

SARASOTA NATIONAL

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

February 11, 2025

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING AND
AUDIT COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

**SARASOTA NATIONAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

AGENDA LETTER

Sarasota National Community Development District

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W • Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Phone: (561) 571-0010 • Toll-Free: (877) 276-0889 • Fax: (561) 571-0013

February 4, 2025

Board of Supervisors
Sarasota National Community Development District

ATTENDEES:

Please identify yourself each time you speak to facilitate accurate transcription of meeting minutes.

Dear Board Members:

The Board of Supervisors of the Sarasota National Community Development District will hold a Regular Meeting and Audit Committee Meeting on February 11, 2025 at 1:00 p.m., in person at the Sarasota National Clubhouse, 25500 National Boulevard, Venice, Florida 34293. The agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comments: *Agenda Items* [3-Minute Time Limit]
3. Update: Premier Lakes, Inc. (*Alex Kurth*)
4. Discussion: Letter from Resident RE Land Erosion [23387 Waverly Circle]
5. Discussion: Lake Bank Issues Related to Golf Course Renovation
6. Discussion: Review of Lake Boundary (Tract 739) Adjacent to Number 7 Hole
7. Discussion/Consideration: Installation of Four (4) Floating Targets at Golf Driving Range
8. Recess Regular Meeting/Commencement of Audit Selection Committee Meeting
9. Review of Responses to Request for Proposals (RFP) for Annual Audit Services
 - A. Affidavit of Publication
 - B. RFP Package
 - C. Respondents
 - I. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank
 - II. DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A.
 - III. Grau & Associates
 - IV. Carr, Riggs & Ingram


- D. Auditor Evaluation Matrix/Ranking
10. Termination of Audit Selection Committee Meeting/Reconvene Regular Meeting
11. Consider Recommendation of Audit Selection Committee
- Award of Contract
12. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of December 31, 2024
- Financial Highlights Report
13. Approval of January 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
14. Staff Reports
- A. District Counsel: *Kutak Rock LLP*
- B. District Engineer: *Johnson Engineering*
- C. District Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*
- NEXT MEETING DATE: April 8, 2025 at 1:00 PM
 - QUORUM CHECK

SEAT 1	CARLTON (CARY) LEUSCHNER	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
SEAT 2	RICHARD (DICK) SMITH	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
SEAT 3	JOHN ISTWAN	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
SEAT 4	DOUGLAS KASL	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
SEAT 5	GERALD BERGMOSER	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/> PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

- D. Operations Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*
15. Supervisors' Requests
16. Adjournment

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (239) 464-7114 with any questions.

Sincerely,


Chesley "Chuck" Adams
District Manager

FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE:

CALL-IN NUMBER: 1-888-354-0094

PARTICIPANT PASSCODE: 709 724 7992

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From the desk of Eric Buck

November 22, 2024

Sarasota National CDD/Craig Wrathell
% Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, FL 33431

To the Sarasota National CDD Board ,

My name is Eric Buck. I am in my 4th year as a resident of Sarasota National (23387 Waverly Circle). My home is original construction and Certificate of Occupancy was granted July 2020,

I want to bring to the Board's attention a concern on the encroachment of a CDD pond (tract 700 lake) and its erosion of the land/embankment on the south property line (copy of plat attached).

When the property was purchased there was an elevated embankment and some maintained landscape outside my property line. My plat reveals 18'9" on the west and 19' on the east from my extended Lanai foundation.

It is evident that over the last 4 years (plus) there is substantial erosion to the continuing embankment to the south portion of my property. It is my personal estimate that approximately 3 feet of grass/sand/soil has been eradicated. The present condition (pictures attached) is that there is less than 2 feet remaining of the CDD landscape before the said pond/lake starts or continues eroding into my property.

I'd like to bring this to the attention of the board so that preemptive resolutions can be considered to prohibit the intrusion into the embankment and integrity of my property. As this situation progresses, your pond/lake could affect the integrity of my lanai and pool foundation.

I hope the right corrective measures can be introduced and an amicable solution formulated.

Thank you for time

Eric Buck (embdoubleodd@aol.com)

PLAT/Property Pictures attached....





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From: [Cleo Adams](#)
To: [Gianna Denofrio](#); [Madison Tappa](#)
Cc: [Daphne Gillyard](#); [shane willis](#)
Subject: FW: Golf Course Questions - Sarasota National Agenda Item
Date: Friday, January 31, 2025 8:34:16 AM

Good Morning Ladies,
Please add the below email to the agenda for discussion purposes.

SW Florida Strong –

Cleo Adams
District Manager
Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC
9220 Bonita Beach Road
Suite #214
Bonita Springs, FL 34135
(239) 989-2939 (M)

**FRAUD ALERT ---- DUE TO INCREASED INCIDENTS OF
WIRE FRAUD, IF YOU RECEIVE WIRE INSTRUCTIONS
FROM OUR OFFICE DO NOT SEND A WIRE.**

From: GERRY Bergmoser <gbergmoser@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 5:20 PM
To: Cleo Adams <crismond@whhassociates.com>
Subject: Fwd: Golf Course Questions

Please forward to Engineer and Lindsay for their input as to what we require from golf group. Believe we may need to add to agenda. Gerry

----- Original Message -----

From: Sally Krause <sallysngolfreno@gmail.com>
To: gbergmoser@sarasotanationalcdd.com,
cleuschner@sarasotanationalcdd.com
Cc: Robert Marinello <GVDirectorMarinello@sarasotanationalgolf.com>,
Paul Martin <Paul.mrtn@gmail.com>, Ron Despain <rdespain@troon.com>,
Jason Straka <jstraka@frystraka.com>
Date: 01/30/2025 3:35 PM EST
Subject: Golf Course Questions

Hello,

As you may be aware, the Golf Village community has elected to move forward with a renovation to the Golf Course in 2026. Last year, I attended a meeting and we discussed possible changes to water however, we opted to move forward with plans with no changes to water so the process should be easier. With that said, I need to clarify a few questions for our architect while they begin the construction documents. I am unsure if we request to be added to the February agenda to ask these questions or if these can be handled via email. In case the latter is possible, I included them below.

Please advise, thank you,
Sally Krause

1. The golf course architect would like to have the ability to perform limited grading on the slopes of the lake banks within the SNCDD property to be able to transition the new golf course grading onto the lake bank slopes. None of the grading work will impact the lake surface area or the runoff storage volume of the lakes. The work would include turf removal and minor adjustments to limited areas of the surface grades of the lake banks. After the grading operation is completed, any lake banks that were disturbed will be re-grassed with Bermudagrass sod. Please advise if this is acceptable?

2. The current bulkheads on the 7th and 18th holes have been assessed structurally and determined will need replacement in 2-4 years. The decision to address this during the larger

construction project was made since it makes sense financially and we don't want to disrupt golf again in just a few years. These are planned to be rebuilt in the current location however are situated in the lakes. Please confirm what you will need, if anything, for this to proceed.

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Golf & Greens Committee Request to Define Lake Boundary Along Hole #7

To: Cleo Adams
District Manager
Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC

Cleo,

Thank you for providing us with an opportunity at the February 11th Board meeting to discuss our request for floating targets for our driving range. This request is for an ongoing discussion with the CDD Board on how we can best manage areas of the community where our interest overlap. This request specifically relates to the large lake (tract 739) that encircles the number six and number seven golf holes.

Overview: The north side of the number seven golf hole has been damaged by both hurricane Ian & hurricane Milton. The irrigation system received significant damage along #7 for approximately 300 yards. We are struggling to maintain the grass on the tee boxes due to lack of sufficient irrigation.

Request: CDD Board to provide direction on the boundary of the lake (tract 739) adjacent to the number seven hole. Providing a definitive boundary will allow our team to repair the irrigation system that is currently partially covered by the lake and take precautions for future storms.

Thank you for considering this request. As always, our team is ready to work with the CDD Board to resolve these issues.

Marty Quinn
Golf & Greens Committee Chairperson

Golf & Greens Committee Request to Define Lake Boundary Along Hole #7



Golf & Greens Committee Request to Define Lake Boundary Along Hole #7

Northside view of #7 Tee Box



Southside view of #7 Tee Box



Damaged Irrigation Lines #7 Tee Box



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From: Marty Quinn <lmqjr64@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 1:33 PM

To: Cleo Adams <crismond@whhassociates.com>

Cc: Richard Smith <smithrichard113045@gmail.com>

Subject: Notification to Install Four Floating Targets at Sarasota National Golf Driving Range

Cleo,

We are planning to install four floating targets on our golf driving range at Sarasota National (see attachment). This plan mirrors the floating range targets used at Wellen Park Country Club. The SN Golf & Greens Committee voted to notify you of our plans to see if you have any recommendations for this project. Our plan is rather straightforward. To install four 10' round floating targets in our water range to provide members with an improved experience by allowing them to hit at a specific target rather than trying to focus on a small part of a wide open lake.

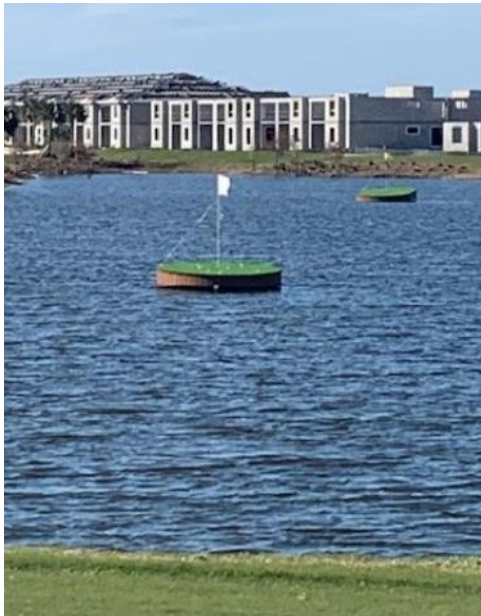
Thank you in advance for your response.

Marty Quinn

Golf & Greens Committee Chairperson

Installing Four Floating Targets on Sarasota National Driving Range

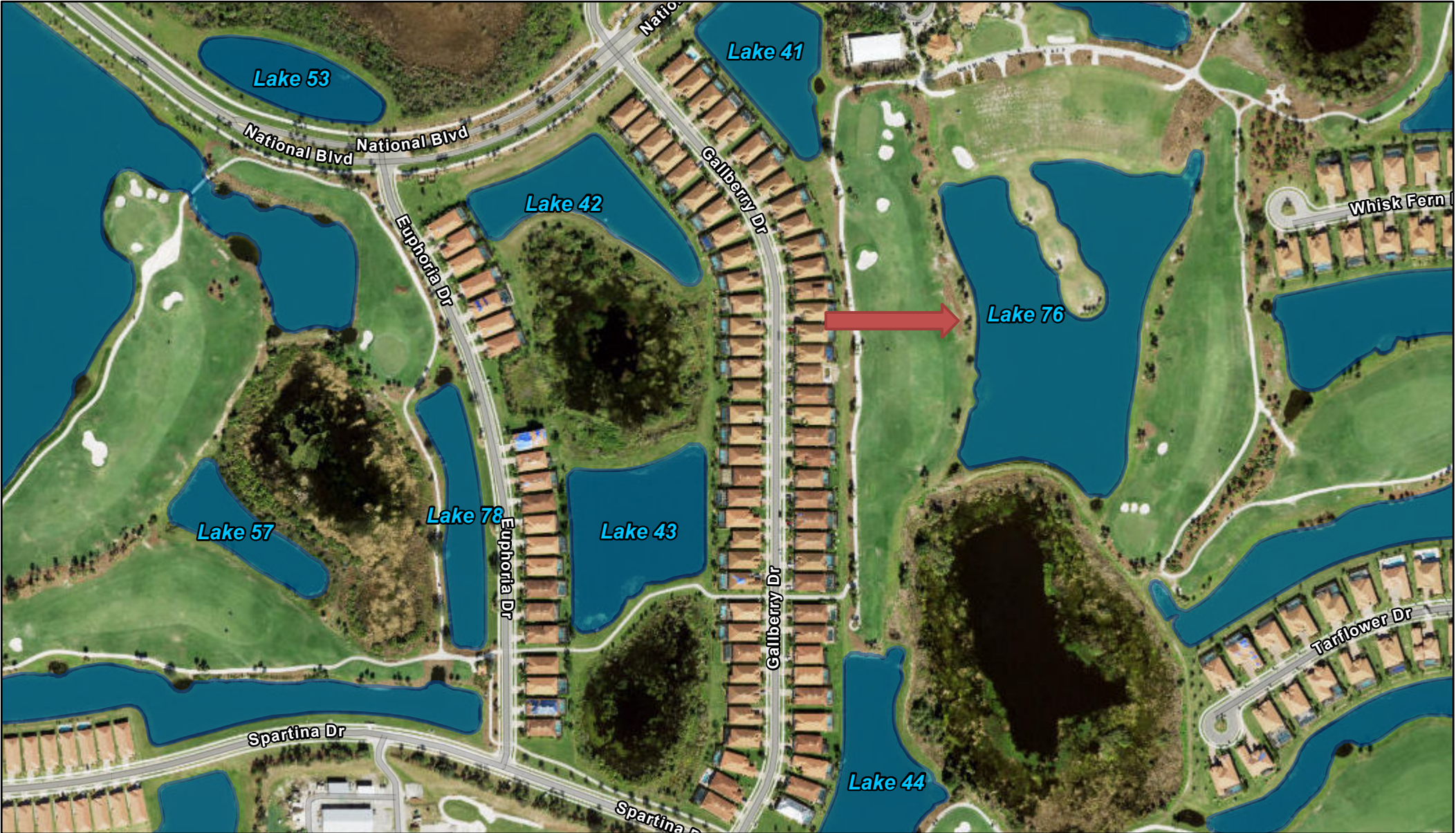
- **The Driving Range at Sarasota National is considered a water range. In that floating golf balls are hit into the water range and retrieved daily.**
- **Our plan is to install four 10' round floating targets.**
- **Over 1,000 golf balls are hit into the water each day.**
- **Floating targets are used at nearby golf courses with no adverse effects.**
- **Additional targets allow golfers to improve their practice sessions and increase options for setting up the driving range each day.**







