Community Development District	1	17	1	9/30
Hollywood Beach Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Homestead 50 Community Development District	1			9/30
Hypoluxo-Haverhill Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Independence Park Community Development District	~			9/30
Indigo Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Indigo East Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Interlaken Community Development District	1			9/30
Islands at Doral III Community Development District	~	11	~	9/30
Islands at Doral (NE) Community Development District	1	111	1	9/30
Islands at Doral (SW) Community Development District	~	111	1	9/30
Islands at Doral Townhomes Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Isles of Bartram Park Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Journey's End Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Jurlington Creek Plantation Community Development District	~			9/30
K-Bar Ranch Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Kendall Breeze Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Kendall Breeze West Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Key Marco Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Keys Cove Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Keys Cove II Community Development District	~		~	9/30
La Collina Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Laguna Estates Community Development District	~		1.011	9/30
Laguna Lakes Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Lake Ashton Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Lake Ashton II Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Lake Francis Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Lake Padgett Estates Independent District	~		~	9/30
Lake Powell Residential Golf Community Development District	~	-		9/30
Lakes by the Bay South Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Lakeshore Ranch Community Development District	~			9/30
Lakeside Community Development District	×			9/30
Lakeside Landings Community Development District	· ·		-	9/30

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Lakeside Plantation Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Lakewood Ranch 1 Community Development District	~			9/30
Lakewood Ranch 2 Community Development District	~	111		9/30
Lakewood Ranch 3 Community Development District	1			9/30
Lakewood Ranch 4 Community Development District	~			9/30
Lakewood Ranch 5 Community Development District	~			9/30
Lakewood Ranch 6 Community Development District	~			9/30
Legacy Springs Community Development District	1			9/30
Legends Bay Community Development District	1			9/30
Lexington Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Live Oak Lake Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Live Oak No. 1 Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Long Lake Ranch Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Longleaf Community Development District	1			9/30
Lucaya Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Madeira Community Development District	1		1.00	9/30
Magnolia Park Community Development District	1		11	9/30
Magnolia West Community Development District	1			9/30
Main Street Community Development District	1			9/30
Mainstreet Community Development District	1			9/30
Majorca Isles Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Maple Ridge Community Development District	1	1.11	1	9/30
Marsh Harbour Community Development District	1			9/30
Marshall Creek Community Development District	1			9/30
Mayfair Community Development District	1	1.11	-	9/30
Meadow Pines Community Development District	1	1	1	9/30
Meadow Point I Community Development District	1	11	1	9/30
Meadow Point III Community Development District	1	1.4		9/30
Meadow Point IV Community Development District	1			9/30
Meadow Woods Community Development District	1			9/30
Mediterra North Community Development District	1	11	1	9/3
Mediterra South Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Mediterranea Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Middle Village Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Mira Lago West Community Development District	1			9/3
Mirada Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Miromar Lakes Community Development District	~			9/3
Monterey/Congress Community Development District	1	-	1	9/3
Montecito Community Development District	~		1	9/3
Myakka Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Moody River Estates Community Development District	1			9/3
Myakka Ranch Community Development District	1	-	1	9/3

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Myrtle Creek Community Development District	~			9/30
Naples Heritage Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Narcoossee Community Development District	~			9/30
Newport Tampa Bay Community Development District	1		1	9/30
North Dade Community Development District	1	11	1	9/30
Northern Riverwalk Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Northwood Community Development District	1			9/30
Oak Creek Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Oakridge Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Oaks at Shady Creek, The Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Oakstead Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Old Palm Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Orchid Grove Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Osprey Oaks Community Development District	1	1	~	9/30
OTC Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Palm Bay Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Palm Beach Plantation Community Development District	~			9/30
Palm Coast Park Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Palm Glades Community Development District	~		-	9/30
Palma Sola Trace Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Palms of Terra Ceia Bay Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Pan American West Community Development District	1			9/30
Panther Trace I Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Panther Trace II Community Development District	~			9/30
Panther Trails Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Parker Road Community Development District	~			9/30
Parklands Lee Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Parklands West Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Parkway Center Community Development District	~			9/30
Paseo Community Development District	1			9/30
PBR Community Development District	1			9/30
Pebblewalk Village Community Development District	~			9/30
Pelican Marsh Community Development District	1			9/30
Pembroke Harbor Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Pentathlon Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Pine Air Lakes Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Piney-Z Community Development District	1			9/30
Pioneer Community Development District	~			9/30
Poinciana Community Development District	~			9/30
Poinciana West Community Development District	~	_	~	9/30
Portico Community Development District	×		1	9/30
Pine Island Community Development District	~	-		9/30

