RFP No. 2016-161 Services, Professional Audit September 29, 2016

## **Questions & Answers:**

1) Are you definitely changing audit firms? If so, why?

The contract term is expiring, we will go through the RFP process and awarded to the responsible proposer who submits the best proposal taking into consideration all the evaluation factors.

2) How much did the County pay for the FY15 audit?

**Services payed in FY2015 were \$88,000.00.** 

3) Have you made any projections as to what programs will be major programs this year?

That information is not available at this time. It should be close to the same as last year.

4) Can you clarify responsibility for preparation of the FS? The RFP indicates that the County will prepare the draft but the Auditor will prepare the camera ready final?

The County Auditor's Office prepares the excel version and sends it to the audit firm to convert for print.

5) Can we obtain a copy of any separate management letter, if one exists?

Yes, please see ATTACHMENT D.

6) Were any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses identified in the prior year? If so, please identify the issue(s)

No.

7) How much debt is being issued in FY16? For what purpose(s)?

\$55,870,000 for Bond Refunding, Roads and Permanent Improvements.

8) Any major capital projects?

That information is not available at this time.

9) What other current year events do you feel will have an impact on the audit?

That information is not available at this time.

10) Do you have a range of how many hours internal audit can provide to the external audit?

As needed. Not billed by hours.

11) What areas have internal audit concentrated on during FY16? Any formal reports?

Internal audit concentrated on compliance and financial audit data. Yes, formal reports are prepared.

12) Component units –Are separately issued financial statements issued for either the blended or discretely-presented component units? If so, who audits them?

Issued as part of the financials.

13) How long have the previous auditors generally been in the field?

Up to six weeks total.

14) Do you anticipate another State Single Audit this year or just federal?

Yes to both questions.

15) Can we obtain copies of the audits for TJPC and CJAD for FY15?

## See Attachment E and Attachment F

16) The RFP states that interim work can be performed up to 6 weeks before the date that year-end records are ready for audit (January 10, 2017) which is approximately Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Are you opposed to having interim work performed earlier if staff is available earlier?

Not normally done. We are still closing out the year.

17) Is there any flexibility in the wording of the Insurance Requirements of the contract? (Specifically the removal of paragraph 3.2.3 and a revision to 3.2.4 to only apply to the General Liability and Workers Compensation?)

List any exceptions in section 7.0 of your proposal and explain why you cannot comply.

18) Is the current auditor eligible to bid on this RFP, or has a decision been made for a change in auditors?

Yes the current auditor is eligible.

19) Has the County (including its component units) undergone any significant changes or activities since the last audit (such as new programs, significant change in operations, major acquisition and/or disposal of capital assets, issuance of additional debt, turnover in key finance or accounting personnel or new financial transactions)?

One item is new issue of new debt on September 1st.

20) Do you anticipate any significant increase or decrease in the level of federal and state grants in the upcoming fiscal year?

No

21) How many auditors were onsite in the past for interim and final fieldwork and for how many weeks?

There were 4 people; 1 Lead, 1 for Single Audit, 1 person for CSCD and Juvenile. They worked on site for 6 weeks; travel in on Monday and leave on Thursdays. Average 3.5 days on site.

22) Section 5.12.1.2 of the RFP specifies performing two (2) single audits (each for TJPC and CSCD-Adult Probation). Are these program-specific audits that need to be performed in addition to the single audit for the County? Please clarify. If these are program-specific audits, then also provide copies of the latest available audits.

Yes, there should be a Single Audit for Federal and State Awards; an audit for Community Supervision and Corrections Department; an audit for Juvenile Probation Department.