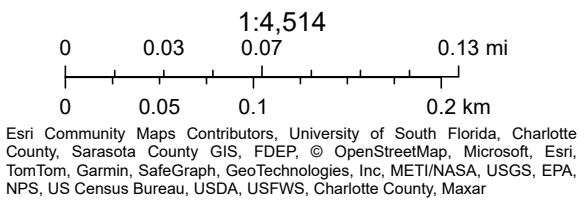
**Driving Range at Sarasota National;
January 2025**

Sarasota National CDD



1/29/2025, 9:05:33 AM

-  Sarasota National CDD
-  Lakes



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Business Observer

Published Weekly
Sarasota, Sarasota County, Florida

COUNTY OF SARASOTA

STATE OF FLORIDA

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Holly Botkin who on oath says that he/she is Publisher's Representative of the Business Observer a weekly newspaper published at Sarasota, Sarasota County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement,

being a Request for Proposals

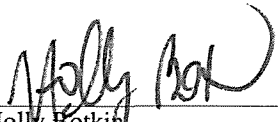
in the matter of Annual Audit Services; Sarasota National CDD

in the Court, was published in said newspaper by print in the

issues of 1/31/2025

Affiant further says that the Business Observer complies with all legal requirements for publication in chapter 50, Florida Statutes.

*This Notice was placed on the newspaper's website and floridapublicnotices.com on the same day the notice appeared in the newspaper.


Holly Botkin

Sworn to and subscribed, and personally appeared by physical presence before me,

31st day of January, 2025 A.D.

by Holly Botkin who is personally known to me.


Notary Public, State of Florida
(SEAL)



Donna Condon
Comm.: HH 534210
Expires: Jun. 29, 2028
Notary Public - State of Florida

SARASOTA NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES

The Sarasota National Community Development District hereby requests proposals for annual financial auditing services. The proposal must provide for the auditing of the District's financial records for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, with an option for additional annual renewals, subject to mutual agreement by both parties. The District is a local unit of special-purpose government created under Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for the purpose of financing, constructing, and maintaining public infrastructure. The District is located in Sarasota County, Florida. The final contract will require that, among other things, the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, be completed no later than June 30, 2025.

The auditing entity submitting a proposal must be duly licensed under Chapter 473, *Florida Statutes*, and be qualified to conduct audits in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards," as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with Florida Law and particularly Section 218.39, *Florida Statutes*, and the rules of the Florida Auditor General.

Proposal packages, which include evaluation criteria and instructions to proposers, are available from the District Manager at the address and telephone number listed below.

Proposers must provide one (1) unbound and one (1) electronic copy of their proposal to the District Manager, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010 in an envelope marked on the outside "Auditing Services, Sarasota National Community Development District." Proposals must be received by 12:00 p.m., on February 7, 2025, at the office of the District Manager. Please direct all questions regarding this Notice to the District Manager.

District Manager
January 31, 2025

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District Manager

SARASOTA NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2024

Sarasota County, Florida

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

SECTION 1. DUE DATE. Sealed proposals must be received no later than **February 7, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.**, at the offices of District Manager, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010. Proposals will be publicly opened at that time.

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

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

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

SECTION 5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL. Submit one (1) unbound and one (1) electronic 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 –Sarasota National Community Development District" on the face of it. **Please include pricing for each additional bond issuance.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A. List 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 experience.
- B. Describe proposed staffing levels, including resumes with applicable certifications.
- C. Three references from projects of similar size and scope. The Proposer should include information relating to the work it conducted for each reference as well as a name, address and phone number of a contact person.
- D. The lump sum cost of the provision of the services under the proposal for the District's first audit for which there are no special assessment bonds, plus the lump sum cost of two (2) annual renewals, which renewals shall include services related to the District's anticipated issuance of special assessment bonds.

SECTION 13. PROTESTS. In accordance with the District's Rules of Procedure, any protest regarding the Proposal Documents, must be filed in writing, at the offices of the

District Manager, within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the receipt of the Proposal 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 (including Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) 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 the aforesaid Proposal 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.

***Alternatively, the Board may choose to evaluate firms without considering price, in which case the remaining categories would be assigned 25 points each.

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**SARASOTA NATIONAL
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PROPOSAL FOR AUDIT SERVICES**

PROPOSED BY:

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, PL

600 Citrus Avenue, Suite 200
Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

(772) 461-6120

CONTACT PERSON:

J. W. Gaines, CPA, Director

DATE OF PROPOSAL:

February 7, 2025

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Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank

Certified Public Accountants PL

600 Citrus Avenue
Suite 200
Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

772/461-6120 // 461-1155
FAX: 772/468-9278

February 7, 2025

Sarasota National Community Development District
Wrathell Hunt & Associates LLC
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Dear District Manager:

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

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

Experience

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



Berger, Toombs, Elam,
Gaines & Frank
Certified Public Accountants PL

Sarasota National Community Development District
February 7, 2025

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

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

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

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit this proposal to Sarasota National Community Development District.

Very truly yours,

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank
Certified Public Accountants PL
Fort Pierce, Florida

PROFILE OF THE PROPOSER

Description and History of Audit Firm

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

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

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

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

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

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

Professional Staff Resources

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

	<u>Total</u>
Partners/Directors (CPA's)	6
Managers (2 CPA's)	2
Senior/Supervisor Accountants (3 CPA's)	3
Staff Accountants (2 CPA)	11
Computer Specialist	1
Paraprofessional	7
Administrative	<u>5</u>
Total – all personnel	35

Following is a brief description of each employee classification:

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

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

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

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

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

Professional Staff Resources (Continued)

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

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

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

Chapter 21A-1, Florida Administrative Code;

Section 473.315, Florida Statutes; and,

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

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

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

Ability to Furnish the Required Services

As previously noted in the Profile of the Proposer section of this document, our firm has been in existence for over 74 years. We have provided audit services to some clients for over 30 years continually. Our firm is insured against physical loss through commercial insurance and we also carry liability insurance. The majority of our audit documentation is stored electronically, both on our office network and on each employee laptop or computer assigned to each specific job. Our office computer network is backed up on tape, so in the event of a total equipment loss, we can restore all data as soon as replacement equipment is acquired. In addition, our field laptop computers carry the same data and can be used in the event of emergency with virtually no delay in completing the required services.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED

Arbitrage Rebate Services

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

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

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

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

GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING EXPERIENCE

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

The current members of our firm have performed audits of over 1,100 community development districts, and over 2,100 audits of municipalities, counties and other governmental entities such as the City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County.

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

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

Continuing Professional Education

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

GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

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

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

Quality Control Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

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

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

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

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

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR)

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

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

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

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

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

References

Terracina Community Development
District
Jeff Walker, Special District Services
(561) 630-4922

Gateway Community Development
District
Stephen Bloom, Severn Trent Management
(954) 753-5841

The Reserve Community Development District

Darrin Mossing, Governmental Management
Services LLC
(407) 841-5524

Clearwater Cay Community Development
District
Cal Teague, Premier District Management

(239) 690-7100 ext 101

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

Community Development Districts

Aberdeen Community Development
District

Beacon Lakes Community
Development District

Alta Lakes Community Development
District

Beaumont Community Development
District

Amelia Concourse Community
Development District

Bella Collina Community Development
District

Amelia Walk Community
Development District

Bonnet Creek Community
Development District

Aqua One Community Development
District

Buckeye Park Community
Development District

Arborwood Community Development
District

Candler Hills East Community
Development District

Arlington Ridge Community
Development District

Cedar Hammock Community
Development District

Bartram Springs Community
Development District

Central Lake Community
Development District

Baytree Community Development
District

Channing Park Community
Development District

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

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

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Heritage Harbor Community Development District	Madeira Community Development District
Heritage Isles Community Development District	Marhsall Creek Community Development District
Heritage Lake Park Community Development District	Meadow Pointe IV Community Development District
Heritage Landing Community Development District	Meadow View at Twin Creek Community Development District
Heritage Palms Community Development District	Mediterra North Community Development District
Heron Isles Community Development District	Midtown Miami Community Development District
Heron Isles Community Development District	Mira Lago West Community Development District
Highland Meadows II Community Development District	Montecito Community Development District
Julington Creek Community Development District	Narcoossee Community Development District
Laguna Lakes Community Development District	Naturewalk Community Development District
Lake Bernadette Community Development District	New Port Tampa Bay Community Development District
Lakeside Plantation Community Development District	Overoaks Community Development District
Landings at Miami Community Development District	Panther Trace II Community Development District
Legends Bay Community Development District	Paseo Community Development District
Lexington Oaks Community Development District	Pine Ridge Plantation Community Development District
Live Oak No. 2 Community Development District	Piney Z Community Development District

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Poinciana Community Development District	Sampson Creek Community Development District
Poinciana West Community Development District	San Simeon Community Development District
Port of the Islands Community Development District	Six Mile Creek Community Development District
Portofino Isles Community Development District	South Village Community Development District
Quarry Community Development District	Southern Hills Plantation I Community Development District
Renaissance Commons Community Development District	Southern Hills Plantation III Community Development District
Reserve Community Development District	South Fork Community Development District
Reserve #2 Community Development District	St. John's Forest Community Development District
River Glen Community Development District	Stoneybrook South Community Development District
River Hall Community Development District	Stoneybrook South at ChampionsGate Community Development District
River Place on the St. Lucie Community Development District	Stoneybrook West Community Development District
Rivers Edge Community Development District	Tern Bay Community Development District
Riverwood Community Development District	Terracina Community Development District
Riverwood Estates Community Development District	Tison's Landing Community Development District
Rolling Hills Community Development District	TPOST Community Development District
Rolling Oaks Community Development District	

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Triple Creek Community Development District	Vizcaya in Kendall Development District
TSR Community Development District	Waterset North Community Development District
Turnbull Creek Community Development District	Westside Community Development District
Twin Creeks North Community Development District	WildBlue Community Development District
Urban Orlando Community Development District	Willow Creek Community Development District
Verano #2 Community Development District	Willow Hammock Community Development District
Viera East Community Development District	Winston Trails Community Development District
VillaMar Community Development District	Zephyr Ridge Community Development District

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Other Governmental Organizations

City of Westlake	Office of the Medical Examiner, District 19
Florida Inland Navigation District	Rupert J. Smith Law Library of St. Lucie County
Fort Pierce Farms Water Control District	St. Lucie Education Foundation
Indian River Regional Crime Laboratory, District 19, Florida	Seminole Improvement District
Viera Stewardship District	Troup Indiantown Water Control District

Current or Recent Single Audits.

St. Lucie County, Florida
Early Learning Coalition, Inc.
Gateway Services Community Development District.

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

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

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

Counties

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

Indian River
Martin
Okeechobee
Palm Beach

Municipalities

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

GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Special Districts

Bannon Lakes Community Development District
Boggy Creek Community Development District
Capron Trail Community Development District
Celebration Pointe Community Development District
Coquina Water Control District
Diamond Hill Community Development District
Dovera Community Development District
Durbin Crossing Community Development District
Golden Lakes Community Development District
Lakewood Ranch Community Development District
Martin Soil and Water Conservation District
Meadow Pointe III Community Development District
Myrtle Creek Community Development District
St. Lucie County – Fort Pierce Fire District
The Crossings at Fleming Island
St. Lucie West Services District
Indian River County Mosquito Control District
St. John's Water Control District
Westchase and Westchase East Community Development Districts
Pier Park Community Development District
Verandahs Community Development District
Magnolia Park Community Development District

Schools and Colleges

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

State and County Agencies

Central Florida Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc. (a nonprofit organization affiliated with the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners)
Florida School for Boys at Okeechobee
Indian River Community College Crime Laboratory
Indian River Correctional Institution

FEE SCHEDULE

We propose the fee for our audit services described below to be \$5,600 for the year ended September 30, 2024. In addition, if a bond issuance occurs in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the fee for our audit services will be \$7,000. The fee is contingent upon the financial records and accounting systems of Sarasota National Community Development District being "audit ready" and the financial activity for the District is not materially increased. If we discover that additional preparation work or subsidiary schedules are needed, we will consult with your authorized representative. We can assist with this additional work at our standard rates should you desire.

SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED

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

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

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

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

J. W. Gaines, CPA, CITP

Director – 45 years

Education

- ◆ Stetson University, B.B.A. – Accounting

Registrations

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

Professional Affiliations/Community Service

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

Professional Experience

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

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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J. W. Gaines, CPA, CITP (Continued)

Director

Continuing Professional Education

- ♦ Has participated in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors over the last two years to keep abreast of the latest developments in accounting and auditing such as:
 - Governmental Accounting Report and Audit Update
 - Analytical Procedures, FICPA
 - Annual Update for Accountants and Auditors
 - Single Audit Sampling and Other Considerations

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

David S. McGuire, CPA, CITP

Director – 31 years experience

Education

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

Registrations

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

Professional Affiliations/Community Service

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

Professional Experience

- ◆ Twenty-eight years public accounting experience with an emphasis on nonprofit and governmental organizations.
- ◆ Audit Manager in-charge on a variety of audit and review engagements within several industries, including the following government and nonprofit organizations:
 - St. Lucie County, Florida
 - 19th Circuit Office of Medical Examiner
 - Troup Indiantown Water Control District
 - Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Inc.
 - Healthy Kids of St. Lucie County
 - Mustard Seed Ministries of Ft. Pierce, Inc.
 - Reaching Our Community Kids, Inc.
 - Reaching Our Community Kids - South
 - St. Lucie County Education Foundation, Inc.
 - Treasure Coast Food Bank, Inc.
 - North Springs Improvement District
- ◆ Four years of service in the United States Air Force in computer operations, with a top secret (SCI/SBI) security clearance.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

David S. McGuire, CPA, CITP (Continued)

Director

Continuing Professional Education

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

- Not-for-Profit Auditing Financial Results and Compliance Requirements

- Update: Government Accounting Reporting and Auditing

- Annual Update for Accountants and Auditors

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Matthew Gonano, CPA

Director – 14 years total experience

Education

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

Professional Affiliations/Community Service

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

Professional Experience

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

Continuing Professional Education

- ◆ Mr. Gonano has participated in numerous continuing professional education courses.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

David F. Haughton, CPA

Accounting and Audit Manager – 34 years

Education

- ◆ Stetson University, B.B.A. – Accounting

Registrations

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

Professional Affiliations/Community Service

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

Professional Experience

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

Counties:

St. Lucie County

Municipalities:

City of Fort Pierce

City of Stuart

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

David F. Haughton, CPA (Continued)

Accounting and Audit Manager

Professional Experience (Continued)

Special Districts:

Bluewaters Community Development District
Country Club of Mount Dora Community Development District
Fiddler's Creek Community Development District #1 and #2
Indigo Community Development District
North Springs Improvement District
Renaissance Commons Community Development District
St. Lucie West Services District
Stoneybrook Community Development District
Summerville Community Development District
Terracina Community Development District
Thousand Oaks Community Development District
Tree Island Estates Community Development District
Valencia Acres Community Development District

Non-Profits:

The Dunbar Center, Inc.
Hibiscus Children's Foundation, Inc.
Hope Rural School, Inc.
Maritime and Yachting Museum of Florida, Inc.
Tykes and Teens, Inc.
United Way of Martin County, Inc.
Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast, Inc.

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

Continuing Professional Education

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

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Paul Daly

Staff Accountant – 12 years

Education

- ◆ Florida Atlantic University, B.S. – Accounting

Professional Experience

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

Continuing Professional Education

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

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Melissa Marlin, CPA

Senior Staff Accountant – 11 years

Education

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

Professional Experience

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

Continuing Professional Education

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

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Bryan Snyder

Staff Accountant – 10 years

Education

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

Professional Experience

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

Continuing Professional Education

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

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Maritza Stonebraker, CPA

Senior Accountant – 9 years

Education

- ♦ Indian River State College, B.S. – Accounting

Professional Experience

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

Continuing Professional Education

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

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience

Jonathan Herman, CPA

Senior Staff Accountant – 11 years

Education

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

Professional Experience

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

Continuing Professional Education

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

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Tifanee Terrell, CPA

Staff Accountant – 4 years

Education

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

Professional Experience

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

Continuing Professional Education

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

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Dylan Dixon

Staff Accountant – 3 years

Education

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

Professional Experience

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

Continuing Professional Education

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

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Brennen Moore

Staff Accountant – 1 year

Education

- ♦ Indian River State College, B.S. – Accounting

Professional Experience

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

Continuing Professional Education

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

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Jordan Wood

Staff Accountant – 1 year

Education

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

Professional Experience

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

Continuing Professional Education

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

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Katie Gifford

Staff Accountant – 1 year

Education

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

Professional Experience

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

Continuing Professional Education

- ◆ Ms. Gifford participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Commitment to Quality Service

Personnel Qualifications and Experience
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Rayna Zicari

Staff Accountant – 1 year

Education

- ◆ Stetson University, B.B.A. – Accounting

Professional Experience

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

Continuing Professional Education

- ◆ Ms. Zicari participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- ◆ Ms. Zicari is currently working towards completing an additional 30 hours of education to qualify to sit for CPA exam.



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Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

To the Partners of
Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PL
and the Peer Review Committee of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

November 30, 2022

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

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

Firm's Responsibility

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

Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

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

Required Selections and Considerations

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

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

Opinion

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

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**SARASOTA NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

DISTRICT AUDITING SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

Sarasota County, Florida

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

SECTION 1. DUE DATE. Sealed proposals must be received no later than February 7, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., at the offices of District Manager, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010. Proposals will be publicly opened at that time.

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

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

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

SECTION 5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL. Submit one (1) unbound and one (1) electronic 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 – Sarasota National Community Development District #2 Community Development District" on the face of it. Please include pricing for each additional bond issuance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A. List 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 experience.
- B. Describe proposed staffing levels, including resumes with applicable certifications.
- C. Three references from projects of similar size and scope. The Proposer should include information relating to the work it conducted for each reference as well as a name, address and phone number of a contact person.
- D. The lump sum cost of the provision of the services under the proposal for the District's first audit for which there are no special assessment bonds, plus the lump sum cost of two (2) annual renewals, which renewals shall include services related to the District's anticipated issuance of special assessment bonds.

SECTION 13. PROTESTS. In accordance with the District's Rules of Procedure, any protest regarding the Proposal Documents, must be filed in writing, at the offices of the District Manager, within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the receipt of the Proposal 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 (including Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) 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 the aforesaid Proposal 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.

**SARASOTA NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
AUDITOR SELECTION
EVALUATION CRITERIA**

1. Ability of Personnel. (20 Points)

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

2. Proposer's Experience. (20 Points)

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

3. Understanding of Scope of Work. (20 Points)

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

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

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

5. Price. (20 Points)***

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

Total (100 Points)

***Alternatively, the Board may choose to evaluate firms without considering price, in which case the remaining categories would be assigned 25 points each.

**SARASOTA NATIONAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Sarasota National Community Development District

Proposer

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A.
Certified Public Accountants

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Contact:

**Jim Hartley, CPA
Principal**

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Sarasota National
Community Development District
Audit Selection Committee

Dear Committee Members:

We are pleased to have this opportunity to present the qualifications of DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A. (DMHB) to serve as Sarasota National Creek Community Development District's independent auditors. The audit is a significant engagement demanding various professional resources, governmental knowledge and expertise, and, most importantly, experience serving Florida local governments. DMHB understands the services required and is committed to performing these services within the required time frame. We have the staff available to complete this engagement in a timely fashion. We audit several entities across the State making it feasible to schedule and provide services at the required locations.

Proven Track Record—Our clients know our people and the quality of our work. We have always been responsive, met deadlines, and been willing to go the extra mile with the objective of providing significant value to mitigate the cost of the audit. This proven track record of successfully working together to serve governmental clients will enhance the quality of services we provide.

Experience—DMHB has a history of providing quality professional services to an impressive list of public sector clients in Florida. We currently serve a large number of public sector entities in Florida, including cities, villages, special districts, as well as a large number of community development districts. Our firm has performed in excess of 100 community development district audits. In addition, our senior management team members have between 25 and 35 years experience in serving Florida governments. DMHB is a recognized leader in providing services to governmental and non-profit agencies within the State of Florida. Through our experience in performing audits, we have been able to increase our audit efficiency and therefore reduce cost. We have continually passed this cost saving on to our clients and will continue to do so in the future. As a result of our experience and expertise, we have developed an effective and efficient audit approach designed to meet or exceed the performance specifications in accordance with audit standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States with minimal disruption to your operations. Our firm has frequent technical updates to keep our personnel informed and up to date on all changes that are occurring within the industry.

Timeliness – In order to meet the Districts needs, we will perform interim internal control testing by January 31st from unaudited preliminary general ledgers provided. The remaining testing will be completed no later than May 1st. We will also review all minutes and subsequent needs related to the review of the minutes by January 31st. Follow up review will be completed as necessary.

Communication and Knowledge Sharing— Another driving force behind our service approach is frequent, candid and open communication with management with no surprises. During the course of the audit, we will communicate with management on a regular basis to provide you with a status report on the audit and to discuss any issues that arise, potential management letter comments, or potential audit differences.

In the accompanying proposal, you will find additional information upon which you can evaluate DMHB's qualifications. Our full team is in place and waiting to serve you. Please contact us at 2222 Colonial Road, Suite 200 Fort Pierce, FL 34950. Our phone number is (772) 461-8833. We look forward to further discussion on how our team can work together with you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes". The script is cursive and fluid, with the names connected together.

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A. is a local public accounting firm with offices in the cities of Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie. The firm was formed in 1982.

➤ *Professional Staff Resources*

Our services will be delivered through personnel in both our Port St. Lucie and Ft. Pierce offices, located at 591 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34984 and 2222 Colonial Road, Suite 200, Fort Pierce, Florida 34950, respectively. DMHB has a total of 19 professional staff including 9 with extensive experience serving governmental entities.

Professional Staff Classification	Number of Professionals
Partner	4
Managers	2
Senior	2
Staff	11
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DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes provides a variety of accounting, auditing, tax litigation support, estate planning, and consulting services. Some of the governmental, non-profit accounting, auditing and advisory services currently provided to clients include:

- Annual financial and compliance audits including Single Audits of State and Federal financial assistance programs under the OMB A-133 audit criteria
- Issuance of Comfort Letters, consent letters, and parity certificates in conjunction with the issuance of tax-exempt debt obligations, including compiling financial data and interim period financial statement reviews
- Assisting in compiling historical financial data for first-time and subsequent submissions for the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

➤ *Professional Staff Resources (Continued)*

- Audits of franchise fees received from outside franchisees
- Preparation of annual reports to the State Department of Banking and Finance
- Audits of Internal Controls – Governmental Special Project
- Assistance with Implementation of current GASB pronouncements

➤ *Current and Near Future Workload*

In order to better serve and provide timely and informative financial data, we have comprised an experienced audit team. Our present and future workloads will permit the proposed audit team to perform these audits within the time schedule required and meet all deadlines.

➤ *Identification of Audit Team*

The team is composed of people who are experienced, professional, and creative. They fully understand your business and will provide you with reliable opinions. In addition, they will make a point to maintain ongoing dialogue with each other and management about the status of our services.

The auditing firm you select is only as good as the people who serve you. We are extremely proud of the outstanding team we have assembled for your engagement. Our team brings many years of relevant experience coupled with the technical skill, knowledge, authority, dedication, and most of all, the commitment you need to meet your government reporting obligations and the challenges that will result from the changing accounting standards.

A flow chart of the audit team and brief resumes detailing individual team members' experience in each of the relevant areas follow.

Jim Hartley, CPA – Engagement Partner (resume attached)
Will assist in the field as main contact

Jay McBee, CPA – Technical Reviewer (resume attached)

Christine Kenny, CPA – Senior (resume attached)

Jim Hartley

Partner – DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes

Experience and Training

Jim has over 35 years of public accounting experience and would serve as the engagement partner. His experience and training include:

- 35 years of non-profit and governmental experience.
- Specializing in serving entities ranging from Government to Associations and Special District audits.
- Has performed audits and advisory services for a variety of public sector entities.
- Has extensive experience performing audits of federal grant recipients in accordance with the Single Audit Act and the related Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines.
- Experienced in maintaining the GFOA Certificate of Achievement.
- 120 hours of CPE credits over the past 3 years.

Recent Engagements

Has provided audit services on governmental entities including towns, villages, cities, counties, special districts and community development districts. Jim has assisted with financial statement preparation, system implementation, and a variety of services to a wide range of non-profit and governmental entities. Jim currently provides internal audit and consulting services to governmental entities and non-profit agencies to assist in implementing and maintaining “best practice” accounting policies and procedures. Jim provides auditing services to the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, St. Lucie County Fire District, City of Port St. Lucie, Tradition CDD #1 – 10, Southern Groves CDD #1-6, Multiple CDD audits, Town of St. Lucie Village, Town of Sewall’s Point, Town of Jupiter Island along with several other entities, including Condo and Homeowner Associations.

Education and Registrations

- Bachelor of Science in Accounting – Sterling College.
- Certified Public Accountant

Professional Affiliations

- Member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Member of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association

Volunteer Service

- Treasurer & Executive Board - St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce
- Budget Advisory Board - St. Lucie County School District
- Past Treasurer - Exchange Club for Prevention of Child Abuse & Exchange Foundation Board
- Board of Directors – State Division of Juvenile Justice

Jay L. McBee

Partner – DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes

Experience and Training

Jay has over 45 years of public accounting experience and would serve as the technical reviewer on the audit. His experience and training include:

- 45 years of government experience.
- Specializing in serving local government entities.
- Has performed audits and advisory services for a variety of public sector entities including counties, cities, special districts, and school districts.
- Has experience performing audits of federal grant recipients in accordance with the Single Audit Act and the related Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines, including Circular A-133 and the Rules of the Auditor General.
- Has extensive experience in performing pension audits.
- Experienced in developing and maintaining the GFOA Certificate of Achievement.
- 120 Hours of relevant government CPE credits over the past 3 years.
- Experience in municipal bond and other governmental-financing options and offerings.

Recent Engagements

Has provided auditing services on local governmental entities including towns, villages, cities, counties, special district and community development districts. Jay has assisted with financial preparation, system implementation, and a variety of government services to a wide range of governmental entities. Jay currently provides auditing services to the City of Port St. Lucie, City of Okeechobee Pension Trust Funds, St. Lucie County Fire District Pension funds, along with several other non-profit and governmental entities.

Education and Registrations

- Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Quantitative Business Management – West Virginia University.
- Certified Public Accountant

Professional Affiliations

- Member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Member of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association

Volunteer Service

- Member of the St. Lucie County Citizens Budget Committee
- Finance committee for the First United Methodist Church
- Treasurer of Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County

Christine M. Kenny, CPA

Senior Staff – DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes

Experience and training

Christine has over 18 years of public accounting experience and would serve as a senior staff for the Constitutional Officers. Her experience and training include:

- 18 years of manager and audit experience.
- Has performed audits and advisory services for a variety of public sector entities including counties, cities, towns and special districts.
- Has experience performing audits of federal grant recipients in accordance with the Single Audit Act and the related Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines, including Circular A-133 and the Rules of the Auditor General.
- 100 hours of relevant government CPE credits over the past 3 years.

Recent Engagements

Has provided audit services on governmental entities including towns, villages, cities and special districts. Christine has assisted with financial statement preparation, system implementation, and a variety of services to a wide range of non-profit and governmental entities. Christine currently provides services to multiple agencies to assist in implementing and maintaining “best practice” accounting policies and procedures.

Engagements include St. Lucie County Fire District, City of Fort Pierce, Town of Sewall’s Point, and Town of St. Lucie Village.

Education and Registrations

- Bachelor of Science in Accounting – Florida State University
- Professional Affiliations
- Active Member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Active Member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Member of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

➤ ***Governmental Audit Experience***

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A., through its principals and members, has provided continuous in-depth professional accounting, auditing, and consulting services to local government units, nonprofit organizations, and commercial clients. Our professionals have developed considerable expertise in performing governmental audits and single audits and in preparing governmental financial statements in conformance with continually evolving GASB pronouncements, statements, and interpretations. All of the public sector entities we serve annually are required to be in accordance with GASB pronouncements and government auditing standards. We currently perform several Federal and State single audits in compliance with OMB Circular A-133 and under the Florida Single Audit Act. Our professionals are also experienced in assisting their clients with preparing Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (GFOA).

All work performed by our firm is closely supervised by experienced certified public accountants. Only our most seasoned CPA's perform consulting services. Some of the professional accounting, auditing, and management consulting services currently provided to our local governmental clients include:

- Annual financial and compliance audits including Single Audits of State and Federal financial assistance programs under OMB A-133 audit criteria and the Florida Single Audit Act
- Assisting in compiling historical financial data for first-time and supplemental submissions for GFOA Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting
- Audits of franchise fees received from outside franchisees
- Assistance with Implementation of GASB-34
- Internal audit functions
- Fixed assets review and updating cost/depreciation allocations and methods

ADDITIONAL DATA

➤ *Procedures for Ensuring Quality Control & Confidentiality*

Quality control in any CPA firm can never be taken for granted. It requires a continuing commitment to professional excellence. DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes is formally dedicated to that commitment.

In an effort to continue to maintain the standards of working excellence required by our firm, DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A. joined the Quality Review Program of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. To be a participating member firm, a firm must obtain an independent compliance review of its quality control policies and procedures to ascertain the firm's compliance with existing auditing standards on the applicable engagements. The scope of peer review is comprehensive in that it specifically reviews the following quality control policies and procedures of the participating firm:

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

➤ *Independence*

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

Our firm has provided continuous certified public accounting services in the government sector for 31 years, and we are independent of the Community Development Districts as defined by the following rules, regulations, and standards:

ADDITIONAL DATA (CONTINUED)

➤ *Independence (Continued)*

- Au Section 220 – Statements on Auditing Standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- ET Sections 101 and 102 – Code of Professional Conduct of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Chapter 21A-21, Florida Administrative Code
- Section 473.315, Florida Statutes
- Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States

➤ *Computer Auditing Capabilities*

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes' strong computer capabilities as demonstrated by our progressive approach to computer auditing and extensive use of microcomputers. Jay McBee is the MIS partner for DMHB. Jay has extensive experience in auditing and evaluating various computer systems and would provide these services in this engagement.

We view the computer operation as an integral part of its accounting systems. We would evaluate the computer control environment to:

- Understand the computer control environment's effect on internal controls
- Conclude on whether aspects of the environment require special audit attention
- Make preliminary determination of comments for inclusion in our management letter

This evaluation includes:

- System hardware and software
- Organization and administration
- Access

Contracts of Similar Nature within References

Client	Years	Annual Audit In Accordance With GAAS	Engagement Partner	Incl. Utility Audit/ Consulting	GFOA Cert.	GASB 34 Implementation & Assistance	Total Hours
St. Lucie County Fire District Karen Russell, Clerk-Treasurer (772)462-2300	1984 - Current	√	Jim Hartley			√	250-300
City of Fort Pierce Johnna Morris, Finance Director (772)-460-2200	2005-current	√	Mark Barnes		√	√	800
Fort Pierce Utilities Authority Nina Hurtubise, Finance Director (772)-466-1600	2005-current	√	Jim Hartley	√	√	√	600
Town of St. Lucie Village Diane Robertson, Town Clerk (772) 595-0663	1999 – current	√	Jim Hartley			√	100
City of Okeechobee Pension Trust Funds Marita Rice, Supervisor of Finance (863)763-9460	1998 – current	√	Jay McBee				60
St. Lucie County Fire District 175 Pension Trust Fund Chris Bushman , Captain (772) 462-2300	1990 – current	√	Jay McBee				60
Tradition Community Development District 1-10 Alan Mishlove, District Finance Manager (407)382-3256	2002 - current	√	Jim Hartley			√	350
Legends Bay Community Development District Patricia Comings-Thibault (321)263-0132	2013-current	√	Jim Hartley				50
Union Park Community Development District Patricia Comings-Thibault (321)263-0132	2013-current	√	Jim Hartley				50
Deer Island Community Development District Patricia Comings-Thibault (321)263-0132	2013-current	√	Jim Hartley				50
Park Creek Community Development District Patricia Comings-Thibault (321)263-0132	2013-current	√	Jim Hartley				50
Waterleaf Community Development District Patricia Comings-Thibault (321)263-0132	2013-current	√	Jim Hartley				50

TECHNICAL APPROACH

a. *An Express Agreement to Meet or Exceed the Performance Specifications.*

1. The audit will be conducted in compliance with the following requirements:
 - a. Rules of the Auditor General for form and content of governmental audits
 - b. Regulations of the State Department of Banking and Finance
 - c. Audits of State and Local Governmental Units-American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
2. The audit report shall contain the opinion of the auditor in reference to all financial statements, and an opinion reflecting compliance with applicable legal provisions.
3. We will also provide the required copies of the audit report, the management letter, any related reports on internal control weaknesses and one copy of the adjusting journal entries and financial work papers.
4. The auditor shall, at no additional charge, make all related work papers available to any Federal or State agency upon request in accordance with Federal and State Laws and Regulations.
5. We will work in cooperation with the District, its underwriters and bond council in regard to any bond issues that may occur during the term of the contract.
6. The financial statements shall be prepared in conformity with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 34, 63 and 65.

We will commit to issuing the audit for each Fiscal year by June 1st of the following year. In order to ensure this we will perform interim internal control testing as required by January 31st from unaudited preliminary general ledgers provided. The remaining testing will be completed no later than May 1st. We will also review all minutes and subsequent needs related to the review of the minutes by January 30th. Follow up review will be completed as necessary.

b. A Tentative Schedule for Performing the Key phases of the Audit

Audit Phase and Tasks	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
<i>I. Planning Phase:</i>							
Meetings and discussions with Sarasota National Community Development District personnel regarding operating, accounting and reporting matters							
Discuss management expectations, strategies and objectives							
Review operations							
Develop engagement plan							
Study and evaluate internal controls							
Conduct preliminary analytical review							
<i>II. Detailed Audit Phase:</i>							
Conduct final risk assessment							
Finalize audit approach plan							
Perform substantive tests of account balances							
Perform single audit procedures (if applicable)							
Perform statutory compliance testing							
<i>III. Closing Phase:</i>							
Review subsequent events, contingencies and commitments							
Complete audit work and obtain management representations							
Review proposed audit adjustments with client							
<i>IV. Reporting Phase:</i>							
Review or assist in preparation of financial statement for Sarasota National Community Development District							
Prepare management letter and other special reports							
Exit conference with Sarasota National Community Development District officials and management							
Delivery of final reports							

b. SPECIFIC AUDIT APPROACH

Our partners are not strangers who show up for an entrance conference and an exit conference. We have developed an audit plan that allows the partners to directly supervise our staff in the field. By assigning two partners to the audit, we will have a partner on-site for a significant portion of the fieldwork. This also gives the District an additional contact individual for questions or problems that may arise during the audit.

The scope of our services will include a financial, as well as, a compliance audit of the District's financial statements. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Additionally, our audit will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, which govern the conduct of local government entity audits performed in the State of Florida.

Our audit approach places emphasis on the accounting information system and how the data is recorded, rather than solely on the verification of numbers on a financial statement. This approach enables us to:

- Maximize our understanding of the District's operating environment
- Minimize time required conducting the audit since we start with broad considerations and narrow to specific audit objectives in critical areas

Our audit approach consists of four phases encompassing our audit process:

- Planning Phase
- Detailed Audit Phase
- Closing Phase
- Reporting

Planning Phase

Meetings and Expectations:

Our first step in this phase will be to set up a planning meeting with the financial and operating management of Sarasota National Community Development District. Our goal here is to eliminate "surprises." By meeting with responsible officials early on we can discuss significant accounting policies, closing procedures and timetables, planned timing of our audit procedures and expectations of our work. This will also be the starting point for our discussions with management related to *SAS No. 99-Consideration of Fraud in a Financial Statement Audit*. Inquiries will be made regarding managements knowledge of fraud and on management's views regarding the risk of fraud.

Review Operations and Develop Engagement Plan

It is critical that we understand the District's operating environment. To do this we will obtain and review such items as, organizational charts, recent financial statements, budget information, major contracts and lease agreements. We will also gather other information necessary to increase our understanding of the District's operations, organization, and internal control.

Study and Evaluate Internal Control

As part of general planning, we will obtain an understanding and assessment of the District's control environment. This assessment involves a review of management's operating style, written internal control procedures, and the District's accounting system. The assessment is necessary to determine if we can rely on control procedures and thus reduce the extent of substantive testing.

We then test compliance with established control procedures by ascertaining that the significant strengths within the system are functioning as described to us. Generally, transactions are selected and reviewed in sufficient detail to permit us to formulate conclusions regarding compliance with control procedures and the extent of operation compliance with pertinent laws and regulations. This involves gaining an understanding of the District's procedures, laws and regulations, and testing systems for compliance by examining contracts, invoices, bid procedures, and other documents. After testing controls, we then evaluate the results of those tests and decide whether we can rely on controls and thus reduce other audit procedures.

Conduct Preliminary Analytical Review

Also during the planning stage, we undertake analytical procedures that aid us in focusing our energies in the right direction. We call these analytical reviews.

A properly designed analytical review can be a very effective audit procedure in audits of governmental units. Analytical reviews consist of more than just a comparison of current-year actual results to prior-year actual results. Very effective analytical review techniques include trend analysis covering a number of years and comparisons of information not maintained totally within the financial accounting system, such as per capita information, prevailing market interest rates, housing statistics, etc.

Some examples of effective analytical reviews performed together and/or individually include:

- Comparison of current-year actual results with current-year budget for the current and past years with investigation of significant differences and/or trends
- Trend analysis of the percentage of current-year revenues to current-year rates for the current and previous years with investigation of significant changes in the collection percentage
- Trend analysis of the percentage of expenditures by function for the current and previous years with investigation of significant changes in percentages by department
- Monthly analysis of receipts compared to prior years to detect trends that may have audit implications

Conclusions reached enable us to determine the nature, timing and extent of other substantive procedures.

Detailed Audit Phase

Conduct Final Risk Assessment and Prepare Audit Programs

Risk assessment requires evaluating the likelihood of errors occurring that could have a material affect on the financial statements being audited. The conclusions we reach are based on many evaluations of internal control, systems, accounts, and transactions that occur throughout the audit. After evaluating the results of our tests of control and our final risk assessment we can develop detailed audit programs.

Perform Substantive Tests of Account Balances

These tests are designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the validity of the information produced by the accounting system. Substantive tests involve such things as examining invoices supporting payments, confirmation of balances with independent parties, analytical review procedures, and physical inspection of assets. All significant accounts will be subjected to substantive procedures. Substantive tests provide direct evidence of the completeness, accuracy, and validity of data.

Perform Single Audit Procedures (if applicable)

During the planning phase of the audit we will request and review schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance. These schedules will be the basis for our determination of the specific programs we will test.

In documenting our understanding of the internal control system for the financial statement audit, we will identify control activities that impact major federal and state programs as well. This will allow us to test certain controls for the financial audit and the single audit concurrently. We will then perform additional tests of controls for each federal and state program selected for testing. We will then evaluate the results of the test of controls to determine the nature, timing and extent of substantive testing necessary to determine compliance with major program requirements.

Perform Statutory Compliance Testing

We have developed audit programs for Sarasota National Community Development District designed to test Florida Statutes as required by the Auditor General. These programs include test procedures such as general inquiries, confirmation from third parties, and examination of specific documents.

Closing Phase

During the closing phase we perform detail work paper reviews, request legal letters, review subsequent events and proposed audit adjustments. Communication with the client is critical in this phase to ensure that the information necessary to prepare financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States has been obtained.

Reporting Phase

Financial Statement Preparation

As a local firm, we spend a considerable amount of time on financial statement preparation and support. With this in mind, we can assist in certain portions of the preparation of financial statements or simply review a draft of financials prepared by your staff. We let you determine our level of involvement.

Management Letters

We want to help you solve problems before they become major.

Our management letters go beyond citing possible deficiencies in the District's internal control structures. They identify opportunities for increasing revenues, decreasing costs, improving management information, protecting assets and improving operational efficiency.

The diversity of experience of our personnel and their independent and objective viewpoints make the comments, observations, and conclusions presented in our management letters a valuable source of information. We have provided positive solution-oriented objective recommendations to our governmental clients regarding investments, accounting accuracy, data processing, revenue bonds, payroll, utility billing, purchasing, budgeting, risk management, and internal auditing.

This review ensures the integrity of the factual data in the management letter but does not influence or impair our independence.

Exit Conferences and Delivery of Reports

We anticipate meeting with appropriate District personnel in February and issuing the final required reports by the May meeting of each year.

PROPOSED AUDIT FEE

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes P.A. will perform the annual audit of Sarasota National Community Development District as follows:

September 2025	\$ 5,600
September 2026	\$ 5,750
September 2027	\$ 5,950
September 2028	\$ 6,150
September 2029	\$ 6,300

In years of new debt issuance fees may be adjusted as mutually agreed upon.

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Proposal to Provide Financial Auditing Services:

SARASOTA NATIONAL
Community Development District

Proposal Due: February 7, 2025
12:00PM

Submitted to:

Sarasota National
Community Development District
c/o District Manager
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Submitted by:

Antonio J. Grau, Partner
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February 7, 2025

Sarasota National Community Development District
c/o District Manager
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Re: Request for Proposal for Professional Auditing Services for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, with an option for two additional annual renewals.

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

Government audits are at the core of our practice: **95% of our work is performing audits for local governments and of that 98% are for special districts.** With our significant experience, we are able to increase efficiency, to provide immediate and continued savings, and to minimize disturbances to your operations.

Why Grau & Associates:

Knowledgeable Audit Team

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

Servicing your Individual Needs

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

Developing Relationships

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

Maintaining an Impeccable Reputation

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

Complying With Standards

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

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

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

Very truly yours,
Grau & Associates



Antonio J. Grau

Firm Qualifications



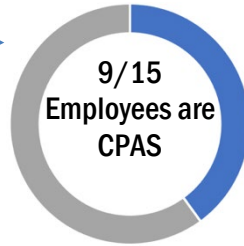
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Grau's Focus and Experience

Our Team

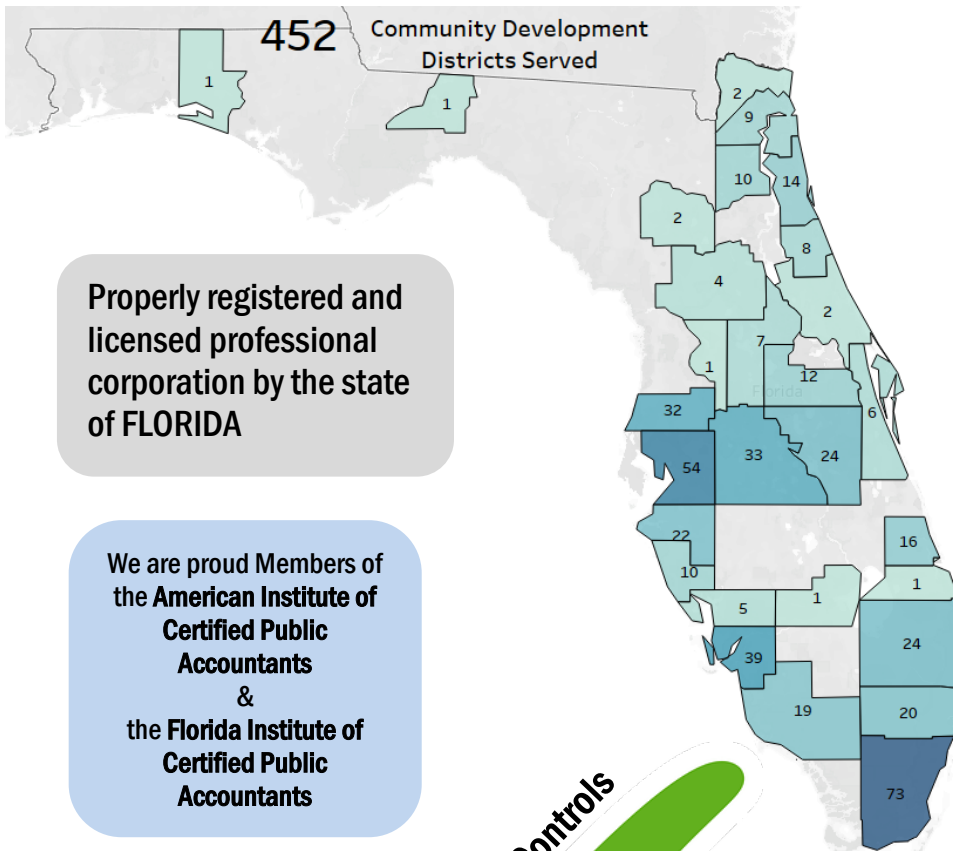


3 Partners
11 Professional Staff
2 Administrative Professionals



2005

Year founded



Properly registered and licensed professional corporation by the state of FLORIDA

We are proud Members of the **American Institute of Certified Public Accountants** & the **Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants**

Services Provided



Quality Controls

- ⇒ External quality review program: consistently receives a pass
- ⇒ Internal: ongoing monitoring to maintain quality



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See next page for report and certificate

March 17, 2023

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

Dear Antonio Grau:

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

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

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

FICPA Peer Review Committee

Peer Review Team
FICPA Peer Review Committee

850.224.2727, x5957

cc: Daniel Hevia, Racquel McIntosh

Firm Number: 900004390114

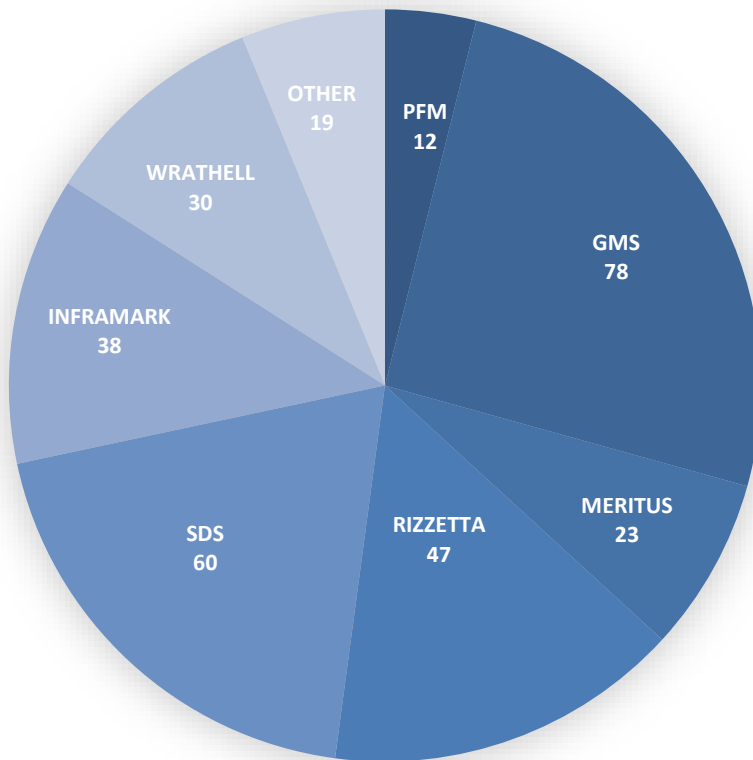
Review Number: 594791

Firm & Staff Experience



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GRAU AND ASSOCIATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT EXPERIENCE BY MANAGEMENT COMPANY



Profile Briefs:

Antonio J GRAU, CPA (Partner)

Years Performing Audits: 35+

CPE (last 2 years):

Government

Accounting, Auditing:

40 hours; Accounting, Auditing and Other:

53 hours

Professional

Memberships: AICPA,

FICPA, FGFOA, GFOA

David Caplivski, CPA (Partner)

Years Performing Audits: 13+

CPE (last 2 years):

Government

Accounting, Auditing:

24 hours; Accounting, Auditing and Other:

64 hours

Professional

Memberships: AICPA,

FICPA, FGFOA, FASD

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

- Tony Grau

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

-David Caplivski

YOUR ENGAGEMENT TEAM

Grau's client-specific engagement team is meticulously organized in order to meet the unique needs of each client. Constant communication within our solution team allows for continuity of staff and audit team. The Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) Partner will bring a unique blend of IT expertise and understanding of accounting principles to the financial statement audit of the District.



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; communicating with the client and the partners the progress of the audit; and determining that financial statements and all reports issued by the firm are accurate, complete and are prepared in accordance with professional standards and firm policy.

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 directing the development of the overall audit approach and plan; performing an overriding review of work papers and ascertain client satisfaction.



Antonio 'Tony' J. Grau, CPA

Partner

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

Experience

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

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

Education

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

Clients Served (partial list)

(>300) Various Special Districts, including:

Bayside Improvement Community Development District	St. Lucie West Services District
Dunes Community Development District	Ave Maria Stewardship Community District
Fishhawk Community Development District (I, II, IV)	Rivers Edge II Community Development District
Grand Bay at Doral Community Development District	Bartram Park Community Development District
Heritage Harbor North Community Development District	Bay Laurel Center Community Development District
Boca Raton Airport Authority	
Greater Naples Fire Rescue District	
Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District	
Lake Worth Drainage District	
South Indian River Water Control	

Professional Associations/Memberships

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

Professional Education (over the last two years)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Government Accounting and Auditing	40
Accounting, Auditing and Other	<u>53</u>
Total Hours	<u>93</u> (includes of 4 hours of Ethics CPE)



David Caplivski, CPA/CITP, Partner
Contact : dcaplivski@graucpa.com / 561-939-6676

Experience

Grau & Associates	Partner	2021-Present
Grau & Associates	Manager	2014-2020
Grau & Associates	Senior Auditor	2013-2014
Grau & Associates	Staff Auditor	2010-2013

Education

Florida Atlantic University (2009)
Master of Accounting
Nova Southeastern University (2002)
Bachelor of Science
Environmental Studies

Certifications and Certificates

Certified Public Accountant (2011)
AICPA Certified Information Technology Professional (2018)
AICPA Accreditation COSO Internal Control Certificate (2022)

Clients Served (partial list)

(>300) Various Special Districts	Hispanic Human Resource Council
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse	Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District
Boca Raton Airport Authority	Old Plantation Water Control District
Broward Education Foundation	Pinetree Water Control District
CareerSource Brevard	San Carlos Park Fire & Rescue Retirement Plan
CareerSource Central Florida 403 (b) Plan	South Indian River Water Control District
City of Lauderdale GERS	South Trail Fire Protection & Rescue District
City of Parkland Police Pension Fund	Town of Haverhill
City of Magnolia Island GERS	Town of Hypoluxo
Coquina Water Control District	Town of Hillsboro Beach
Central County Water Control District	Town of Lantana
City of Miami (program specific audits)	Town of Lauderdale By-The-Sea Volunteer Fire Pension
City of West Park	Town of Pembroke Park
Coquina Water Control District	Village of Wellington
East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Fac.	Village of Golf
East Naples Fire Control & Rescue District	

Professional Education (over the last two years)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Government Accounting and Auditing	24
Accounting, Auditing and Other	64
Total Hours	88 (includes 4 hours of Ethics CPE)

Professional Associations

Member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Member, Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Member, Florida Government Finance Officers Association
Member, Florida Association of Special Districts

References



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

Dunes Community Development District

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

Two Creeks Community Development District

Scope of Work	Financial audit
Engagement Partner	Antonio J. Grau
Dates	Annually since 2007
Client Contact	William Rizzetta, President 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200 Tampa, Florida 33614 813-933-5571

Journey's End Community Development District

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

Specific Audit Approach



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AUDIT APPROACH

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

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

Proposed segmentation of the engagement

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



Phase I - Preliminary Planning

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

During this phase we will perform the following activities:

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

Phase II – Execution of Audit Plan

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

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

Phase III - Completion and Delivery

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

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

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

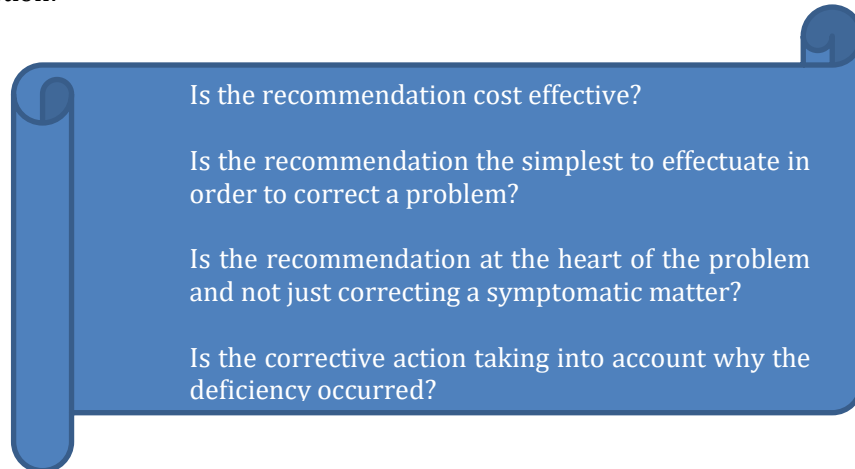
Application of this approach in developing our management letter is particularly important given the increasing financial pressures and public scrutiny facing today's public officials. We will prepare the management letter at the completion of our final procedures.

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

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

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

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



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

Communications

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

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

Cost of Services



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Our proposed all-inclusive fees for the financial audit for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024-2026 are as follows:

Year Ended September 30,	Fee
2024	\$6,500
2025	\$6,600
2026	<u>\$6,700</u>
TOTAL (2024-2026)	<u>\$19,800</u>

The above fees are based on the assumption that the District maintains its current level of operations. Should conditions change or Bonds are issued the fees would be adjusted accordingly upon approval from all parties concerned. If Bonds are issued the fee would increase by \$1,500. The fee for subsequent annual renewals would be agreed upon separately.

Supplemental Information



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PARTIAL LIST OF CLIENTS

SPECIAL DISTRICTS	Governmental Audit	Single Audit	Utility Audit	Current Client	Year End
Boca Raton Airport Authority	✓	✓		✓	9/30
Captain's Key Dependent District	✓			✓	9/30
Central Broward Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Collier Mosquito Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Coquina Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility	✓		✓		9/30
Florida Green Finance Authority	✓				9/30
Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District	✓			✓	9/30
Greater Naples Fire Control and Rescue District	✓	✓		✓	9/30
Green Corridor P.A.C.E. District	✓			✓	9/30
Hobe-St. Lucie Conservancy District	✓			✓	9/30
Indian River Farms Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Indian River Mosquito Control District	✓				9/30
Indian Trail Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District	✓	✓	✓	✓	9/30
Lake Asbury Municipal Service Benefit District	✓			✓	9/30
Lake Padgett Estates Independent District	✓			✓	9/30
Lake Worth Drainage District	✓			✓	9/30
Lealman Special Fire Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District	✓				9/30
Old Plantation Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Pal Mar Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Pinellas Park Water Management District	✓			✓	9/30
Pine Tree Water Control District (Broward)	✓			✓	9/30
Pinetree Water Control District (Wellington)	✓				9/30
Port of The Islands Community Improvement District	✓		✓	✓	9/30
Ranger Drainage District	✓	✓		✓	9/30
Renaissance Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
San Carlos Park Fire Protection and Rescue Service District	✓			✓	9/30
Sanibel Fire and Rescue District	✓				9/30
South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Board	✓				9/30
South Indian River Water Control District	✓	✓		✓	9/30
South Trail Fire Protection & Rescue District	✓			✓	9/30
Spring Lake Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
St. Lucie West Services District	✓		✓	✓	9/30
Sunrise Lakes Phase IV Recreation District	✓			✓	9/30
Sunshine Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Sunny Hills Units 12-15 Dependent District	✓			✓	9/30
West Villages Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
Various Community Development Districts (452)	✓			✓	9/30
TOTAL	491	5	4	484	

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

CONSULTING / MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SERVICES

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

- Accounting systems
- Development of budgets
- Organizational structures
- Financing alternatives
- IT Auditing
- Fixed asset records
- Cost reimbursement
- Indirect cost allocation
- Grant administration and compliance

ARBITRAGE

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

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Current
Arbitrage
Calculations

We look forward to providing Sarasota National 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!

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Professional Services Proposal for Sarasota National Community Development District

February 7, 2025

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Dear Sarasota Community Development District:

We appreciate the opportunity to propose on auditing services to Sarasota National Community Development District. We are eager to establish a long-term partnership that delivers immediate and ongoing value through our tailored solutions and competitive fee structure.

At Carr, Riggs & Ingram L.L.C., our dedicated team of over 2,000 professionals aligns their expertise with your specific needs, ensuring seamless service from the start. CRI delivers big firm expertise with small firm service. Of approximately 46,000 public accounting firms in the United States, CRI currently ranks in the top 25. Additionally, as a part of PrimeGlobal, an association of independent accounting firms, we have access to international resources as – and when – needed. Leveraging these resources while maintaining local decision-making authority means that simplified solutions are only a phone call away. And we believe that's the best of both worlds for our clients.

Our partners bring over 7,500 years of collective business experience, focusing on delivering solutions that translate complex concepts into actionable insights. We strive to become trusted advisors by understanding your business and proactively contributing to your success. 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.

We look forward to the opportunity to showcase our commitment to innovation, expertise, and responsiveness as one of the fastest-growing firms in the U.S. Thank you for considering our proposal.

Sincerely,



K. Alan Jowers
Partner, CRI Advisors, LLC
Partner, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.

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UNDERSTANDING & MEETING YOUR NEEDS

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

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

YOUR SERVICES AND FEES



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

SERVICE	CRI FEES 2024
Perform external audit services in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS)	\$7,000

If Sarasota National Community Development 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	\$325
Manager	\$225
Senior	\$150
Staff	\$110
IT Specialist	\$400
Fraud Specialist	\$400

Our professional fees are based on the key assumptions that Sarasota National Community Development District will:

- Ensure that the predecessor's work papers will be made available for timely review, if applicable.
- Make available documents and work papers for review at Sarasota National 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 Sarasota National Community Development District.
- Not experience a significant change in business operations or financial reporting standards.

CRI FIRM PROFILE



FOUNDED IN 1997 • **35+ MARKETS** across the United States & Mexico

Carr, Riggs & Ingram (CRI) is a top 25* nationally-ranked accounting and advisory firm driven by relationships to cultivate growth. From traditional accounting services to leading-edge business support, technology resources, and assurance* offerings, CRI's breadth and depth of expertise takes you from compliance to competitive advantage.



2,000+
PROFESSIONALS



TOP 25*
FIRM

(as ranked by
Accounting Today)

**CRI FIRM
VALUES:**

- **CLIENT SERVICE.**
- **RESPECT.**
- **INTEGRITY.**

100,000+
CLIENTS



25+ YEARS
OF CONSISTENT GROWTH
SINCE FORMATION



SERVICES

Advisory
Audit & Attest*
Tax

Captive Insurance
Commercial Real Estate
Construction
Financial Institutions
Government & Public Sector

INDUSTRY EXPERTISE

Hospitals & Health Systems
Insurance
Manufacturing & Distribution
Nonprofits
Physician Groups
Post-Acute Care
Private Foundations
Religious Organizations

CRI FAMILY OF COMPANIES

At CRI, we know that the best results come from a fully integrated approach to your business, organization, or family's financial well-being. The CRI Family of Companies works collectively to parallel our clients' evolving needs beyond traditional accounting, cutting-edge business support, technology solutions, outsourcing, and assurance*. By working side-by-side, our expansive suite of companies and their focused solutions provide more personalized, holistic advice that checks every box.





CRI's seasoned governmental advisory team delivers in-depth, proactive guidance to help clients provide outstanding service to their communities and organizations.

Why CRI?

Our experienced governmental accounting team provides assurance, compliance, and dedicated support to educational institutions and governmental entities of all sizes. By leveraging technology, data analytics, and a foundational relationship-based approach, CRI's attuned governmental professionals tailor our service offerings to your organization's unique needs, allowing for closer collaboration and attention to detail. This approach enables us to improve your entity's operations while maintaining compliance and financial controls in the face of ever-changing regulatory scrutiny.

Related Services:

- Agreed Upon Procedures (AUPs)*
- Audit*
- Compliance Consulting
- Deferrals
- Financial Statement Preparation*
- Fraud & Forensics
- Internal Audit
- Performance Audits*
- Program Management & Administration
- Single Audit*



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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE



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

RELATIONSHIP	TIMELINE	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	RELEVANT POINTS TO CONSIDER
Rizzetta & Company Shawn Wildermuth 3434 Colwell Avenue Suite 200 Tampa, FL 33614 813.933.5571	2006 – Present	Annual Financial Statement Audits of Multiple CDDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client service experience • Responsiveness to client needs • Long-term relationship • CDD management co.
GMS, LLC Dave DeNagy 14785 Old St. Augustine Road Suite 4 Jacksonville, FL 32258 904.288.9130	2006 – Present	Annual Financial Statement Audits of Multiple CDDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client service experience • Responsiveness to client needs • Long-term relationship • CDD management co.
Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC Jeffrey Pinder 2300 Glades Road Suite 410W Boca Raton, FL 33431 561.571.0010	2006 – Present	Annual Financial Statement Audits of Multiple CDDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client service experience • Responsiveness to client needs • Long-term relationship • CDD management co.
PFM Group Consulting, LLC Jennifer Glasgow 12051 Corporate Blvd. Orlando, FL 32817 407.382.3256	2007 – Present	Annual Financial Statement Audits of Multiple CDDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client service experience • Responsiveness to client needs • Long-term relationship • CDD management co.



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Representative Clients

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

Experience

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

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

Education, Licenses & Certifications

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

Professional Affiliations

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

YOUR SOLUTION TEAM



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Representative Clients

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

Experience

Lauren has 10 years auditing and accounting experience in the Destin office of CRI. She is an audit partner with primary responsibility for fieldwork and reporting on audits of clients in a variety of industries including local governmental and non-profit entities as well as employee benefit plans and commercial businesses. She is currently the in-charge auditor for over two dozen community development districts with several CDD management companies in the State of Florida.

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

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

Education, Licenses & Certifications

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

Professional Affiliations

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



AUDIT METHODOLOGY

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

ENGAGEMENT QUALITY REVIEW PARTNER (CONCURRING PARTNER)

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

INTERNAL QUALITY CONTROL REVIEWS AND EXTERNAL REVIEWS

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

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

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

The 2021 PCAOB report can be viewed at https://pcaob-assets.azureedge.net/pcaob-dev/docs/default-source/inspections/reports/documents/104-2022-150-carr-riggs.pdf?sfvrsn=2a077f2f_2.



SHARING CRI'S VALUES WITH YOU

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



CLIENT SERVICE

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

RESPECT

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

INTEGRITY

Living with sincerity, transparency, and honesty

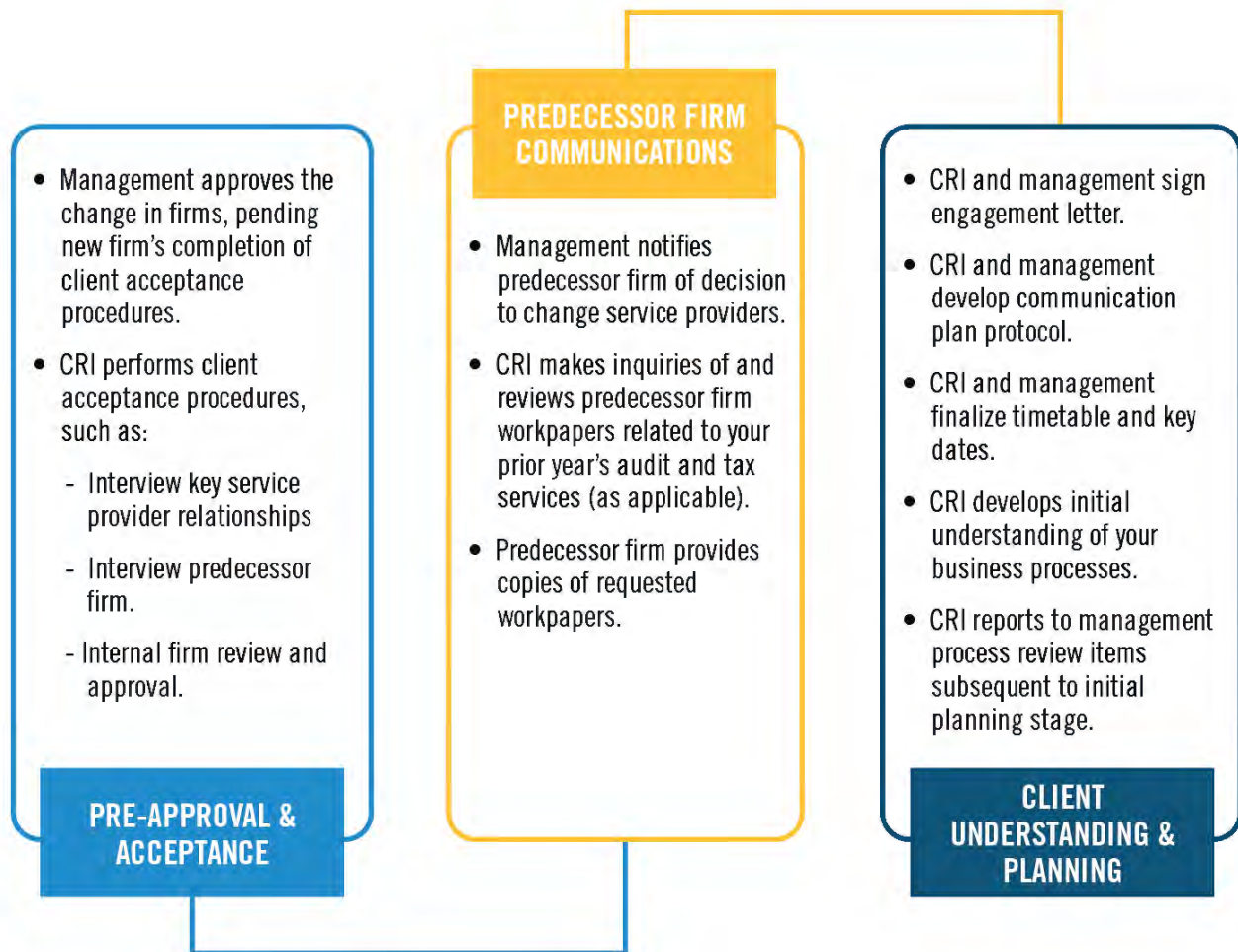
TRANSITIONING YOU



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

- Provide you with value from the very first encounter,
- Avoid interruption of service,
- Minimize disruption and investment of management's time,
- Raise the standard of service, and
- Establish ongoing channels of communication with Sarasota National 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:





CRI'S GLOBAL RESOURCES

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

WHO IS PRIMEGLOBAL?



HOW OUR PRIMEGLOBAL MEMBERS CAN BENEFIT YOU

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

4 KEY BENEFITS TO CRI CLIENTS FROM OUR PRIMEGLOBAL MEMBERSHIP

- 1 SOLUTIONS**
that are worldwide and world-class.
- 2 ACCESSIBILITY**
to knowledge and resources of statutory, regulatory, and compliance requirements throughout the world.
- 3 DECISION MAKING**
with the support of local connections and cultural understanding throughout regions of the world.
- 4 SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT**
CRI's team serves as your contact for each engagement, and we project manage across the entire team - including other PrimeGlobal firms and specialists.

JOIN OUR CONVERSATION



We know that some information that makes perfect sense to a CPA may not be as clear to our clients. Therefore, we produce original content in the form of articles, videos, white papers, webinars, and more to provide timely, down-to-earth translations of complex subjects. We publish this original content on [CRIcpa.com](https://www.cricpa.com) and across all our many social channels.

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Watch [CRI: From Foundation to Future](https://www.youtube.com/CRIcpa) on [youtube.com/CRIcpa](https://www.youtube.com/CRIcpa).



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CRI AUDIT FRAMEWORK

Our proposed services require a coordinated effort between us and Sarasota National 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.

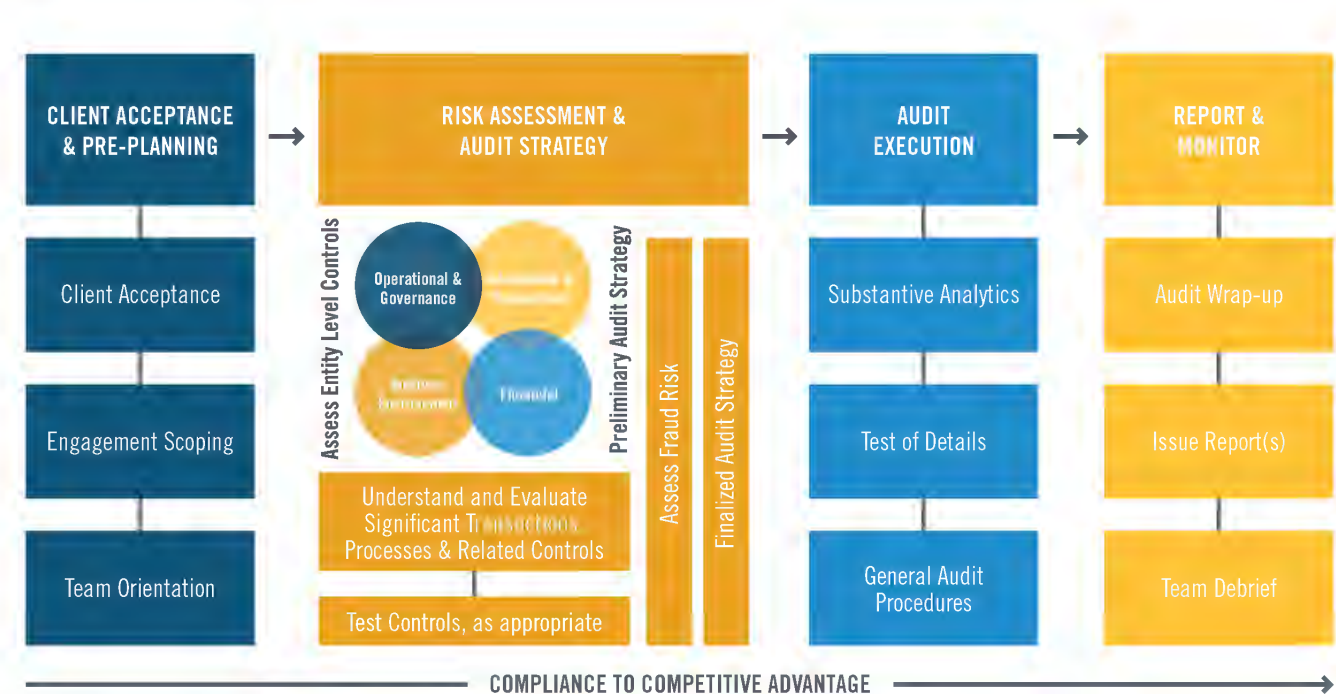
Consistent communication is a key to completion of the audit. By ensuring constant involvement, we are in a better position to respond to your issues timely and efficiently. Therefore, we plan to meet with your management to:

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



CRI AUDIT APPROACH

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





STAGE 1: CLIENT ACCEPTANCE & PRE-PLANNING

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

STAGE 2: RISK ASSESSMENT & AUDIT STRATEGY

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

STAGE 3: AUDIT EXECUTION

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

STAGE 4: REPORT & MONITOR

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

APPENDIX A - RFP DOCUMENTS



SARASOTA NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES

The Sarasota National Community Development District hereby requests proposals for annual financial auditing services. The proposal must provide for the auditing of the District's financial records for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, with an option for additional annual renewals, subject to mutual agreement by both parties. The District is a local unit of special-purpose government created under Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for the purpose of financing, constructing, and maintaining public infrastructure. The District is located in Sarasota County, Florida. The final contract will require that, among other things, the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, be completed no later than June 30, 2025.

The auditing entity submitting a proposal must be duly licensed under Chapter 473, *Florida Statutes*, and be qualified to conduct audits in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards," as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with Florida Law and particularly Section 218.39, *Florida Statutes*, and the rules of the Florida Auditor General.

Proposal packages, which include evaluation criteria and instructions to proposers, are available from the District Manager at the address and telephone number listed below.

Proposers must provide one (1) unbound and one (1) electronic copy of their proposal to the District Manager, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010 in an envelope marked on the outside "Auditing Services, Sarasota National Community Development District." Proposals must be received by 12:00 p.m., on February 7, 2025, at the office of the District Manager. Please direct all questions regarding this Notice to the District Manager.

District Manager

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SARASOTA NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2024

Sarasota County, Florida

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

SECTION 1. DUE DATE. Sealed proposals must be received no later than **February 7, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.**, at the offices of District Manager, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010. Proposals will be publicly opened at that time.

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

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

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

SECTION 5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL. Submit one (1) unbound and one (1) electronic 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 –Sarasota National Community Development District" on the face of it. **Please include pricing for each additional bond issuance.**

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A. List 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 experience.
- B. Describe proposed staffing levels, including resumes with applicable certifications.
- C. Three references from projects of similar size and scope. The Proposer should include information relating to the work it conducted for each reference as well as a name, address and phone number of a contact person.
- D. The lump sum cost of the provision of the services under the proposal for the District’s first audit for which there are no special assessment bonds, plus the lump sum cost of two (2) annual renewals, which renewals shall include services related to the District’s anticipated issuance of special assessment bonds.

SECTION 13. PROTESTS. In accordance with the District’s Rules of Procedure, any protest regarding the Proposal Documents, must be filed in writing, at the offices of the

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District Manager, within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the receipt of the Proposal 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 (including Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) 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 the aforesaid Proposal 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.

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SARASOTA NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUDITOR SELECTION EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Ability of Personnel. (20 Points)

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

2. Proposer's Experience. (20 Points)

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

3. Understanding of Scope of Work. (20 Points)

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

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

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

5. Price. (20 Points)***

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

Total (100 Points)

***Alternatively, the Board may choose to evaluate firms without considering price, in which case the remaining categories would be assigned 25 points each.

**SARASOTA NATIONAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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**SARASOTA NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
AUDITOR EVALUATION MATRIX**

RFP FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES	ABILITY OF PERSONNEL	PROPOSER'S EXPERIENCE	UNDERSTANDING OF SCOPE OF WORK	ABILITY TO FURNISH REQUIRED SERVICES	PRICE	TOTAL POINTS
PROPOSER	20 POINTS	20 POINTS	20 POINTS	20 POINTS	20 POINTS	100 POINTS
Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank						
DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A.						
Grau & Associates						
Carr, Riggs & Ingram						

NOTES:

Completed by: _____

Board Member's Signature

Date: _____

Printed Name of Board Member

**SARASOTA NATIONAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

**SARASOTA NATIONAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
UNAUDITED
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**SARASOTA NATIONAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Major Funds		Total
	General	Debt Service Series 2020	Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash - SunTrust	\$1,182,664	\$ -	\$ 1,182,664
BankUnited - MMA	30,000	-	30,000
BankUnited - ICS	378,168	-	378,168
Investments			
Revenue account	-	753,411	753,411
Reserve account	-	100,000	100,000
Due from general fund	-	836,884	836,884
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,590,832</u>	<u>\$ 1,690,295</u>	<u>\$ 3,281,127</u>
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 58,234	\$ -	\$ 58,234
Due to debt service	836,884	-	836,884
Total liabilities	<u>895,118</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>895,118</u>
Fund balances:			
Restricted for:			
Debt service	-	1,690,295	1,690,295
Unassigned	695,714	-	695,714
Total fund balances	<u>695,714</u>	<u>1,690,295</u>	<u>2,386,009</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflow of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,590,832</u>	<u>\$ 1,690,295</u>	<u>\$ 3,281,127</u>

**SARASOTA NATIONAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES				
Assessment levy - on roll	\$ 229,038	\$ 370,345	\$ 489,095	76%
Interest	6	2,482	-	N/A
Total revenues	<u>229,044</u>	<u>372,827</u>	<u>489,095</u>	76%
EXPENDITURES				
Administrative:				
Management	3,298	9,893	39,571	25%
Supervisors	-	-	6,300	0%
Audit	-	-	7,000	0%
Assessment roll preparation	542	1,625	6,500	25%
Arbitrage rebate calculation	-	750	1,750	43%
Dissemination agent	167	500	2,000	25%
Trustee	-	-	11,000	0%
Legal	-	43	12,000	0%
Engineering	-	-	13,000	0%
Postage	-	-	500	0%
Telephone	42	125	500	25%
Insurance	-	12,439	12,500	100%
Printing & reproduction	83	250	1,000	25%
Legal advertising	-	-	1,200	0%
Other current charges	87	264	1,000	26%
Annual district filing fee	-	175	175	100%
ADA website compliance	-	-	210	0%
Website	-	705	705	100%
Property tax bills	-	-	100	0%
Total administrative	<u>4,219</u>	<u>26,769</u>	<u>117,011</u>	23%
Water management:				
Other contractual services	54,103	61,591	312,500	20%
Lake bank erosion repair	-	-	44,300	0%
Total water management	<u>54,103</u>	<u>61,591</u>	<u>356,800</u>	17%
Other fees and charges				
Tax collector	3,435	5,555	7,642	73%
Property appraiser	-	-	7,642	0%
Total other fees and charges	<u>3,435</u>	<u>5,555</u>	<u>15,284</u>	36%
Total expenditures	<u>61,757</u>	<u>93,915</u>	<u>489,095</u>	19%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	167,287	278,912	-	
Fund balance - beginning	528,427	416,802	390,438	
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ 695,714</u>	<u>\$ 695,714</u>	<u>\$ 390,438</u>	

**SARASOTA NATIONAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
DEBT SERVICE FUND SERIES 2020
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES				
Assessment levy - on roll	\$ 693,756	\$ 1,121,778	\$ 1,481,281	76%
Interest	2,067	8,858	-	N/A
Total revenues	<u>695,823</u>	<u>1,130,636</u>	<u>1,481,281</u>	76%
EXPENDITURES				
Principal	-	-	830,000	0%
Interest	-	306,900	613,800	50%
Total debt service	<u>-</u>	<u>306,900</u>	<u>1,443,800</u>	21%
Other fees and charges				
Tax collector	10,406	16,827	23,145	73%
Property appraiser	-	-	23,145	0%
Total other fees and charges	<u>10,406</u>	<u>16,827</u>	<u>46,290</u>	36%
Total expenditures	<u>10,406</u>	<u>323,727</u>	<u>1,490,090</u>	22%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	685,417	806,909	(8,809)	
Fund balance - beginning	<u>1,004,878</u>	<u>883,386</u>	<u>799,364</u>	
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ 1,690,295</u>	<u>\$ 1,690,295</u>	<u>\$ 790,555</u>	

Sarasota National CDD

Financial Highlights Report

As of 12/31/24

General Fund

Revenues

Special Assessment On-roll: At 76% Year to Date (YTD) – note the majority are historically received during the month of December as a result of payers taking advantage of the early discount (4%).