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Pine Island South Community Development District	1			9/30
Portofino Cove Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Portofino Isles Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Portofino Landings Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Portofino Shores Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Portofino Springs Community Development District	1	<b>C</b>		9/30
Portofino Vineyards Community Development District	1			9/30
Portofino Vista Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Preserve at Wilderness Lake Community Development District	1			9/30
Principal One Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Quantum Community Development District	1	1		9/30
Quantum Park Overlay Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Quarry Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Randal Park Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Remington Community Development District	1	11		9/30
Renaissance Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Reserve Community Development District	1			9/30
Reserve 2 Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Reunion East Community Development District	1			9/30
Reunion West Community Development District	1			9/30
River Bend Community Development District	1			9/30
River Glen Community Development District	1			9/30
River Hall Community Development District	1		1	9/30
River Place on the St. Lucie Community Development District	1			9/30
River Ridge Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Rivercrest Community Development District	1			9/30
Rivers Edge Community Development District	1	11.1.		9/30
Sable Palm Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Sail Harbour Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Sampson Creek Community Development District	~	_	-	9/30
Sandy Creek Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Sausalito Bay Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Seven Oaks I Community Development District	1		· · · ·	9/3
Seven Oaks II Community Development District	1			9/3
Silver Palms Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Silverado Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Six Mile Creek Community Development District	1	1	1	9/3
Somerset Community Development District	1			9/3
Sonoma Bay Community Development District	1		1	9/3
South Bay Community Development District	1			9/3
South Fork Community Development District	1			9/3
South Fork East Community Development District	1		1	9/3

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South Fork III Community Development District	1		1	9/30
South Kendall Community Development District	~			9/30
South Shore Corporate Park Industrial Community Development District	~		1	9/30
South-Dade Venture Development District	1		~	9/30
South Village Community Development District	$\checkmark$			9/30
Southaven Community Development District	1		-	9/30
Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District	1	2		9/30
Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District	1	-		9/30
Southern Hills Plantation III Community Development District	1			9/30
Spicewood Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Split Pine Community Development District	~			9/30
Springridge Community Development District (formerly Killarney)	1		1	9/30
St. John's Forest Community Development District	1	1.1.1		9/30
Sterling Hill Community Development District	1			9/30
Stevens Plantation Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Stonebrier Community Development District	1			9/30
Stonegate Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Stoneybrook at Venice Community Development District	~	_	~	9/30
Stoneybrook Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Stoneybrook Oaks Community Development District	1		1.00	9/30
Storey Park Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Summerville Community Development District	~	1.00	1	9/30
Summit at Fern Hill Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District	~	1.1	15	9/30
SWI Community Development District	~			9/30
Talavera Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Talis Park Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Tampa Palms Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Tampa Palms Open Space and Transport Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Tapestry Community Development District	1	11	1	9/30
Tara Community Development District	~	- 11		9/30
Terra Bella Community Development District	1			9/30
Tesoro Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Thousand Oaks Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Tison's Landing Community Development District	1			9/30
Folomato Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Tomoka Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Toscana Isles Community Development District	1			9/30
Fown Center at Palm Coast Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Fradition Community Development District	1			9/30
Trails Community Development District	1			9/30
Frails at Monterey Community Development District	1		~	9/30

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Treaty Oaks Community Development District	1			9/30
Tree Island Estates Community Development District	1		~	9/30
Treeline Preserve Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Trevesta Community Development District	~		~	9/30
Triple Creek Community Development District	1		~	9/30
TSR Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Turnbull Creek Community Development District	~	1	1	9/30
Turtle Run Community Development District	~			9/30
Tuscany Reserve Community Development District	1			9/30
Twelve Oaks Community Development District	1			9/30
Two Creeks Community Development District	1		1	9/30
University Place Community Development District	1		1	9/30
University Square Community Development District	1		1.00	9/3
Urban Orlando Community Development District	1	L	~	9/3
Valencia Acres Community Development District	1			9/3
Vasari Community Development District	~	1.17	1	9/3
Venetian Community Development District	1			9/3
Venetian Isles Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Venetian Parc Community Development District	1	11.2	~	9/3
Verandah Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Verandah East Community Development District	1	127	1	9/3
Verandah West Community Development District	1		~	9/3
Verandahs Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Verano #1 Community Development District	1	1	~	9/3
Verano Center Community Development District	1		~	9/3
Verona Walk Community Development District	~			9/3
Viera East Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Villa Portofino East Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Villa Portofino West Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Villa Vizcaya Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Village Walk of Bonita Springs Community Development District	1		1000	9/3
Villages at Bloomingdale Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Village at Gulfstream Park Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Villages of Glen Creek Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Villages of Westport Community Development District	1			9/3
Vista Community Development District	1		~	9/3
Vista Lakes Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Vizcaya in Kendall Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Walnut Creek Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Waterchase Community Development District	1		1	9/3
Waterford Estates Community Development District	1	-	1	9/3
Waterford Landing Community Development District	1		1	9/3

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Watergrass Community Development District	1	-	1	9/30
Waterlefe Community Development District	1			9/30
Water's Edge Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Waterset North Community Development District	1			9/30
Waterstone Community Development District	1	-	1	9/30
Wentworth Estates Community Development District	1			9/30
West Lake Community Development District	1		1	9/30
West Villages Independent District	1	·	1	9/3
Westchase Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Westchester Community Development District	1			9/30
Westridge Community Development District	1	1.22		9/30
Willow Creek Community Development District	1			9/30
Winding Cypress Community Development District	~		1	9/30
Windsor at Westside Community Development District	1	1	1	9/30
Winston Trails East Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Winter Garden Village at Fowler Groves Community Development District	~			9/30
Woodlands Community Development District	~			9/30
World Commerce Community Development District	~			9/30
Wyndam Park Community Development District	1		1	9/30
Wynnfield Lakes Community Development District	~			9/30
Wynnmere West Community Development District	1		1	9/30
TOTAL	436	3	254	

OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES	Attestation Services	<b>Consulting Services</b>	<b>Governmental Audit</b>	Single Audit	CAFR	Current Client	Year End
Broward County School District (Joint Venture) (Assessment of Maintenance Operations)		1					N/A
Broward County School District (Joint Venture, 20%)		-	~	1	1	-	6/30
Florida Community College at Jacksonville (Internal Audit)	1		-		-		6/30
Florida Transit Association Finance Corporation		1	~			1	6/30
Highland County School District (Internal Funds Audit)	-		~				6/30
Palm Beach County School District (Assessment of maintenance for Facility and Property Management) (Internal Funds Audit)		~	~				6/30
Palm Beach County School District (Joint Venture, 20%)			1	~	~	1	6/30
Migrant Health Services of Palm Beach County			1	~		13	N/A
South Florida Water Management District			1	~			9/30
South Florida Water Management District CERP Program Management Services (Joint Venture)	~						N/A
State of Florida Department of Management Services (Construction)			1				N/A
State of Florida Department of Transportation (Overhead Audits - Various)			1	1.1		1	N/A
TOTAL	2	3	8	4	2	2	

NON-PROFIT CLIENTS SERVED AND RELATED EXPERIENCE	Attestation Services	Financial Audit	<b>Consulting Services</b>	Governmental Audit	Single Audit	Tax Services	Current Client	Year End
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc.		~		~	~	~	~	6/30
Alliance for Human Services, Inc.		1				1		6/30
Brevard Workforce Development Board, Inc.				~	~			6/30
Broward County Human Rights Board/Division (Joint Venture, 30%)	1		1	-				N/A
Broward Education Foundation		1	1	~	~	1		6/30
CareerSource Broward		1			1		~	9/30
Christian Manor	1	1	1	1	1	1		12/31
Delray Beach Community Land Trust				1		1		9/30
Family Promise	1			1				12/31
Florida Public Transportation Association, Inc.	~	1			1	1		9/30
Florida Transit Association Finance Corporation		1				1		9/30
	1	1	1	1	~	1	~	9/30
Hispanic Human Resources Council Mae Volen Senior Center	1	1		1	1	1	~	6/30
National Board for Registration of Registrars	1	1				1		3/31
National Cancer Registration Board	-	1	1. 1			1		6/30
North Lauderdale Academy High School	1		-	1				6/30
Northwood Development Corporation	~	1	1	1	1	1	-	9/30
Palm Beach Community College Foundation	1		1	1	1	~	1	6/30
Palm Beach County Workforce Development Board (Joint Venture, 25%)	~							6/30
Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board		1			-		~	6/30
Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board				1	~		1	6/30
Urban League of Palm Beach County	÷			1	1			6/30
TOTAL	9	13	5	13	9	13	6	

<b>RETIREMENT PLANS</b>	Financial Audit	ERISA/DOL	Current Client	Year End
Campbell Property Management 401(k)	~	~	~	12/31
City of Cooper City General Employee Retirement Plan	1		~	9/30
City of Lauderhill General Employee Retirement Plan	$\checkmark$		~	9/30
City of Parkland Police Pension Fund	$\checkmark$		1	9/30
City of Sunrise General Employees' Retirement System	~		~	9/30
Cross County Home Services and Affiliates 401(k) Plan	~	~	~	9/30
Danmar Corporation 401(k) Plan	1	~	1	12/31
Florida Public Utilities 401(k) and Pension Plans	$\checkmark$	~		12/31
Jacksonville Police and Fire Pension Fund	~	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		9/30
Pinetree Water Control District Defined Contribution Retirement Plan	1			9/30
San Carlos Park Fire Protection and Rescue Service District	$\checkmark$		~	9/30
Town of Davie General Employees Retirement Plan	$\checkmark$			9/30
Town of Hypoluxo Defined Contribution Retirement Plan	$\checkmark$		~	9/30
Town of Lauderdale By The Sea Volunteer Firefighters Pension Plan	1		~	9/30
TOTAL	14	4	9	

SPECIAL DISTRICTS	Governmental Audit	Single Audit	Utility Audit	Current Client	Year End
Belle Fontaine Improvement District	1				9/30
Boca Raton Airport Authority	1	111		1	9/30
Central Broward Water Control District	1			1	9/30
Central County Water Control District	1	19-01	1.	1.0	9/30
Citrus County Mosquito Control District	1	1			9/30
Coquina Water Control District	1			1	9/30
East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility	1		1	1	9/30
East Naples Fire Control and Rescue District	1	1		1	9/30
Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District	1			1	9/30
Greeneway Improvement District	1		1		9/30
Hobe-St. Lucie Conservancy District	1		1.1.1	1	9/30
Homestead Educational Facilities Benefits District	1			1.0	9/30
Horizons Improvement District	1	i — -		1.1	9/30
Indian Trail Improvement District	1	1.00	1.1.1	1	9/30
Key Largo Waste Water Treatment District	1	1	1	~	9/30
Lake Padgett Estates Independent Special District	1				9/30
Lakewood Ranch Inter-District Authority	1	1			9/30
Lost Rabbit Public Improvement District	1				9/30
Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District	1			~	9/30
Myakka City Fire Control District	1				9/30
Old Plantation Control District	~			1	9/30
Pal Mar Water Control District	1		i a l	1	9/30
Palm Beach Soil and Water Conservation District	1				9/30
Pinellas Park Water Management District	~	10 mm - 1	11.1	1	9/30
Pine Tree Water Control District (Broward)	~			~	9/30
Pinetree Water Control District (Wellington)	~			~	9/30
Ranger Drainage District	~	-		~	9/30
Renaissance Improvement District	1			1	9/30
San Carlos Park Fire Protection and Rescue Service District	~			~	9/30
South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Board	1	~		1	9/30
South Indian River Water Control District	1	~		1	9/30
South Trail Fire Protection & Rescue District	~			~	9/30
St. Lucie West Services District	1			~	9/30
Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District	~		1		9/30
Sunshine Water Control District	1		1.1	1	9/30
Twelve Oaks Improvement District	1				9/30
West Lakeland Water Control District	~			1771	9/30
West Villages Independent District	~			1	9/30
TOTAL	38	3	3	24	

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# Staff Qualifications, Experience & Resumes

#### QUALITY AND EXPERIENCE OF FIRM'S ASSIGNED AUDITING PERSONNEL

You will have two partners available and our consultant for any technical assistance. In addition, an audit manager will be available for the engagement and a senior will be assigned to the engagement that will perform the majority of fieldwork. Additional staff are available to assist with the engagement should the need arise.

Name	Years performing government audits	CPE within last 2 years	Professional Memberships
ANTONIO J. GRAU, CPA/CFP/ PFS/ABV (Partner)	Over 30	Government Accounting, Auditing: 63 hours Accounting, Auditing and Other: 62 hours	AICPA FICPA FGFOA GFOA
ANTONIO S. GRAU, CPA (Concurring Review Consultant)	Over 40	Government Accounting and Auditing: 32 hours Accounting, Auditing and Other: 62 hours	AICPA FICPA ICPA
RACQUEL MCINTOSH, CPA (Partner)	Over 10	Government Accounting and Auditing hours:61 Accounting, Auditing and Other: 41 hours	AICPA FICPA FGFOA FASD

#### **POSITION DESCRIPTIONS**

#### **Engagement Partner**

The engagement will be performed under the direct supervision of an Engagement Partner. The Engagement Partner will participate extensively during the various stages of the engagement and has direct responsibility for engagement policy, direction, supervision, quality control, security, confidentiality of information of the engagement and communication with client personnel.

The Engagement Partner will also be involved in:

- coordinating all services;
- directing the development of the overall audit approach and plan;
- performing an overriding review of work papers;
- resolving technical accounting and reporting issues;
- reviewing, approving and signing reports, management letters, and other audit engagement products; and,
- ascertaining client satisfaction with all aspects of our engagement, such as services and the personnel assigned.



#### **Concurring Review and Advisory Consultant**

A Concurring Review Consultant will be available as a sounding board to advise in those areas where problems are encountered. He will also perform a second review of all reports to be issued by Grau & Associates.

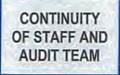
#### Audit Manager and Senior

The assigned personnel will work closely with the partner and the District to ensure that the financial statements and all other reports are prepared in accordance with professional standards and firm policy. Responsibilities will include:

- planning the audit;
- preparing or modifying audit programs, as needed;
- evaluating internal control and assessing risk;
- communicating with the client and the partners the progress of the audit; and
- determining that financial statements and all reports issued by the firm for accuracy, completeness and that they are prepared in accordance with professional standards and firm policy.

#### Information Technology Consultants and Personnel

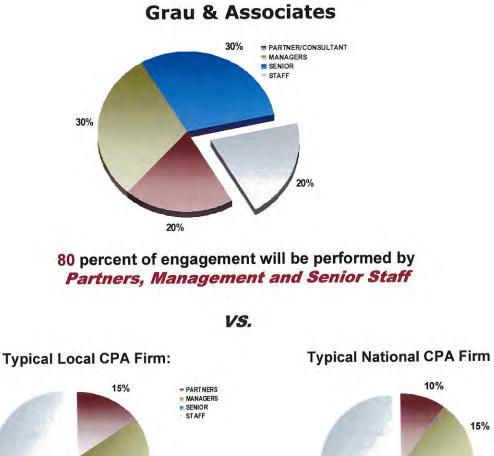
In addition to the assigned personnel above, Grau and Associates has staff with significant IT auditing experience that will assist in the evaluation and testing of internal controls. Because our staff has both a financial audit and IT background, they are able to communicate effectively all IT related concerns to management. In addition, Grau contracts with an outside group of IT management consultants to assist with matters including, but not limited to; network and database security, internet security and vulnerability testing.

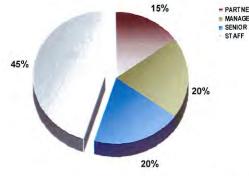


Grau's engagement team's workload is organized in such a way that additional activities brought about by this engagement will not impact our current commitments to our clients. We have sufficient staff capacity to integrate these professional services into our present operations, while continuing to maintain the highest standards of quality and time lines for our clients.

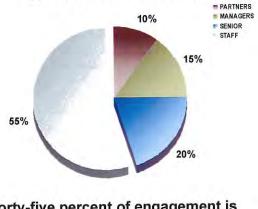
#### **COMPOSITION OF ENGAGEMENT TEAM**

In contrast to the majority of both national and local firms, Grau's proposed engagement team is comprised of an <u>exceptionally large percentage</u> of <u>high-level audit professionals</u>. This gives us the ability to <u>guickly recognize problems</u> and be <u>more efficient</u> as a result of our Team's **DECADES** of governmental auditing experience.





Fifty-five percent of engagement is performed by "Management"



Forty-five percent of engagement is performed by "Management"

### Antonio J. Grau, CPA/CFP/PFS/ABV, Partner

e-mail: tgrau@graucpa.com

#### Education

Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration, 1983 University of South Florida; Accredited in Business Valuation by the AICPA, 1998; Personal Financial Specialist, 1997

#### Professional History

ary 28, 1985, Certifica	te No. 15330
Partner	2005-Present
Partner	1995-2005
Audit Manager	1987-1995
Auditor	1985-1986
Staff Accountant	1983-1984
	Partner Audit Manager Auditor

#### Clients Served (partial list)

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(>300) Various Special Districts	Key Largo Water Treatment District
Brevard Workforce Board	Mae Volen Senior Center, Inc.
Broward Education Foundation	North Lauderdale Academy High School
City of Cooper City	Orlando Housing Authority
City of Lauderdale Lakes	Palm Beach County Workforce Development Board
City of Lauderhill	Peninsula Housing Programs
City of Lauderhill General Pension	School Board of Broward County
City of North Lauderdale	School Board of Miami-Dade County
City of Oakland Park	School Board of Palm Beach County
City of Weston	South Florida Water Management District
Delray Beach Housing Authority	Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board
East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facl.	Town of Davie
Florida Community College at Jacksonville	Town of Highland Beach
Florida Department of Management Services	Town of Hypoluxo
Greater Boca Raton Park & Beach District	Village of Golf
Highland County School District	Village of Wellington
Hispanic Human Resource Council	West Palm Beach Housing Authority

#### Professional Education (over the last two years)

Course	Hours
Government Accounting and Auditing	63
Accounting, Auditing and Other	<u>62</u>
Total Hours	<u>125</u>

#### Other Qualifications

As a member of the Government Finance Officers Association Special Review Committee, Mr. Grau participated in the review process for awarding the GFOA Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting. Mr. Grau was the review team leader for the Quality Review of the Office of Management Audits of School Board of Miami-Dade County.

#### Professional Associations/Memberships

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants City of Boca Raton Financial Advisory Board Member

### Antonio S. Grau, CPA, Concurring Review Consultant

e-mail: asgrau@graucpa.com

#### Education

Bachelor Degree, Business Administration, 1966, University of Miami, Certificate of Educational Achievement from the AICPA in Governmental and Not-For-Profit Accounting and Auditing, 1994/1995

#### Professional History

CPA in Florida since Ap	oril 29, 1970, Certificate No	o. 2623
Grau & Company	Partner	1977-2004
Public Company	Financial Officer	1972-1976
International Firm	Auditor	1966-1972

#### Clients Served (partial list)

Mr. Grau was the head of the governmental audit department of Grau & Company, and performs the concurring review and advises on all the governmental audits of the firm.

Atlanta Housing Authority	Hispanic Human Resource Council
Broward County Housing Authority	Mae Volen Senior Center, Inc.
City of Dania Beach	Miami Beach Housing Authority
City of Lauderdale Lakes	North Lauderdale Academy High School
City of Lauderhill	Palm Beach County Workforce Development Board
City of Lauderhill General Pension	School Board of Miami-Dade County
City of Miami Springs	South Florida Water Management District
City of Oakland Park	Town of Hypoluxo
City of Sweetwater Pension	Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea
Florida Community College at Jacksonville	Town of Miami Lakes
Highland County School District	Town of Southwest Ranches
Downtown Development Authority of the City of	Village of Biscayne Park
Miami / Community Development Block Grants	West Palm Beach Housing Authority

#### Professional Education (over the last two years)

Course	Hours
Government Accounting and Auditing	32
Accounting, Auditing and Other	<u>62</u>
Total Hours	94

#### **Other Qualifications**

Mr. Grau was the review team leader for the Quality Review of the Office of Management Audits of School Board of Miami-Dade County.

#### Professional Associations/Memberships

Member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Member, Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants Past member, State and Local Government Committee, Florida Past member, Quality Review Acceptance Committee, Florida Past member of BKR International Committee on Government and Non-Profit Accounting and Auditing e-mail: rmcintosh@graucpa.com / 561-939-6669

#### Education

Master of Accounting, MACC; Florida Atlantic University, December 2004; Bachelor of Arts – Majors: Accounting and Finance; Florida Atlantic University, May 2003

#### Professional History

Grau & Associates	Partner	2014-Present
Grau & Associates	Manager	2009-2014
Grau & Associates	Senior Auditor	2007-2009
Grau & Associates	Staff Auditor	2006-2007
Grau & Company	Staff Auditor	2005-2006

#### Clients Served (partial list)

(>300) Various Special Districts
Boca Raton Airport Authority
Brevard Workforce Development Board
Broward Education Foundation
Central Broward Water Control District
City of Cooper City
City of Pompano Beach (Joint Venture)
City of West Park
City of Weston
East Central Reg. Wastewater Treatment Fac.
East Naples Fire Control & Rescue District
Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District
Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District

Pinetree Water Control District (Broward/Palm Beach) Ranger Drainage District San Carlos Park Fire Protection & Rescue District South Central Reg. Wastewater Treatment & Disposal Bd. South Trail Fire Protection & Rescue Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board Sun N Lake of Sebring Improvement District Town of Highland Beach Town of Hypoluxo Town of Lantana Town of Hillsboro Beach Village of Golf Village of Wellington

#### Professional Education (over the last two years)

Course	Hours
Government Accounting and Auditing	61
Accounting, Auditing and Other	41
Total Hours	<u>41</u> <u>102</u>

#### Professional Associations/ Memberships

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants FICPA Young CPAs Committee FICPA State & Local Government Committee FICPA Atlantic Chapter Board Member FGFOA Palm Beach Chapter

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## References

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

Northwood Community Development District		
Scope of Work	Financial audit	
Engagement Partner	Antonio J. Grau	
Dates	Annually since 2006	
Client Contact	Brian Lamb 5680 W. Cypress Street Tampa, Florida 33607 813-873-7300	

Dunes Community Development District		
Scope of Work	Financial audit	
Engagement Partner	Antonio J. Grau	
Dates	Annually since 1998	
Client Contact	Darrin Mossing, Finance Director 475 W. Town Place, Suite 114 St. Augustine, Florida 32092	
	904-940-5850	

Journey's End C	community Development District
Scope of Work	Financial audit
Engagement Partner	Antonio J. Grau
Dates	Annually since 2004
Client Contact	Todd Wodraska, Vice President 2501 A Burns Road Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410 561-630-4922



## **Cost of Services**

Our proposed all-inclusive fees are as follows:

Review of the Audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011: \$2,000.

For the financial audit for the Auditing Services for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2012-2015; due no later than September 30, 2017:

Year Ended September 30,	Fee
2012	\$4,500
2013	\$4,500
2014	\$4,500

For the financial audit for the Auditing Services for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2015-2017; the two annual options will be negotiated separately.

Year Ended September 30,	Fee
2015	\$4,500
2016	\$4,500
2017	\$4,500

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



## **Supplemental Information**

### Specific Audit Approach

## **SCOPE / WORK PRODUCTS / RESULTS**

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

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

#### Proposed segmentation of the engagement

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

#### Phase I - Preliminary Planning

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

#### During this phase we will perform the following activities:

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

#### Phase II – Execution of Audit Plan

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

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

#### Phase III - Completion and Delivery

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- The recommendation must be cost effective;
- The recommendations are to be the simplest to effectuate in order to correct a problem;
- The recommendation must go to the heart of the problem and not just correct symptomatic matter; and
- The corrective action must take into account why the deficiency occurred.

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

#### Communications

We emphasize a continuous, year-round dialogue between the District and our management team. We typically begin our audit process with an entrance conference before the onsite fieldwork begins. We regularly communicate through personal telephone calls and electronic mail throughout the audit and on a regular basis. Our clients have the ability to transmit information to us on our secure client portal with the ability to assign different staff with separate log on and viewing capability. This further facilitates efficiency as all assigned users receive electronic mail notification as soon as new information has been posted into the portal. We strive to continue to keep an open line of communication through the fieldwork and ending with an exit conference.

## **Additional Services**

#### **CONSULTING / MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SERVICES**

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

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

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

IT Auditing

#### ARBITRAGE

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

#### GRAU HAS PROVIDED ARBITRAGE SERVICES FOR GOVERMENTAL CLIENTS INCLUDING:

- Aberdeen Community Development District
- Amelia Walk Community Development District.
- Arlington Ridge Community Development District
- Bartram Park Community Development District
- Bartram Springs Community Development District
- Bayside Improvement District
- Baywinds Community Development District
- Beacon Lakes Community Development District
- Beacon Tradeport Community Development District
- Bobcat Trail Community Development District
- Boynton Village Community Development District
- Brandy Creek Community Development District
- Briger Community Development District
- Brighton Lakes Community Development District
- Brooks of Bonita Springs Community Development District
- Candller Hills East Community Development District
- Capital Region Community Development District
- Cedar Pointe Community Development District
- Championsgate Community Development District
- Chevel West Community Development District
- City Place Community Development District
- Coconut Cay Community Development District
- Colonial Country Club Community Development District
- Cory Lakes Community Development District
- Country Greens Community Development District
- Creekside Community Development District
- Double Branch Community Development District
- Dunes Community Development District
- Durbin Crossing Community Development District
- East Bonita Beach Road Plantation Comm. Development District
- East Homestead Community Development District
- East Park Community Development District
- Enclave at Black Point Marina Community Development District
- Falcon Trace Community Development District
- Fiddler's Creek Community Development District I
- Fiddler's Creek Community Development District II
- Fleming Island Plantation Comm. Dev. District
- Grand Haven Community Development District
- Griffin Lakes Community Development District
- Habitat Community Development District
- Hamal Community Development District
- Hammocks Community Development District
- Harbour Lakes Estates Comm. Development District
- Harmony Community Development District
- Heritage Bay Community Development District

- Heritage Palms Community Development District
- Heritage Pines Community Development District
- Heritage Springs Community Development District
- Huntington Community Development District
- Indigo East Community Development District
- Islands of Doral III Community Development District
- Julington Creek Plantation Comm. Dev. District
- Laguna Lakes Community Development District
- Lake Ashton Community Development District
- Lake Ashton II Community Development District
- Lake Powell Residential Golf Community Dev. District
- Lakes By The Bay South Community Dev. District
- Lakewood Ranch 1 Community Development District
- Landmark at Doral Community Development District
- Jurlington Creek Plantation Community Dev. District
- Lakewood Ranch 2 Community Development District
- Lakewood Ranch 3 Community Development District
- Lakewood Ranch 4 Community Development District
- Lakewood Ranch 5 Community Development District
- Lakewood Ranch 6 Community Development District
- Legacy Springs Improvement District No. 1
- Live Oak Community Development District
- Main Street Community Development District
- Marshall Creek Community Development District
- Meadow Pointe II Community Development District
- Mediterra North Community Development District
- Mediterra South Community Development District
- Mediterranea Community Development District
- Midtown Miami Community Development District
- Moody River Community Development District
- Monterra Community Development District
- Narcossee Community Development District
- North Springs Improvement District
- Oakstead Community Development District
- Old Palm Community Development District
- Orchid Grove Community Development District
- OTC Community Development District
- Overoaks Community Development District
- Palm Glades Community Development District
- Parklands Lee Community Development District
- Parklands West Community Development District
- Parkway Center Community Development District
- Pine Air Lakes Community Development District
- Pine Island Community Development District
- Pine Ridge Plantation Community Development District

#### **ARBITRAGE SERVICES (Continued)**

- Portofino Cove Community Development District
- Portofino Isles Community Development District
- Portofino Landings Community Development District
- Portofino Shores Community Development District
- Portofino Vista Community Development District
- Reunion East Community Development District
- Reunion West Community Development District
- Ridgewood Trails Community Development District
- River Place on the St. Lucie Community Dev. District
- Rolling Hills Community Development District
- Sampson Creek Community Development District
- South Dade Venture Community Development District
- South Village Community Development District
- Spicewood Community Development District
- Split Pine Community Development District
- Stonegate Community Development District
- Stoneybrook Community Development District
- Stoneybrook West Community Development District
- The Crossings at Fleming Island Comm. Dev. District
- Tison's Landing Community Development District
- Treeline Preserve Community Development District
- Turnbull Creek Community Development District

- Tuscany Reserve Community Development District
- University Place Community Development District
- Urban Orlando Community Development District
- Vasari Community Development District
- Verandah East Community Development District
- Verandah West Community Development District
- Verano Center Community Development District
- Villa Portofino East Community Development District
- Villa Vizcaya Community Development District
- Villages of Westport Comm. Development District
- Villasol Community Development District
- Vista Lakes Community Development District
- Vizcaya Community Development District
- Vizcaya in Kendall Community Development District
- Walnut Creek Community Development District
- Waterchase Community Development District
- Waterford Estates Community Development District
- Waterstone Community Development District
- Wentworth Estates Community Development District
- Westchester Community Development District #1
- Woodlands Community Development District
- Wynnfield Lakes Community Development District

## Grau provides value and services <u>above</u> and <u>beyond</u> the traditional auditor's "product"

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

For even more information on Grau & Associates please visit us on <u>www.graucpa.com</u>.