Expenditures (through end of December at 19%, and is 6% under straight proration of 25% YTD)

Supervisors: At 0% and represents no Board pay posted as of these financial. The Board has scheduled six meetings per year, although not always held.

Audit: At 0% year to date. The Audit will possibly be presented for consideration at your July meeting. New Auditor to be selected during your February meeting.

Assessment Roll Preparation: At 25% and provided by WHA, and is billed monthly.

Arbitrage Rebate Calculation: At 43% (YTD) To ensure the district's compliance with all tax regulations, annual computations are necessary to calculate the arbitrage rebate liability. Only has to be submitted/reported every five years.

Dissemination agent: At 25% and provided by WHA, dissemination agent services are a requirement of the Securities & Exchange Act of 1934, pursuant to Rule 15c2-12.

Trustee: At 0% is an Annual Fee paid to US Bank for the services provided as trustee, paying agent and registrar for the debt service and construction funds.

Legal: At 0% YTD - Legal expenses will fluctuate year by year based on activity.

Engineering Fees: At 0% - Engineering expenses will fluctuate year by year based on activity.

Insurance: At 100% and is a once per year expense typically occurring in October.

Annual District Filing Fee: At 100% is a once per year active status filing with the State of Florida and typically is occurring in October/November.

Other Current Charges: At 26% are Bank charges and other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year.

Water Management/Other Contractual Services: At 20% and is 5% under straight proration. Year to date is specific to Lake Maintenance by Premier Lakes, EarthBalance October Services for Conservation 10 and Eco-Logic November maintenance of Mitigation and Monitoring of Littoral Shelves.

Note: As previously indicated, this contract expires April 30, 2025. Premier Lakes has agreed to hold their price of \$89,856.00 for two additional years.

Other Fees and Charges: Tax Collector: At 73% - These fees are 1.5% of the assessment levied.

Property Appraiser: At 0% and are 1.5% of the assessment levied.

Debt Service Fund

2020 Series Bond

Expenditures

Principal: At 0% and is paid May 1st of each year.

Interest: At 50%, as 50% of annual interest expense is paid each November 1st, with the other 50% plus the annual Principal amount being paid each May 1st.

**SARASOTA NATIONAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING
SARASOTA NATIONAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Sarasota National Community Development District held a Regular Meeting on January 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m., in person at the Sarasota National Clubhouse, 25500 National Boulevard, Venice, Florida 34293.

Present were:

Gerald Bergmoser	Chair
Carlton (Cary) Leuschner	Vice Chair
John Istwan	Assistant Secretary
Douglas Kasl	Assistant Secretary
Dick Smith	Assistant Secretary

Also present:

Chuck Adams (via telephone)	District Manager
Cleo Adams	District Manager
Shane Willis	Operations Manager
Mike Eckert (via telephone)	District Counsel
Patrick Healy	District Engineer
Bill Kurth	Premier Lakes, Inc. (Premier)
Chris Beers	Johnson Engineering
Jerrilyn Schulze	Resident
Carol Hackney	Resident
Eric Buck	Resident

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order/Roll Call

Mr. Bergmoser called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

All Supervisors were present.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Public Comments: Agenda Items [3-Minute
Time Limit]**

Resident Carol Hackney expressed appreciation for a work order on today's agenda to install additional plantings on the Lake #56 littoral shelf, as that will help to control the erosion issues and a snake problem.

Resident Eric Buck stated he previously emailed the Board about the erosion on the north end of Lake #32, adjacent to the 11th Hole, and included photographs. The erosion is currently 1' of the property line. He inquired about remediation plans.

Resident Jerrilyn Schulze echoed Mr. Buck's comments regarding the Lake #32 erosion. She thinks the situation is at a point where it must be addressed.

Mr. Smith stated he recently toured Lake #32 and the wind was blowing from the south to the north and there is no place for the water to go. Fortunately, because of the dry winter, the water levels were down. If there is a hurricane, it could impact the bluff where homes are located.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Administration of Oath of Office to Elected Supervisors [Richard Smith - Seat 2 and John Istwan - Seat 3] (the following will be provided in a separate package)

Mrs. Adams, a Notary of the State of Florida and duly authorized, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Smith and Mr. Istwan. She provided and briefly explained the following:

A. Required Ethics Training and Disclosure Filing

- **Sample Form 1 2023/Instructions**

B. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities

C. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees

D. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal and other Local Public Officers

Mr. Eckert stated Board Members who create records need to maintain them or send them to the District Manager. He urged the Board Members to contact him with any questions.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2025-01, Electing and Removing Officers of the District and Providing an Effective Date

Mrs. Adams presented Resolution 2025-01. Mr. Smith nominated the following slate:

Gerald Bergmoser

Chair

Carlton G. Leuschner

Vice Chair

74 Richard Smith Assistant Secretary
75 John Istwan Assistant Secretary
76 Doug Kasl Assistant Secretary

77 No other nominations were made.

78 The following prior appointments by the Board remain unaffected by this Resolution:

79 Chesley "Chuck" Adams Secretary
80 Craig Wrathell Assistant Secretary
81 Craig Wrathell Treasurer
82 Jeff Pinder Assistant Treasurer

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84 **On MOTION by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Istwan, with all in favor,**
85 **Resolution 2025-01, Electing, as nominated, and Removing Officers of the**
86 **District and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.**

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89 Mr. Healy stated he inspected and photographed Lake #32 and was surprised that the
90 lake went from a County-approved slope to what he believes is a 3½' to 4' drop-off, in just 15
91 years. Mr. Kurth stated there are numerous reasons that can cause this type of occurrence.

92 Discussion ensued regarding the exposed irrigation pipes near the 7th tee at Hole #7,
93 erosion near Lake #56 and which entity is responsible for lake bank restoration.

94 Mr. Adams stated the CDD typically has an easement over the property owned by the golf
95 course so it would be the golf course's responsibility to restore it.

96 Asked what next steps should be taken, Mr. Healy stated there are several restoration
97 solutions, such as geotube, riprap, soil regrading and stabilization.

98 Asked for her feedback regarding CDD versus homeowner responsibility, Mrs. Adams
99 stated the CDD is responsible for the areas from the high-water-mark down, anything above that
100 is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. She stated, once the District Engineer is
101 engaged, later in the meeting, they will do what is required and produce a scope of services.

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103 **FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Update: Premier Lakes, Inc. (Bill Kurth)

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Mr. Bill Kurth presented the Waterway Inspection Report dated December 23, 2024. He stated he toured the east side of the property and was pleased with that portion but is disappointed that the water levels are dropping as quickly as they are. He discussed plankton algae in one lake, torpedo grass treatment at Lake #56 and voiced concern about exposed banks and littorals during winter. He concluded that there was no significant algae in any of the lakes that he toured; the lakes will continue to be monitored.

Mr. Kurth responded to questions regarding fish survivability in Lake #56 and the algae bloom in Lake #41.

A. Consideration of One-Time Work Order Agreement [2024/2025 Littoral Planting]

Mr. Kurth presented the One-Time Work Order Agreement to install littorals in Lakes #56, #60, #42, #41 and #17, in the amount of \$9,291.

It was noted that Lake #60 on the planting list should be Lake #24.

Discussion ensued regarding the five lakes that make up the service area, a lake bank restoration proposal for Lake #32 and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD).

On MOTION by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Istwan, with all in favor, the Premier Lakes One-Time Work Order Agreement for Installation of Littoral Plantings in Lakes 56, 24, 42, 41 and 17, in the amount of \$9,291, was approved.

Asked what percentage of lakes were recently inspected, Mr. Kurth stated the property is basically split in half, he comes to inspect quarterly and rotates; the east section was recently inspected and three months from now, the west section will be inspected.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Discussion/Consideration:
Facilities Memo**

Property,

Mrs. Adams presented the Property Facilities list of items maintained by the District and the HOA, for informational purposes for residents. Staff will post the document on the CDD website.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Consideration of Response(s) to Request for
Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering
Services****A. Affidavit of Publication****B. RFQ Package**

These items were included for informational purposes.

C. Respondent: Johnson Engineering, LLC

Mrs. Adams stated the RFQ was advertised, several Engineers were contacted by Mr. Adams and Johnson Engineering was the sole respondent. District Management has a great working relationship with Johnson Engineering, they specialize in lake and wetland conservation and monitoring and are well-qualified.

D. Competitive Selection Criteria/Ranking

Mrs. Adams stated, since there was only one respondent, it is not necessary to fill out the Competitive Selection Criteria Ranking sheet.

Mr. Chris Beers stated he works in the Port Charlotte office of Johnson Engineering. He gave an overview of current and older erosion projects that he has worked on.

Discussion ensued regarding why there are only a few Engineering firms servicing CDDs in Sarasota County, if Mr. Beers would attend meetings in person or via telephone, Mr. Beers' professional qualifications and document transfer costs.

Asked how the hourly rates for Johnson Engineering compares with that of the prior engineering firm, Mr. Adams stated they are in the same range, which is the industry standard. Mr. Beers is a P7 Engineer; his fee is \$248 per hour. Mr. Beers will attend all meetings in person.

E. Award of Contract

Mr. Smith stated he is uncomfortable voting for the sole respondent to the RFQ. Mr. Adams stated he contacted two other engineering firms in the Sarasota area and there is very little interest in taking on day-to-day engineering duties once a CDD is already developed.

On MOTION by Mr. Kasl and seconded by Mr. Leuschner, with Mr. Kasl, Mr. Leuschner and Mr. Bergmoser in favor, and Mr. Istwan and Mr. Smith dissenting, awarding the Engineering Services contract to Johnson Engineering, LLC, the sole respondent to the RFQ for Engineering Services, was approved. (Motion passed 3-2)

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Discussion: Letter from Resident RE Land Erosion [23387 Waverly Circle]**

Mr. Smith presented a letter from Mr. Buck regarding what Mr. Buck believes is “substantial erosion to the continuing embankment to the south portion of his property.”

Mr. Willis called attention to the field reports attached to the January Field Operations Status Report that he submitted. A few homes on that part of the lake have runoff erosion issues from their downspouts. He informed Ms. Shulze that he will refer a vendor that could repair/remediate the homeowners’ portion of lake bank erosion and present the information at today’s meeting for guidance from the Board. The vendor, MRI, is willing to provide an estimate to perform work at multiple homes. Mr. Willis will provide residents with the vendor’s contact information and a scope of services about how to properly have downspouts installed. This would be the homeowners contracting with a vendor of their choice.

Mr. Willis and Mrs. Adams responded to questions regarding remediation project timelines, the type of mitigation that would be done, condition of the lakes on the east side versus the lakes on the north side, Lakes #32 and #56, permit requirements for homeowners, other vendors, the HOA and the CDD’s next steps.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of November 30, 2024**

- Financial Highlights Report**

The financials were accepted.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Approval of August 13, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**

The following changes were made:

Line 61: Change “Mr. Kirth” to “Mr. Kurth”

Line 142: Change “tar flower” to “Tarflower”

On MOTION by Mr. Bergmoser and seconded by Mr. Kasl, with all in favor, the August 13, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended, were approved.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Staff Reports**

- A. District Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP
- B. District Engineer: Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc.
- C. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC

There were no District Counsel, District Engineer or District Manager reports.

- **NEXT MEETING DATE: February 11, 2025 at 1:00 PM [Audit Committee Meeting and Regular Meeting]**

- **QUORUM CHECK**

- D. Operations Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC

- **Discussion: Lake Bank Erosion and Lake Audit**

This item was discussed during the Eighth Order of Business.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Supervisors' Requests**

Mr. Healy expressed his willingness to assist with the transition of the new Engineering firm.

Mr. Smith proposed not cancelling the November 2025 meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding what the transition entails, GIS, meeting advertisement requirements, Mr. Bergmoser serving as a Liaison for the CDD at Board of Directors meetings and proposed changes at the golf course.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Adjournment**

On MOTION by Mr. Istwan and seconded by Mr. Bergmoser, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair

**SARASOTA NATIONAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

STAFF REPORTS

SARASOTA NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 MEETING SCHEDULE		
LOCATION		
<i>Sarasota National Clubhouse, 25500 National Boulevard, Venice, Florida 34293</i>		
DATE	POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS	TIME
October 8, 2024 CANCELED <i>Inclement Weather</i>	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
November 12, 2024 CANCELED	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
January 7, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
February 11, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
April 8, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
July 8, 2025	Public Hearing & Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
August 12, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM