

*Cypress Park Estates  
Community Development District*

*Agenda*

*October 27, 2020*

# AGENDA

# *Cypress Park Estates*

## *Community Development District*

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219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801

Phone: 407-841-5524 – Fax: 407-839-1526

October 20, 2020

**Board of Supervisors  
Cypress Park Estates  
Community Development District**

Dear Board Members:

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of **Cypress Park Estates Community Development District** will be held **Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 11:30 AM** via **Zoom Teleconference**.

The information to join the meeting is below:

**Zoom Video Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/99337466096>

**Zoom Call-In Information:** 1-646-876-9923

**Meeting ID:** 993 3746 6096

Following is the advance agenda for the meeting:

### **Audit Committee Meeting**

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment Period
3. Review of Proposals and Tally of Audit Committee Members Rankings
  - A. Grau & Associates
  - B. McDirmit Davis
  - C. Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank
  - D. CRI
4. Adjournment

### **Board of Supervisors Meeting**

1. Roll Call

2. Public Comment Period (<sup>1</sup>Speakers may submit questions and comments to the District Manager prior to the beginning of the meeting via email at [jburns@gmscfl.com](mailto:jburns@gmscfl.com))
3. Approval of Minutes of the September 22, 2020 Board of Supervisors and Audit Committee Meeting
4. Consideration of Proposal from Florida Wall Concepts for Entry Feature
5. Selection of an Auditor
6. Staff Reports
  - A. Attorney
  - B. Engineer
  - C. District Manager's Report
    - i. Approval of Funding Request #5
    - ii. Balance Sheet and Income Statement
7. Other Business
8. Supervisors Requests and Audience Comments
9. Adjournment

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<sup>1</sup> Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes

# Audit Committee Meeting

# SECTION III

# SECTION A



**Grau & Associates**  
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# Proposal to Provide Financial Auditing Services:

## **CYPRESS PARK ESTATES**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Proposal Due: October 14, 2020  
5:00PM

**Submitted to:**

Cypress Park Estates  
Community Development District  
c/o District Manager  
219 E. Livingston Street  
Orlando, FL 32801

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**Submitted by:**

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# Grau & Associates

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

October 14, 2020

Cypress Park Estates Community Development District  
c/o District Manager  
219 E. Livingston Street  
Orlando, FL 32801

Re: Request for Proposal for Professional Auditing Services for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, with an option for four (4) additional annual renewals.

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

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

## Why Grau & Associates:

### Knowledgeable Audit Team

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

### Servicing your Individual Needs

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

### Developing Relationships

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

### Maintaining an Impeccable Reputation

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

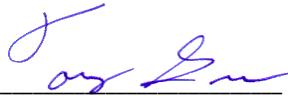
### Complying With Standards

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

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

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

Very truly yours,  
Grau & Associates



Antonio J. Grau

# Firm Qualifications



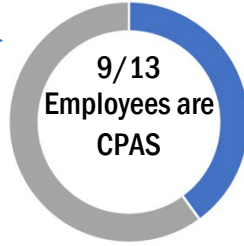
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# Grau's Focus and Experience

## Our Team



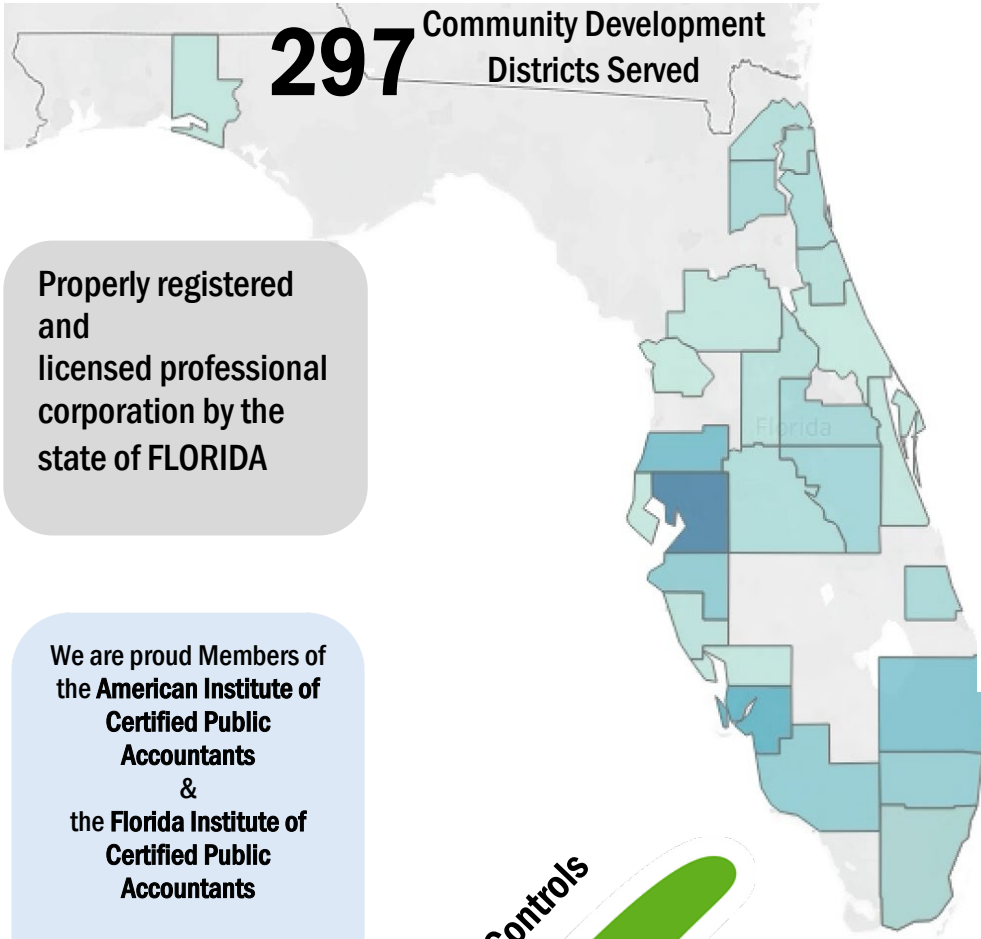
2 Partners  
11 Professional Staff  
2 Administrative Professionals



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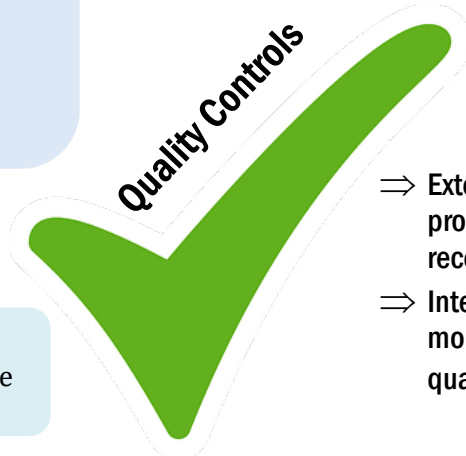
Year founded

## Services Provided



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



- ⇒ 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



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

February 20, 2020

Antonio Grau  
Grau & Associates  
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Dear Antonio Grau:

It is my pleasure to notify you that on February 20, 2020, 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, 2022. 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  
paul@ficpa.org  
800-342-3197 ext. 251

Florida Institute of CPAs

cc: Daniel Hevia, Racquel McIntosh

Firm Number: 900004390114

Review Number: 571202

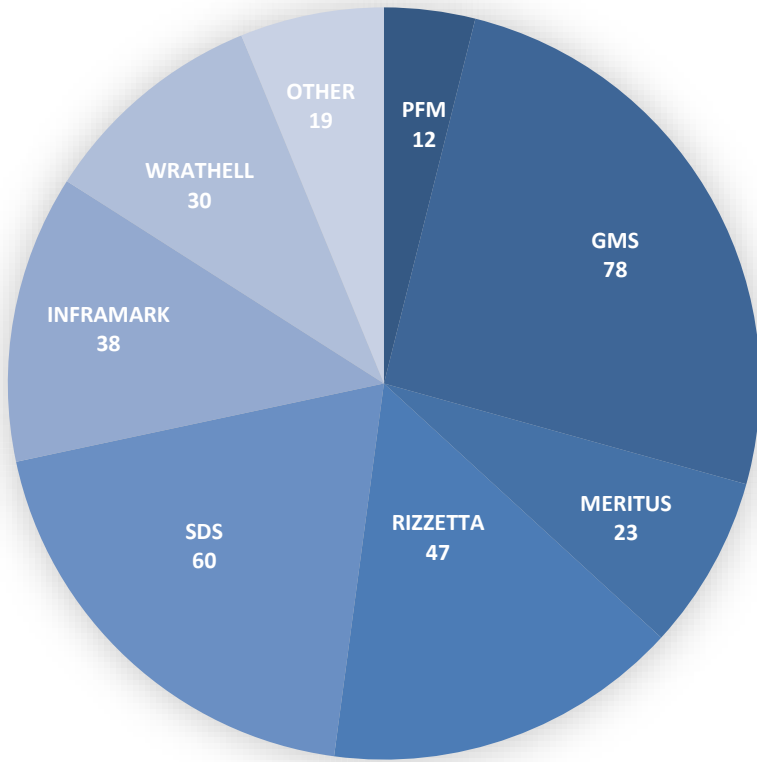
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# Firm & Staff Experience



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## GRAU AND ASSOCIATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT EXPERIENCE BY MANAGEMENT COMPANY



### *Profile Briefs:*

**Antonio J GRAU, CPA (Partner)**

*Years Performing Audits: 30+*  
*CPE (last 2 years): Government Accounting, Auditing: 24 hours; Accounting, Auditing and Other: 58 hours*  
*Professional Memberships: AICPA, FICPA, FGFOA, GFOA*

**Racquel McIntosh, CPA (Partner)**

*Years Performing Audits: 14+*  
*CPE (last 2 years): Government Accounting, Auditing: 38 hours; Accounting, Auditing and Other: 56 hours*  
*Professional Memberships: AICPA, FICPA, FGFOA, FASD*

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

- Tony Grau

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

-Racquel McIntosh



# YOUR ENGAGEMENT TEAM

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

Grau contracts with an outside group of IT management consultants to assist with matters including, but not limited to; network and database security, internet security and vulnerability testing.

An advisory consultant will be available as a sounding board to advise in those areas where problems are encountered.



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

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### 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

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### Clients Served (partial list)

(>300) Various Special Districts, including:

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| 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 |
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| 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	24
Accounting, Auditing and Other	<u>58</u>
Total Hours	<u>82</u> (includes of 4 hours of Ethics CPE)



# Racquel C. McIntosh, CPA

## Partner

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### Experience

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

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

### Education

Florida Atlantic University (2004)

Master of Accounting

Florida Atlantic University (2003)

Bachelor of Arts:

Finance, Accounting

### Clients Served (partial list)

(>300) Various Special Districts, including:

Carlton Lakes Community Development District  
 Golden Lakes Community Development District  
 Rivercrest Community Development District  
 South Fork III Community Development District  
 TPOST Community Development District

Westchase Community Development District  
 Monterra Community Development District  
 Palm Coast Park Community Development District  
 Long Leaf Community Development District  
 Watergrass Community Development District

East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facilities  
 Indian Trail Improvement District  
 Pinellas Park Water Management District  
 Ranger Drainage District  
 South Trail Fire Protection and Rescue Service District

### Professional Associations/ Memberships

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants  
 Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

FICPA State & Local Government Committee  
 FGFOA Palm Beach Chapter

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

#### Course

Government Accounting and Auditing  
 Accounting, Auditing and Other

Total Hours

#### Hours

38

56

94 (includes of 4 hours of Ethics CPE)

# 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

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

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## Two Creeks Community Development District

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

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## Journey's End Community Development District

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

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# **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.

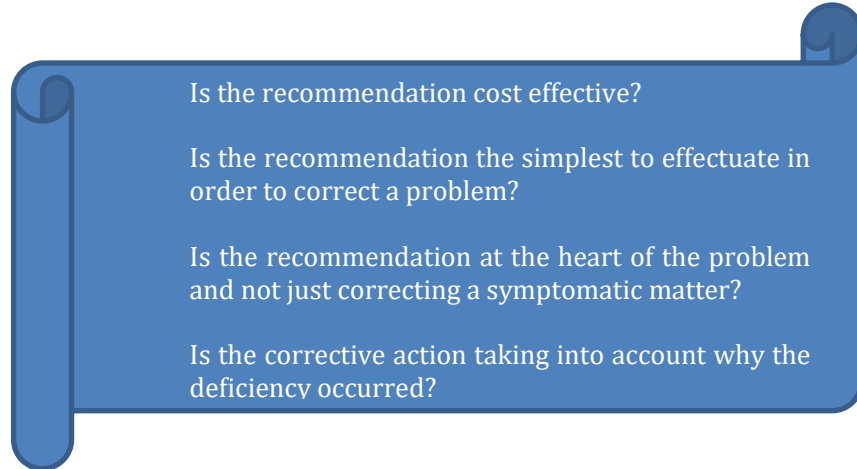
In preparing this management letter, we will initially review any draft comments or recommendations with management. In addition, we will take necessary steps to ensure that matters are communicated to those charged with governance.

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, 2020-2024 are as follows:

<u>Year Ended September 30,</u>	<u>Fee</u>
2020	\$2,800
2021	\$2,900
2022	\$3,000
2023	\$3,100
2024	<u>\$3,200</u>
<b>TOTAL (2020-2024)</b>	<b><u>\$15,000</u></b>

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

# Supplemental Information



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## PARTIAL LIST OF CLIENTS

<b>SPECIAL DISTRICTS</b>	<b>Governmental Audit</b>	<b>Single Audit</b>	<b>Utility Audit</b>	<b>Current Client</b>	<b>Year End</b>
Boca Raton Airport Authority	✓	✓		✓	9/30
Captain's Key Dependent District	✓			✓	9/30
Central Broward Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Collier Mosquito Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Coquina Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility	✓		✓		9/30
Florida Green Finance Authority	✓				9/30
Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District	✓			✓	9/30
Greater Naples Fire Control and Rescue District	✓	✓		✓	9/30
Green Corridor P.A.C.E. District	✓			✓	9/30
Hobe-St. Lucie Conservancy District	✓			✓	9/30
Indian River Mosquito Control District	✓				9/30
Indian Trail Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
Key Largo Waste Water Treatment District	✓	✓	✓	✓	9/30
Lake Padgett Estates Independent District	✓			✓	9/30
Lake Worth Drainage District	✓			✓	9/30
Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District	✓				9/30
Old Plantation Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Pal Mar Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
Pinellas Park Water Management District	✓			✓	9/30
Pine Tree Water Control District (Broward)	✓			✓	9/30
Pinetree Water Control District (Wellington)	✓				9/30
Ranger Drainage District	✓	✓		✓	9/30
Renaissance Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
San Carlos Park Fire Protection and Rescue Service District	✓			✓	9/30
Sanibel Fire and Rescue District	✓			✓	9/30
South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Board	✓			✓	9/30
South-Dade Venture Development District	✓			✓	9/30
South Indian River Water Control District	✓	✓		✓	9/30
South Trail Fire Protection & Rescue District	✓			✓	9/30
Spring Lake Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
St. Lucie West Services District	✓		✓	✓	9/30
Sunshine Water Control District	✓			✓	9/30
West Villages Improvement District	✓			✓	9/30
Various Community Development Districts (297)	✓			✓	9/30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>327</b>	

## **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 **Cypress Park Estates Community Development District** with our resources and experience to accomplish not only those minimum requirements set forth in your Request for Proposal, but to exceed those expectations!**

**For even more information on Grau & Associates  
please visit us on [www.graucpa.com](http://www.graucpa.com).**

# SECTION B

**Proposal to Provide Auditing Services**

**Cypress Park Estates Community  
Development District**

**For the Fiscal Year Ending  
September 30, 2020  
With an Option for 4 Additional Annual Renewals**

**Submitted by:**



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Proposal for Audit Services to  
Cypress Park Estates Community Development District  
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## **Letter of Interest**



October 14, 2020

Jill Burns, District Manager  
*Cypress Park Estates Community Development District*  
219 E. Livingston Street  
Orlando, FL 32801

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

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

1. Financial audit of the basic financial statements of *Cypress Park Estates Community Development District* for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, with an option for four additional annual renewals.
2. We will commit to maintain staff required to conclude the audits within the time constraints indicated in the RFP.
3. The audit will be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Governmental Auditing Standards* and the Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida.
4. The audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 will be completed no later than June 1, 2021.

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

- We presently audit **over fifty Community Development Districts**, fourteen municipalities and one special water district and have an excellent working knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles related to governmental entities.
- We assist in the preparation of the financial statements for most of these governmental entities.
- We have assisted nine municipalities in receiving the GFOA "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting". Most of these municipalities have been receiving the "Certificate of Achievement" between ten and twenty years. Tamara Campbell is active as a national review team member of the GFOA's "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" program. As a review team member, Ms. Campbell reviews and evaluates financial reports submitted by cities and counties to determine whether the financial reports meet the stringent requirements to receive the GFOA'S prestigious award. Participating as a review team member, Ms. Campbell has demonstrated her expertise in governmental accounting and auditing.
- We have strong information technology ability and will input the District's general ledger balances into our ProSystem fx Engagement software and perform a virtually "paperless" audit. The District's Financial Statements are linked to the general ledger; therefore, the likelihood of errors on the financial statements is reduced.
- We have recent and continuous experience and have devoted a great deal of our continuing education to the governmental auditing and accounting field. Our firm meets the independence and education requirements of the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our firm is independent of *Cypress Park Estates Community Development District* as defined by Government Auditing Standards.

- We believe in continuing client contact throughout the year, not just during the audit. We encourage on-going client contact by not charging any fee for phone calls.
- We are members of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants and an Associate member of the Governmental Finance Officers Association. Our firm is active in governmental organizations throughout Central Florida and serves on governmental committees of the Florida Institute of CPA's.
- We are a local firm with personnel committed to quality and professional performance, accustomed to providing a high level of client satisfaction. We believe that our firm is part of a team effort to assist the District in developing the best financial reporting possible.
- We have a history of continuity of personnel assigned to the engagement. Our single office firm and low personnel turnover assures uninterrupted services from our partners and staff. We have a staff of 28 people and **8 of those are governmental audit staff.**

McDimit Davis, LLC has not colluded with any of the Proposers, and we have not defaulted on any previous contract, and are not in arrears on any previous or existing contract and are properly licensed.

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

Ms. Tamara Campbell, partner, is authorized to represent the firm and may be contacted at 934 North Magnolia Avenue, Suite 100, Orlando, Florida 32803, or phone (407) 843-5406.

We would consider it a privilege to serve as independent auditors for *Cypress Park Estates Community Development District*.

Sincerely,

McDimit Davis, LLC



Tamara Campbell, C.P.A.

## Company Background



**Company Background**

**Description and History of Audit Firm**

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

Our firm now consists of the following staff:

Partners	5
Managers	4
Seniors	7
Staff Accountants/Paraprofessionals	7
Support Staff	4
Information Systems	
Technology Staff	<u>1</u>
	<u>28</u>

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

Our firm has a wide range of clients providing both goods and services in the Central Florida area. Our practice encompasses auditing, accounting, management advisory and tax services. A list of all governmental clients audited by us for the fiscal years 2015-2019 is as follows:

- **Over Fifty Community Development Districts**
- **Sun'n Lake of Sebring Improvement District**
- **Homosassa Special Water**
- City of Winter Springs, Florida \*
- City of Ocoee, Florida \*
- City of Longwood, Florida \*
- City of Lake Mary, Florida\*
- City of Belle Isle, Florida \*
- City of Mascotte, Florida
- City of Tavares, Florida \*
- Town of Windermere, Florida
- City of Clermont, Florida \*
- City of Inverness, Florida\*
- City of Orange City, Florida\*
- City of Groveland, Florida
- City of Fruitland Park, Florida
- City of Minneola, Florida
- City of Umatilla, Florida\*
- Town of Montverde, Florida



• These entities are presently clients of McDermitt Davis, LLC

\* These entities participate in the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting program.



### Engagement Team

The following supervisory people will work on the audit:

- Tamara Campbell, C.P.A., engagement partner
- Michelle Sorbello, C.P.A., audit manager
- Matthew Lee, C.P.A., audit manager



All of the above people have considerable experience on governmental audit engagements. All supervisory personnel assigned to the audit, are Certified Public Accountants. The engagement partner and audit manager will be assigned to audit on a full-time basis. In addition to the partner and managers, McDermitt Davis will utilize various audit senior and staff members for audit fieldwork.

The professional staff of our firm has been conducting governmental audits in the Central Florida area for the past thirty years. We are experienced auditors in a variety of industries and offer experience in auditing federal grants under the Single Audit Act and performing compliance audits of state grants.

### License to Practice in Florida

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

### Independence

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

### Governmental Audit Quality Center

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

### External Quality Control Review

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

On our most recent peer review performed in 2017, we received a peer review rating of "pass", which is the highest rating that a firm can receive under the revised peer review standards. We have never been subject to any litigation or disciplinary actions by a client, the State or any professional organization for substandard field work. A copy of our firm's most recent peer review report follows this page. These peer reviews included a review of at least two governmental engagements, and it should be noted that there were no findings as a result of this review. We have never withdrawn from an engagement prior to the agreed expiration date.



### **Federal or State Reviews**

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

### **Other Services Provided**

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

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





**Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control**

October 13, 2017

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

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of McDirmit Davis & Company, LLC (the firm) in effect for the year ended June 30, 2017. 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 [www.aicpa.org/prsummary](http://www.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 and an audit of employee benefit plans.

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 McDirmit Davis & Company, LLC in effect for the year ended June 30, 2017, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency(ies)*, or *fail*. McDirmit Davis & Company, LLC has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

Gregory, Sharer & Stuart, P.A.



### Continuing Education

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

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



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

### Information Technology

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

One of the services we provide our clients is CLIENT PORTAL. This is a convenient online storage space in which files can be effortlessly uploaded, downloaded, stored and shared in a safe and secure environment.

### Records Retention

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

## Experience



## Resume - Tammy Campbell, CPA

### Partner

#### Education, Certifications, and Licenses

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

#### Affiliations and Community Involvement

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)
- Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA)
- Reviewer for GFOA's "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" program
- Member of the Orange County School Board Audit Advisory Committee

#### Continuing Professional Education

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

#### Experience

- Tammy has fifteen (15) years of governmental accounting and auditing experience, including municipalities and airport authorities.
- Her experience has included planning, fieldwork, and preparation of comprehensive annual financial reports for several governmental audit engagements.
- Tammy has worked with all 14 municipalities in the CAFR preparation process, including assisting most cities with obtaining the GFOA Certificate of Achievement.

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

- **Over 60 Community Development Districts**
- City of Umatilla
- City of Clermont
- City of Oviedo
- City of Lake Mary
- City of Ocoee
- City of Tavares
- City of Orange City
- Town of Windermere
- City of Longwood
- City of Belle Isle
- City of Winter Springs
- City of Inverness
- City of Mascotte
- Homosassa Water District

## Resume - Michelle Sorbello, CPA

### Audit Manager



#### **Education, Certifications, and Licenses**

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

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

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)
- Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA)

#### **Continuing Professional Education**

Michelle has completed over 120 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) in the area of governmental accounting and auditing within the past three years and meets the requirements of *Governmental Auditing Standards*.

#### **Experience**

- Michelle has 6 years of governmental accounting and auditing experience.
- She has significant experience in the audits of governmental and not-for-profit entities, including those subject to Federal and Florida Single Audit requirements.

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

- City of Winter Springs
- City of Longwood
- City of Inverness
- **Various Community Development Districts**
- City of Lake Mary
- City of Ocoee
- City of Mascotte



## **Resume - Matthew Lee, CPA**

### **Audit Manager**

#### **Education, Certifications, and Licenses**

- Master of Science in Accounting, University of Central Florida
- Master of Public Administration, University of Central Florida
- B.S. in Public Administration, University of Central Florida
- CPA, Certified Public Accountant - Florida

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

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)
- Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA)

#### **Continuing Professional Education**

Matthew has completed over 120 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) in the area of governmental accounting and auditing within the past three years and meets the requirements of *Governmental Auditing Standards*.

#### **Experience**

- Matthew has 8 years of governmental accounting and auditing experience.
- He has significant experience in the audits of governmental and not-for-profit entities, including those subject to Federal and Florida Single Audit requirements.

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

- City of Ocoee
- City of Clermont
- City of Oviedo
- City of Winter Springs
- **Sun 'N Lake Improvement District**
- **Various Community Development Districts**
- Town of Windermere
- City of Longwood
- City of Tavares
- City of Umatilla
- City of Belle Isle



**References of Governmental Accounting Experience**

<u>Principal Client Contact</u>	<u>Scope of Work</u>	<u>Years</u>
<b>Sun'n Lake of Sebring Improvement District</b>		
<p>Ms. Tanya Cannady, General Manager.</p> <p>5306 Sun'n Lake Blvd. Sebring, FL 33872 <a href="mailto:tcannady@snldistrict.org">tcannady@snldistrict.org</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Financial &amp; Compliance Audit and preparation of Financials</li> </ul>	2011 to Present
<b>Sterling Hill Community Development District</b>		
<p>Ms. Kaitlyn Gallant Rizzetta and Company Manager, District Accounting Services</p> <p>12750 Citrus Park Lane Suite 115 Tampa, Florida 33625 <a href="mailto:kgallant@rizzetta.com">kgallant@rizzetta.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Financial &amp; Compliance Audit and preparation of Financials</li> </ul>	2007 to 2009 And 2013 to Present
<b>Meadow Pointe II Community Development District</b>		
<p>Mr. Alan Baldwin Inframark Accounting Manager</p> <p>210 N. University Drive Suite 702 Coral Springs, Florida 33071 <a href="mailto:alan.baldwin@inframark.com">alan.baldwin@inframark.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Financial &amp; Compliance Audit and preparation of Financials</li> </ul>	2012 to Present
<b>Toscana Isles Community Development District</b>		
<p>Mr. Jeffrey Pinder Wrathell Hunt and Associates Controller</p> <p>2300 Glades Road Suite 410W Boca Raton, Florida 33431 <a href="mailto:pinderj@whhassociates.com">pinderj@whhassociates.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Financial &amp; Compliance Audit and preparation of Financials</li> </ul>	2015 to Present
<b>Homosassa Special Water District</b>		
<p>Ms. Teresa Olds, Manager</p> <p>7922 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd. Homosassa, FL 34448 <a href="mailto:hswd@tampabay.rr.com">hswd@tampabay.rr.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Financial &amp; Compliance Audit and preparation of Financials</li> </ul>	2007 to Present



**List of 2019 Community Development District Audits:**

Astoria Community Development District  
Bainebridge Community Development District  
Beach Road Golf Estates Community Development District  
Belmont Community Development District  
Bexley Community Development District  
Celebration Community Development District  
Chapel Creek Community Development District  
Concorde Estates Community Development District  
Copperspring Community Development District  
Dovera Community Development District  
Durbin Crossing Community Development District  
Enterprise Community Development District  
Fiddler's Creek Community Development District #1  
Forest Creek Community Development District  
Greyhawk Landing Community Development District  
Heritage Isle at Viera Community Development District  
Highlands Community Development District  
K-Bar Ranch Community Development District  
K-Bar Ranch II Community Development District  
Meadow Pointe II Community Development District  
Mediterra Community Development District  
Mirabella Community Development District  
Palm River Community Development District  
Portofino Springs Community Development District  
Scenic Highway Community Development District  
South Shore Corporate Park Community Development District  
Southaven Community Development District  
Southern Hills Plantation II Community Development District  
Spring Ridge Community Development District  
Sterling Hill Community Development District  
Suncoast Community Development District  
Talavera Community Development District  
The Crossings at Fleming Island Community Development District  
The Woodlands Community Development District  
Toscana Isles Community Development District  
Town of Kindred Community Development District  
Trails Community Development District  
Treeline Preserve Community Development District  
Trout Creek Community Development District  
University Square Community Development District  
University Village Community Development District  
Valencia Water Control District  
Venetian Community Development District  
Watergrass II Community Development District  
Waterlefe Community Development District  
Westridge Community Development District  
Wiregrass Community Development District  
Wiregrass II Community Development District



## **Service Approach**



## Service Approach

Our audit will be segmented as follows:

- Phase 1: Audit Planning
- Phase 2: Evaluation and Testing of Internal Controls
- Phase 3: Substantive Testing
- Phase 4: Reporting

### Phase 1: Audit Planning

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

We will meet with staff of the District to obtain an understanding of the flow of transactions through your accounting system. This includes understanding your computer environment in order to comply with the requirements of AU-C 300, *Planning an Audit*. We will also gather information to identify fraud risks as required by AU-C 240 *Consideration of Fraud in a Financial Statement Audit*.

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

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

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

During Phase 2, we will evaluate your control policies and procedures to determine if they are functioning properly in significant transaction classes. To gain an understanding of the procedures in place, and current internal control structure, we typically conduct interviews with staff and management involved in the specific transaction class to be tested. We then perform tests of these controls to determine with reasonable assurance that control procedures are functioning as planned and whether further testing will be needed. As part of our tests of controls, we will include tests of compliance with applicable ordinances, and state and federal laws and regulations. In order to determine which ordinances, laws and regulations to test for compliance, we start by reviewing the FICPA Practice Aid *Compliance Auditing in Florida*. We then evaluate which ordinances, laws and regulations have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. Sample sizes are determined based upon our assessment of control risk and may be judgmental, random, or stratified, depending on the attributes of the population being tested. We will select samples from the significant transaction classes and trace from original documents through the computer system to the general ledger through the use of Data Analysis Software.





### **Service Approach - Continued**

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

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

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

#### **Phase 3: Substantive Testing**

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

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

#### **Phase 4: Reporting**

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

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

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

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

## Cost Proposal



**Cost Proposal**

We understand the requested services include audits of the District's financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2020, with the option for four additional annual renewals. The audit will be made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

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

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

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Audit Fee</u>
September 30, 2020	\$3,000
September 30, 2021	\$3,100
September 30, 2022	\$3,100
September 30, 2023	\$3,200
September 30, 2024	\$3,200

# SECTION C

**CYPRESS PARK ESTATES  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**PROPOSAL FOR AUDIT SERVICES**

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**PROPOSED BY:**

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

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600 Citrus Avenue, Suite 200  
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(772) 461-6120

**CONTACT PERSON:**

J. W. Gaines, CPA, Director

**DATE OF PROPOSAL:**

October 14, 2020

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Certified Public Accountants PL

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October 14, 2020

Cypress Park Estates Community Development District  
Governmental Management Services, LLC  
219 East Livingston Street  
Orlando, FL 32801

Dear District Manager:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to present our professional credentials to provide audit services for Cypress Park Estates 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 Cypress Park Estates Community Development District. We will provide you with top quality, responsive service.

## **Experience**

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

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Cypress Park Estates Community Development District  
October 14, 2020

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 Cypress Park Estates Community Development District.

Very truly yours,

*Berger Toombs Elam  
Gaines + Frank*

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 71 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 71 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 38 of the 42 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 32 professional and administrative staff (including 14 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)	5
Principals (CPA)	1
Managers (CPA)	1
Senior/Supervisor Accountants (2 CPA's)	3
Staff Accountants (1 CPA)	9
Computer Specialist	1
Paraprofessional	8
Administrative	<u>4</u>
Total – all personnel	32

Following is a brief description of each employee classification:

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

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

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

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

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

## **Professional Staff Resources (Continued)**

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

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

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

Chapter 21A-1, Florida Administrative Code;

Section 473.315, Florida Statutes; and,

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

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

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

### **Ability to Furnish the Required Services**

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

## **ADDITIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED**

### **Arbitrage Rebate Services**

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

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

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

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

## **GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING EXPERIENCE**

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

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

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

- Performance of annual financial and compliance audits, including Single Audits of state and federal financial assistance programs, under the provisions of the Single Audit Act, Subpart F of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), with minimal disruptions to your operations;
- Performance of special compliance audits to ascertain compliance with the applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations;
- Issuance of comfort letters and consent letters in conjunction with the issuance of 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 fifty 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

Port of the Islands 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. Treasure Coast Food Bank, Inc.	Gateway Services Community Development District
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Members of our audit team have acquired extensive experience from performing or participating in over 2,100 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 \$3,175 for the years ended September 30, 2020 and 2021, \$3,245 for the year ended September 30, 2022, and \$3,350 for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2024. The fee is contingent upon the financial records and accounting systems of Cypress Park Estates 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 Cypress Park Estates Community Development District as of September 30, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 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 – 41 years

#### **Education**

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

#### **Registrations**

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

#### **Professional Affiliations/Community Service**

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

#### **Professional Experience**

- ◆ Miles Grant Development/Country Club – Stuart, Florida, July 1975 – October 1976
- ◆ State Auditor General's Office – Public Accounts Auditor – November 1976 through September 1979
- ◆ Director - Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, Certified Public Accountants PL, responsible for numerous government and nonprofit audits.
- ◆ Over 30 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**

**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**

Accounting and Audit Principal – 12 years

Accounting and Audit Manager – 4 years

Staff Accountant – 11 years

#### **Education**

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

#### **Registrations**

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

#### **Professional Affiliations/Community Service**

- ◆ Member of the American and Florida Institutes of Certified Public Accountants
- ◆ Associate Member, Florida Government Finance Office Associates
- ◆ Assistant Coach – St. Lucie County Youth Football Organization (1994 – 2005)
- ◆ Assistant Coach – Greater Port St. Lucie Football League, Inc. (2006 – 2010)
- ◆ Board Member – Greater Port St. Lucie Football League, Inc. (2011 – present)
- ◆ 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 – present)
- ◆ St. Lucie District School Board Superintendent Search Committee (2013 – present)

#### **Professional Experience**

- ◆ Twenty-four 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
  - 19<sup>th</sup> 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)**

Accounting and Audit Principal

#### **Continuing Professional Education**

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

Not-for-Profit Auditing Financial Results and Compliance Requirements

Update: Government Accounting Reporting and Auditing

Annual Update for Accountants and Auditors

## ***Commitment to Quality Service***

### **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

#### **David F. Haughton, CPA**

Accounting and Audit Manager – 30 years

#### **Education**

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

#### **Registrations**

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

#### **Professional Affiliations/Community Service**

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

#### **Professional Experience**

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

##### **Counties:**

St. Lucie County

##### **Municipalities:**

City of Fort Pierce

City of Stuart

# ***Commitment to Quality Service***

<b>Personnel Qualifications and Experience</b>
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**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**

#### **Matthew Gonano, CPA**

Senior Staff Accountant – 10 years

#### **Education**

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

#### **Professional Affiliations/Community Service**

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

#### **Professional Experience**

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

#### **Continuing Professional Education**

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



## ***Commitment to Quality Service***

### **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

#### **Paul Daly**

Staff Accountant – 9 years

#### **Education**

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

#### **Professional Experience**

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

#### **Continuing Professional Education**

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

## ***Commitment to Quality Service***

### **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

#### **Melissa Marlin**

Senior Staff Accountant – 7 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.
- ◆ Mrs. Marlin is currently studying to pass the CPA exam.

## ***Commitment to Quality Service***

### **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

#### **Bryan Snyder**

Staff Accountant – 5 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**

#### **Maritza Stonebraker**

Staff Accountant – 4 years

#### **Education**

- ◆ Indian River State College, B.S.A. – 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 education courses and plans on acquiring her CPA.
- ◆ Mrs. Stonebraker is currently studying to pass the CPA exam.

## ***Commitment to Quality Service***

### **Personnel Qualifications and Experience**

#### **Jonathan Herman, CPA**

Senior Staff Accountant – 7 years

#### **Education**

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

#### **Professional Experience**

- ◆ Accounting graduate with five 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**

#### **Sean Stanton, CPA**

Staff Accountant – 4 years

#### **Education**

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

#### **Professional Experience**

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

#### **Continuing Professional Education**

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

## ***Commitment to Quality Service***

<b>Personnel Qualifications and Experience</b>
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### **Taylor Nuccio**

Staff Accountant – 6 years

### **Education**

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

### **Professional Experience**

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

### **Continuing Professional Education**

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

#### **Kirk Vasser**

Staff Accountant – 1 year

#### **Education**

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

#### **Professional Experience**

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

#### **Continuing Professional Education**

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

#### **Madison Ballash**

Staff Accountant – 1 year

#### **Education**

- ◆ Indian River State College, B.S.A. – Accounting (May 2020)

#### **Professional Experience**

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

#### **Continuing Professional Education**

- ◆ Ms. Ballash participates in numerous continuing professional education courses provided by nationally recognized sponsors to keep abreast of the latest developments.
- ◆ Ms. Ballash 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  
Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs, PL  
and the Peer Review Committee of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

October 30, 2019

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, 2019. 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](http://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, 2019, 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, PL has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

*Baggett, Reutimann & Associates, CPAs PA*  
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**CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COUMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2020**  
Located in the City of Haines City, Polk County, Florida

**INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS**

**SECTION 1. DUE DATE.** Sealed proposals must be received no later than Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., at the offices of Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC, Attn: Jill Burns, District Manager, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801. 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) original hard copy 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 – Saddle Creek Preserve of Polk County Community Development District” on the face of it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A. List position or title of all personnel to perform work on the District audit. Include résumés 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 résumés 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 Fiscal Year 2020, plus the lump sum cost of four (4) annual renewals.
- E. Provide a proposed schedule for performance of the audit.

**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.

**CYPRESS PARK ESTATES 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 community development districts 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)**

# SECTION D

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## **PROPOSAL FOR** Cypress Park Estates Community Development District

October 14, 2020

### **PROPOSER**

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



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### **SUBMITTED BY**

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Dear Cypress Park Estates Community Development District:

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

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

**Dedicated Team.** CRI’s team consists of more than 1,900 professionals, which allows us to tailor your service team by aligning their industry, service, and specialty skills with your needs. Our dedicated teams deliver the highest level of business acumen and knowledge to your organization; our commitment to consistent staffing allows you to maximize savings and remain focused on your needs.

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

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

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

The CRI vSTAR™ process, our initiative delivering a virtual audit, is designed to provide you with maximized efficiencies, reduced workload, and an improved experience.

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

Sincerely,



K. Alan Jowers, CPA  
Engagement Partner





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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 Cypress Park Estates 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).



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 2020	CRI FEES 2021	CRI FEES 2022	CRI FEES 2023	CRI FEES 2024
Perform external audit services in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS)	\$5,000	\$5,100	\$5,250	\$5,350	\$5,500

*\*Actual out-of-pocket expenses will be billed separately and are not included in the fee.*

The above fee quote is based in part on the fact that the District has not yet issued bonds or other debt instruments to finance capital asset acquisition and construction. In the event the District issues such debt instruments or upon construction of major infrastructure additions, the audit fee will increase by an amount not to exceed \$3,000 per year.

If Cypress Park Estates 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	\$400
Manager	\$300
Senior	\$190
Staff	\$140
IT Specialist	\$250
Fraud Specialist	\$250

Our professional fees are based on the key assumptions that Cypress Park Estates Community Development District will:

- Ensure that the predecessor’s work papers will be made available for timely review.
- Make available documents and work papers for review at Cypress Park Estates 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 Cypress Park Estates Community Development District.
- Not experience a significant change in business operations or financial reporting standards.



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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"> <li>• Client service experience</li> <li>• Responsiveness to client needs</li> <li>• Long-term relationship</li> <li>• CDD management co.</li> </ul>
GMS, LLC Dave DeNagy 14785 Old St. Augustine Road Suite 4 Jacksonville, FL 32258 904.288.9130	2006 – Present	Annual Financial Statement Audits of Multiple CDDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Client service experience</li> <li>• Responsiveness to client needs</li> <li>• Long-term relationship</li> <li>• CDD management co.</li> </ul>
Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC Jeffrey Pinder 2300 Glades Road Suite 410W Boca Raton, FL 33431 561.571.0010	2006 – Present	Annual Financial Statement Audits of Multiple CDDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Client service experience</li> <li>• Responsiveness to client needs</li> <li>• Long-term relationship</li> <li>• CDD management co.</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Client service experience</li> <li>• Responsiveness to client needs</li> <li>• Long-term relationship</li> <li>• CDD management co.</li> </ul>



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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

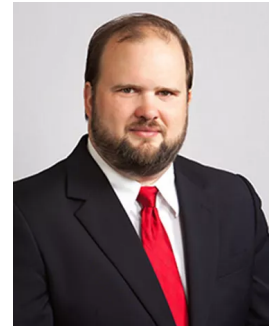
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA) - member of the Board of Governors
- Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA)
- Florida Governmental Finance Officers Association (FGFOA)



# Jonathan Hartness

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## Representative Clients

- Community Development Districts
- Condominium and Homeowner Associations

## Experience

Jonathan has over 12 years of auditing and accounting experience with CRI. He is responsible for audits, reviews and compilations of local governmental entities, condominium and homeowner associations, and non-public companies.

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

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

## Education, Licenses & Certifications

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

## Professional Affiliations

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





## Stephen Riggs, IV

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### Representative Clients

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

### Experience

Stephen has over 17 years accounting and audit experience, including three years with the international public accounting firm, Ernst & Young, LLP. His experience includes numerous clients in industries including governmental, not-for-profit, healthcare, SEC and privately held corporations.

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

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

### Education, Licenses & Certifications

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

### Professional Affiliations

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



## Grace Hartness

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### Representative Clients

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

### Experience

Grace has over 12 years accounting and audit experience with CRI. She has worked on several major construction companies, government entities, community development districts, condominium and homeowner associations and non-profit organizations. In addition, she has been involved in special audit projects for the Miami-Dade Airport Authority. Grace is licensed to practice as a certified public accountant in Florida and exceeds all continuing professional education requirements related to Government Auditing Standards. In addition, Grace fluently speaks several languages including French and Arabic. Grace currently supervises engagements for many special districts in the State of Florida including community development districts and school districts. She is active in our firm's condominium and homeowner association practice. Grace started with CRI in August 2006, upon completion of her master's degree, and was promoted to manager in 2011.

### Education, Licenses & Certifications

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

### Professional Affiliations

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



## Chad Branson

Senior Manager

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### Representative Service Areas

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

### Representative Clients (including previous clients)

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

### Experience

Chad Branson has over 17 years of experience in public accounting, with practice concentrations in auditing governmental, nonprofit and for profit entities. Chad has accumulated experience throughout his career in Federal and Florida Single Audit Acts compliance monitoring and auditing. During his career he has supervised and managed audit engagements for a wide variety of governmental and nonprofit organization clients. In addition, he has performed internal audit work, information technology general controls testing, forensic investigations, and risk assessments for governmental entities.

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

### Education, Licenses & Certifications

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

### Professional Affiliations

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



# Lauren Villarreal

Supervising Senior

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## Representative Service Areas

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

## Experience

Lauren has four years auditing and accounting experience in the Destin office of CRI. She is an audit supervising senior 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 a 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 2019 by Brown Edwards, whose report was the most favorable possible "Pass".

In addition, we are registered with the PCAOB and our 2018 PCAOB inspection report was also the most favorable possible—no audit deficiencies or quality control defects identified. The 2018 PCAOB report can be viewed at <https://pcaobus.org/Inspections/Reports/Documents/104-2019-029-Carr-Riggs-Ingram-LLC.pdf>.

# 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

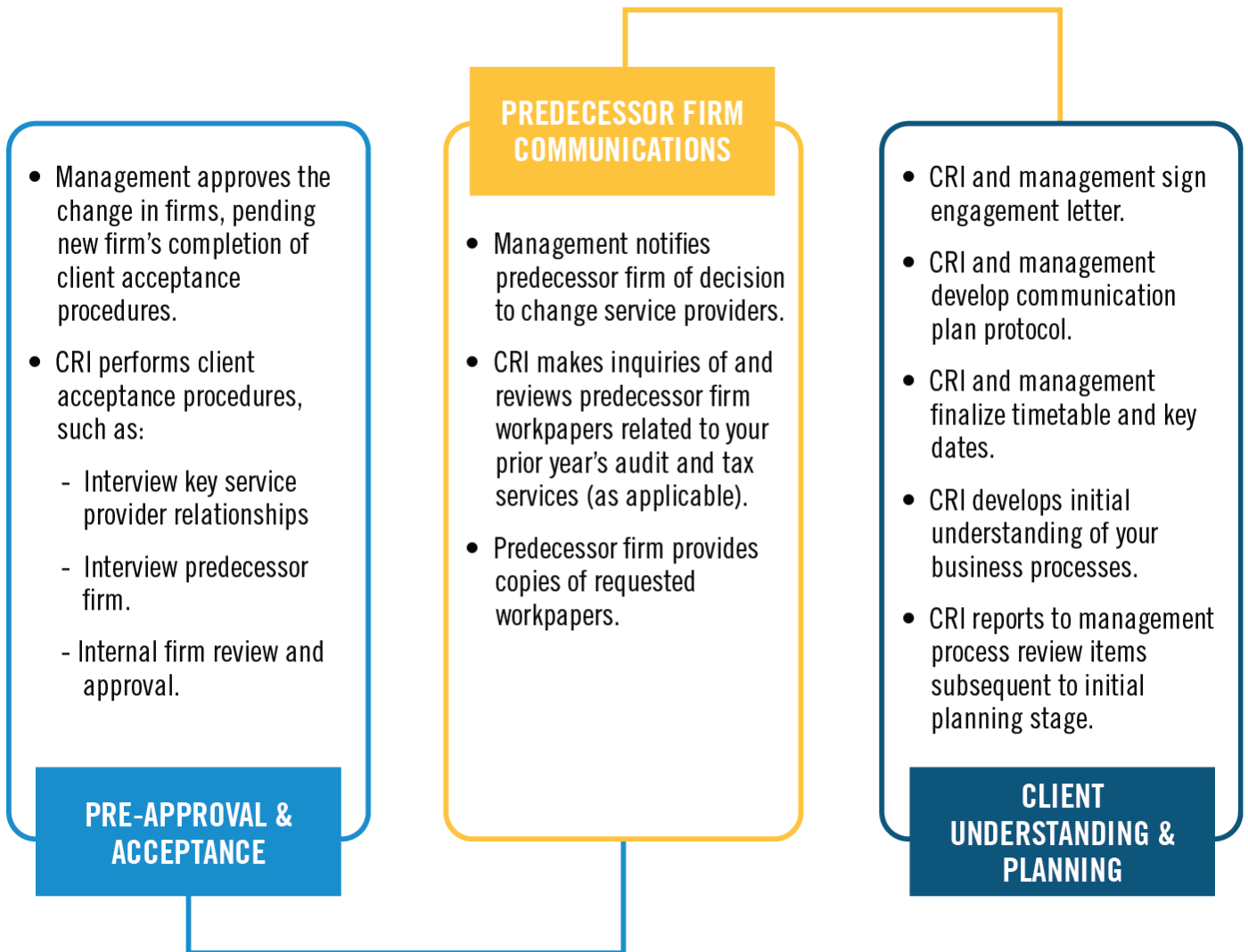
Living with sincerity, transparency, and honesty



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 Cypress Park Estates 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:





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.





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](http://CRIcpa.com) and across all our many social channels.

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[itfigurespodcast.com](http://itfigurespodcast.com)



### CRI's CEO ACTION FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Carr, Riggs & Ingram is committed to fostering an inclusive and diverse place for all employees to work in and engage. When our managing partner and chairman, Bill Carr, signed the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion™ pledge, he made a public commitment to building a productive, diverse, and inclusive workplace. [Learn more about CRI's commitment to Diversity and Inclusion.](#)

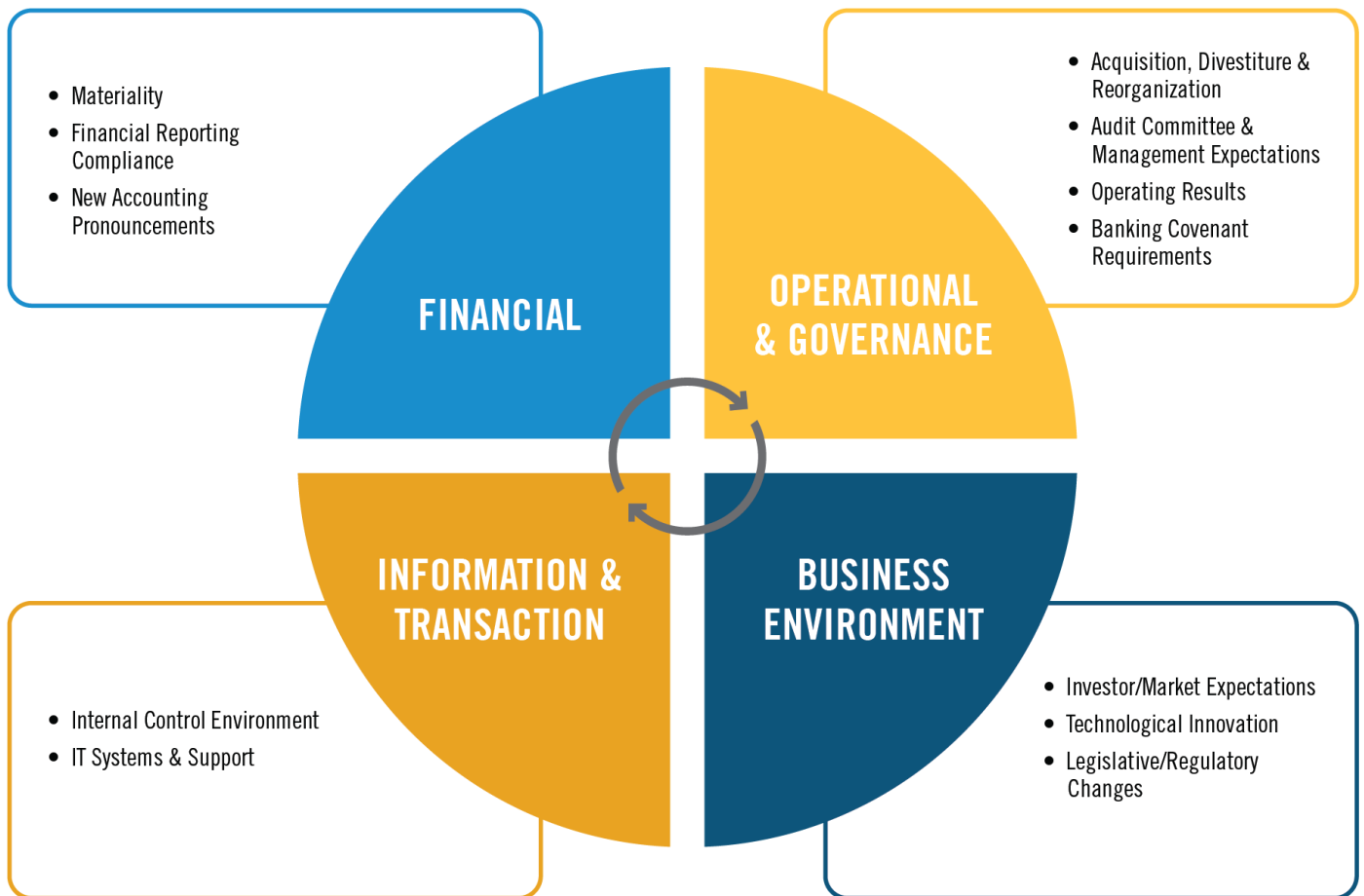


Our proposed services require a coordinated effort between us and Cypress Park Estates Community Development District's team. Planning and continual communication are essential to developing the appropriate procedures, working collaboratively to resolve any identified issues, and meeting your timelines.

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:





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.

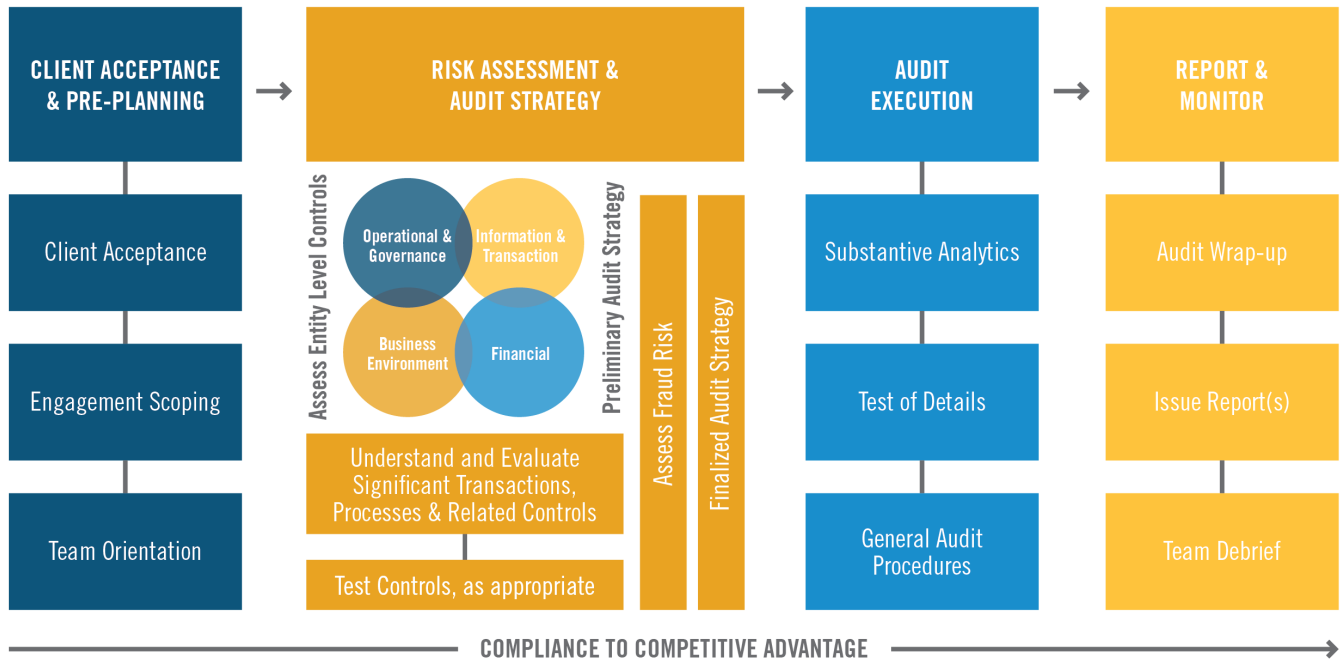
Consistent communication is a key to completion of the audit. By ensuring constant involvement, we are in a better position to respond to your issues timely and efficiently. Therefore, we plan to meet with your management to:

- Set-up the audit by reviewing the mapping of Cypress Park Estates 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.



**CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
DISTRICT  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES**

The Cypress Park Estates 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, 2020, with an option for four (4) additional annual renewals. 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 Polk County, Florida. The District currently has an operating budget of approximately \$98,404.00, not including debt service payments. The final contract will require that, among other things, the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, be completed no later than June 1, 2021.

Each auditing entity submitting a proposal must be authorized to do business in Florida; hold all applicable state and federal professional licenses in good standing, including but not limited to a license 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) original hard copy and one (1) electronic copy of their proposal to Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC, Attn: Jill Burns, District Manager, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801, in an envelope marked on the outside "**Auditing Services – Cypress Park Estates Community Development District.**" Proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at the office address listed above. Proposals received after this time will not be eligible for consideration. Please direct all questions regarding this Notice to the District Manager who can be reached at (407) 841-5524.

Jill Burns, District Manager  
Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC

Run date: September 29, 2020



## CYPRESS PARK ESTATES COUMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2020**  
Located in the City of Haines City, Polk County, Florida

### INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

**SECTION 1. DUE DATE.** Sealed proposals must be received no later than Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., at the offices of Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC, Attn: Jill Burns, District Manager, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801. 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) original hard copy 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 – Saddle Creek Preserve of Polk County Community Development District**” on the face of it.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

- A. List position or title of all personnel to perform work on the District audit. Include résumés 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 résumés 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 Fiscal Year 2020, plus the lump sum cost of four (4) annual renewals.
- E. Provide a proposed schedule for performance of the audit.

**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.



## CYPRESS PARK ESTATES 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 community development districts 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)**

**Cypress Park Estates CDD Auditor Selection**

	<b>Ability of Personnel (20 pts)</b>	<b>Proposer's Experience (20 pts)</b>	<b>Understanding of Scope of Work (20 pts)</b>	<b>Ability to Furnish the Required Services (20 pts)</b>	<b>Price (20 pts)</b>	<b>Total Points Earned</b>	<b>Ranking (1 being highest)</b>
<b>Grau &amp; Associates</b>					2020- \$2,800 2021- \$2,900 2022- \$3,000 2023- \$3,100 2024- \$3,200		
<b>CRI</b>					2020- \$5,000 2021- \$5,100 2022- \$5,250 2023- \$5,350 2024- \$5,500		
<b>McDermitt Davis</b>					2020- \$3,000 2021- \$3,100 2022- \$3,100 2023- \$3,200 2024- \$3,200		
<b>Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines &amp; Frank</b>					2020- \$3,175 2021- \$3,175 2022- \$3,245 2023- \$3,350 2024- \$3,350		

# BOS Meeting

# MINUTES

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**MINUTES OF MEETING  
CYPRESS PARK ESTATES  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Cypress Park Estates Community Development District was held **Tuesday, September 22, 2020** at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom Teleconference, pursuant to Executive Order 20-69, issued by Governor DeSantis, as amended and supplemented.

Present and constituting a quorum:

Scott Shapiro	Chairman
McKinzie Terrill	Vice Chairman
Allan Keen	Assistant Secretary
Hyzens Marc	Assistant Secretary
Steve Rosser	Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

Jill Burns	District Manager, GMS
Sarah Warren	Hopping Green & Sams
Rodney Gadd	Gadd Engineering
Emma Gregory	Hopping Green & Sams
Bob Gang	Greenberg Traurig
Ashton Bligh	Greenberg Traurig

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Roll Call**

Ms. Burns called the meeting to order and called the roll. There were five members present via Zoom, constituting a quorum.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Comment Period**

Ms. Burns noted that no members of the public were present to provide comments.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of the Minutes of the August 25,  
2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting**

Ms. Burns asked for any questions, comments, corrections to the August 25, 2020 meeting minutes. The Board had no changes.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Marc, with all in favor, the Minutes from the August 25, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting, were approved.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Appointment of Audit Committee and Chairman**

Ms. Burns suggested that the Board appoint themselves as the Audit Committee, and noted that there will be an Audit Committee meeting directly after the Board meeting adjourned.

On MOTION by Mr. Marc, seconded by Mr. Terrill, with all in favor, Appointment of the Board as the Audit Committee, was approved.

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Resolution 2020-37 Direct Purchase Resolution**

Ms. Burns noted that Resolution 2020-37 determines that if the District purchases construction material directly, they will have significant cost reduction which is in the best interest of the District. It also appoints either the District Manager or the District Engineer the Purchasing Agent.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Terrill, with all in favor, Resolution 2020-37 Direct Purchase Resolution, was approved.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Staff Reports**

**A. Attorney**

Ms. Warren had nothing further to report.

**B. Engineer**

Mr. Gadd had no further report for the Board.

**C. District Manager's Report**

**i. Approval of Funding Request #3**

Ms. Burns presented Funding Request #4 and asked for a motion to approve if the Board had no questions.



On MOTION by Mr. Marc, seconded by Mr. Terrill, with all in favor, Funding Request #4, was approved.

**ii. Balance Sheet and Income Statement**

Ms. Burns stated the financials were in the package and if there were any questions she would be glad to answer, but no action was needed.

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Other Business**

There being none, the next item followed.

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Supervisors Requests and Audience Comments**

There being none, the next item followed.

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjournment**

Ms. Burns adjourned the meeting.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Marc, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m..

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chairman/Vice Chairman

# Audit Committee Meeting

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
CYPRESS PARK ESTATES  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The Audit Committee meeting of the Cypress Park Estates Community Development District was held **Tuesday, September 22, 2020** at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom Teleconference, pursuant to Executive Order 20-69, issued by Governor DeSantis, as amended and supplemented.

Present and constituting a quorum:

Scott Shapiro	Chairman
McKinzie Terrill	Vice Chairman
Allan Keen	Assistant Secretary
Hyzens Marc	Assistant Secretary
Steve Rosser	Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

Jill Burns	District Manager, GMS
Sarah Warren	Hopping Green & Sams
Rodney Gadd	Gadd Engineering
Emma Gregory	Hopping Green & Sams
Bob Gang	Greenberg Traurig
Ashton Bligh	Greenberg Traurig

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Roll Call**

Ms. Burns called the meeting to order and called the roll. Five board members were present via Zoom teleconference.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Comment Period**

Ms. Burns noted that there was no public presented to provide comments.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Audit Services**

**A. Approval of Request for Proposals and Selection Criteria**

Ms. Burns reviewed the RFP and selection criteria included in the agenda. The RFP has a due date of October 14<sup>th</sup>.

On MOTION by Mr. Marc, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, with all in favor, the Request for Proposals and Selection Criteria and Authorization for Staff to Issue the RFP for Auditing Services, was approved.

**B. Approval of Notice of Request for Proposals for Audit Services**

**C. Public Announcement of Opportunity to Provide Audit Services**

Ms. Burns publicly announced the opportunity for qualified auditing firms to provide auditing services as indicated in the RFP and the notice that is included in the agenda package.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjournment**

Ms. Burns adjourned the meeting.

On MOTION by Mr. Keen, seconded by Mr. Rosser, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chairman/Vice Chairman

# SECTION IV



**Florida Wall Concepts, Inc.**

1726 W Broadway St. Oviedo FL 32765  
 Office 407.971.8418 Fax 407.971.2749

**Proposal #:** 20-334 **Cypress Park Estates Rev. 1**

**Client:**

**Cypress Park Estates CDD**

**Date:** September 2, 2020

**Contact:**

**Jill Burns**

Governmental MGMNT Services

**Terms:**

Progress Payments  
 Per Contract

**Project Address:**

Haines City, FL

<b>Precast Wall System:</b>	<b>2517</b>	<b>LF</b>	<b>@</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>69.08</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>173,866.99</b>
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<b>Engineering/Permitting</b>						<b>\$</b>	<b>7,906.45</b>
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(1) CMU single sided signwall with fountain includes stucco, cultured stone veneer, tile, decorative precast, paint and 1/4" pin set signage. Fountain will include the engineering, gunite walls, plumbing, underwater lighting, 6" tile, quartz aggregate finish, pumps, filters, valves, flow meters, transformers and collection tanks. (Water service/meter to be supplied by others). Sign/fountain size and design will match the Courtland park dwg. provided.

	<b>\$</b>	<b>63,629.50</b>
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(1) CMU single sided signwall located at the Baker Dairy Entry. This will be 6' afg and 12' long includes stucco, paint, decorative precast wall cap, cultured stone veneer base on front side, tile and 1/4" pin set signage.

	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,878.97</b>
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(1) 100 amp electric service with GFI. Included is up to 50' of trenching, conduit, wire and backfill.

	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,132.50</b>
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Note: Precast wall is using our 6' x 16' stucco system with our stone precast column design as discussed. Option: Too add a third faux color to the all precast stone columns will be an additional \$2,200.00.

Option: (1) Interior CMU decorative monument marker with cultured stone base, stucco, paint, trim and signage logo will be an additional \$8,227.97. If selected this will be similar to the Riverstone design as discussed.

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**TOTAL: \$ 267,414.41**

Proposal is good for 30 days. Pricing may change based on site conditions, field measurements, or any other reasonable changes, etc. This proposal is subject to a mutually agreed upon contract, scope of work, construction schedule and payment schedule.

Add: 3<sup>rd</sup> fair color \$2,200.00  
Add: Interior CMU \$8,227.97

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\$277,842.40

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**THIS PROPOSAL SPECIFICALLY INCLUDES:**

Production of precast products

One mobilization for footing crew. Additional mobilizations will be charged at \$2,500.00 each

One mobilization for installation crew. To be performed using a 10 ton forklift. Additional mobilizations will be charged \$2,500.00 each

One mobilization for stain crew. Additional mobilizations will be charged at \$350.00 each

Footings set in water (3' below grade) causing use of a sleeve and pump will be charged at \$500.00/per footing

Footings set in sandy soil (where collapse of footer is extensive) causing use of a sleeve will be charges at \$400.00/per footing

Footings requiring hand digging due to Utilities or other unforeseen conditions will be charged at \$250.00/per footing

Footings that encounter limestone or coquina stone will incur an additional fee to excavate and remove.

Proposal is based on estimated quantities. Final billing will be based on verified field measurements.

Permit fees and engineering are provided for FWC's scope of work only.

**THIS PROPOSAL SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDES: (but not limited to)**

Landscaping, Irrigation and Restoration are excluded from this bid.

Removal of footing spoils (excavated dirt)

Fees, bonds, variances, surveys, set back requirements, codes, or any other compliance are the responsibility of the purchaser

Removal of existing fence or obstacles impeding the work area

Maintenance of Traffic, temporary fencing, or re-routing of pedestrian traffic.

Erosion Control

This proposal excludes any removal, repair, and replacement of irrigation, landscaping, roadway restoration, curb, or sidewalk

FWC is not responsible for clearing, layout, grading, or compaction of existing wall construction area.

Any dewatering for footing installation. If required, pricing can be provided.

Density and soil testing is the responsibility of the customer unless otherwise specified in this proposal.

Any other service or material that is not expressly included above.

This proposal is based on existing conditions acceptable to FWC's construction activities.

**DELIVERY/ERECTION:**

1. Delivery dates will be determined at time of award.

2. FWC will comply with OSHA Safety Standards for Fall Protection.

3. This proposal is based on a single mobilization(s) for forklift/crane and crew. Any additional mobilizations will be an added cost to the contract amount.

4. General contractor/owner will provide adequate stabilized, level access to the perimeter and interior of structure for FWC truck and forklift/crane to operate under their own power. Sufficient job site storage will be provided for FWC.

5. FWC will be allowed extensions of any scheduling requirements for weather related delays that in FWC's sole judgment result in an impact to production, delivery and/or erection.

6. General Contractor /owner will be responsible for protecting the surrounding areas that will be accessed by FWC in performing its work hereunder. Damage to existing areas surrounding the structure or project, including but not limited to landscaping, drives, sidewalks, curbs, foundations, slabs, underground utilities, and other installations, that are caused by FWC in the performance of the work hereunder will not be the responsibility of FWC.

7. All overhead obstructions, including power lines, must be removed by others.

8. General Contractor/ owner is to provide layout, locations, and elevations, for all FWC scope of work.

9. FWC requires stabilized access to construction area prior to mobilizing to job site.

**DESIGN:**

1. FWC reserves the right to modify the design to preserve the integrity of the precast panels and to facilitate the most efficient means for production and erection. All such design changes will be subject to the design specifications and approval by the Engineer of Record.

2. Wall panel finish: Exterior finish will consist of a vertical mold form finish. Minor imperfections, such as form lines and bug holes are to be expected in all precast finishes. Products will be produced with common gray cement along with the variations in color common to gray cement. Paint colors selected may affect the look / appearance of the wall panel finish.

3. Cracking and minor chipping is an inherent aspect of precast construction. Such panels, prestressed or non-prestressed, may experience some cracking and chipping

4. When applicable or available FWC will be provided with all AutoCAD files pertaining to the precast and its connections.



**WARRANTY:**

1. Florida Wall Concepts, Inc. warrants the original purchase only, that the services and materials provided by Florida Wall Concepts, Inc. will be free of material or workmanship defects for the period of 1 (one) year from the date of purchase. Florida Wall Concepts, Inc.'s sole obligation and your exclusive remedy under this limited warranty or any implied warranty shall be the repair or replacement of pieces, without charge, which are defective in materials or workmanship and which have not been misused or damaged subsequent to installation. This warranty is non-transferable.
2. This warranty excludes any damages caused by anyone other than Florida Wall Concepts, Inc. and excludes any damage to surrounding property or landscaping resulting in the need for access to perform any repair or replacement provided.
3. Rights under this warranty are conditioned upon receipt in the principal office of Florida Wall Concepts, Inc., as indicated above, of written notice of the defective materials or workmanship within the earlier of the period of the warranty stated above or 10 days from when the defect was discovered or should have been discovered through reasonable diligence.
4. Any implied warranty shall likewise be limited in duration to the earlier of 1 (one) year from the date of substantial completion or 10 (ten) days from when the defect was discovered or should have been discovered through reasonable diligence.
5. In no event shall the Florida Wall Concepts, Inc. be liable for any incidental or consequential damages, including but not limited to liability for loss of profits, arising from the sale, use, repair or replacement of this product.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. The project shall be constructed in accordance with the contract drawings and documents, within acceptable construction tolerances. Out-of-tolerance conditions will not be the responsibility of FWC, and any cost incurred by FWC resulting or arising from a condition that is outside acceptable construction tolerances will result in a change order regardless of whether a change order is formally submitted, requested, or approved.
2. If retainage is held, it will be due net 30 days from FWC's certification of completion.

**This proposal was bid using the supplied drawings from:**

**\*\*\*Initial your choice of the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Manufacture prior to receiving a permit. I understand that I will pay for these items whether a permit is issued or not.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Hold on manufacture until permit is issued, I understand that this may delay my installation date.*

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Signature of Acceptance

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Billing Contact & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# SECTION VI

# SECTION C

# SECTION 1

**Cypress Park Estates  
Community Development District**

**Funding Request #5**

October 7, 2020

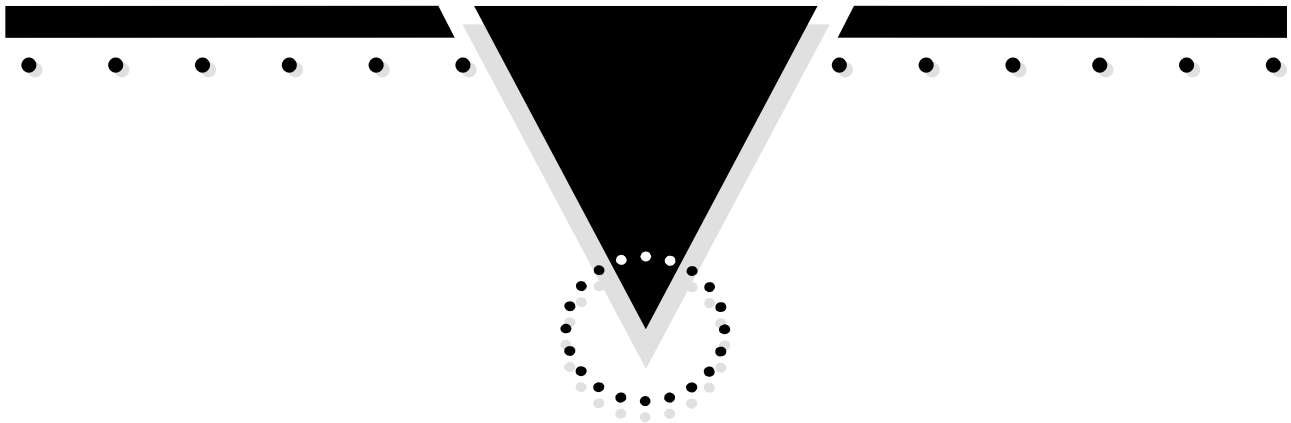
	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS<sup>(1)</sup></b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hopping Green &amp; Sams</b>		
	Inv#117297 - Legal services - Aug 2020		\$116.60
	Inv#117296 - Legal services - Aug 2020	\$1,678.42	
	Inv#117298 - Legal Services - Aug 2020		\$530.20
<b>2</b>	<b>GADD &amp; Associates</b>		
	Inv#3485 - Engineer Services - May, July, Aug & Sept 2020	\$593.75	
<b>3</b>	<b>Hyzens Marc</b>		
	Inv#092220- Supervisor Fees - Sept 2020	\$200.00	
<b>4</b>	<b>McKinzie Terrill</b>		
	Inv#092220- Supervisor Fees - Sept 2020	\$200.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,318.97</b>	<b>\$646.80</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> All capital related invoices will be reimbursed to the Developer upon issuance of Bonds.

Please make check payable to:

**Cypress Park Estates Community Development District**  
9145 Narcoossee Road, Suite A206  
Orlando, FL 32827

## SECTION 2



# **Cypress Park Estates**

## **Community Development District**

**Unaudited Financial Reporting**

**September 30, 2020**



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# Cypress Park Estates

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

### *COMBINED BALANCE SHEET*

September 30, 2020

	<u>Major Funds</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Governmental Funds</u>
<b><u>ASSETS:</u></b>			
Cash	\$29,367	---	\$29,367
Prepaid Expenses	\$5,000	---	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$34,367</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$34,367</b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES:</u></b>			
Accounts Payable	\$29,679	---	\$29,679
Due to Developer	---	\$6,645	\$6,645
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$29,679</b>	<b>\$6,645</b>	<b>\$36,325</b>
<b><u>FUND BALANCES:</u></b>			
Unassigned	\$4,687	---	\$4,687
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$4,687</b>	<b>(\$6,645)</b>	<b>(\$1,958)</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$34,367</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$34,367</b>

**Cypress Park Estates**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**GENERAL FUND**

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance  
For the Period Ended September 30, 2020

DESCRIPTION	ADOPTED BUDGET	PRORATED BUDGET THRU 09/30/20	ACTUAL THRU 09/30/20	VARIANCE
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
Developer Contributions	\$98,404	\$98,404	\$72,612	(\$25,792)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$98,404</b>	<b>\$98,404</b>	<b>\$72,612</b>	<b>(\$25,792)</b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
<i>Administrative</i>				
Supervisor Fees	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$1,800	\$8,200
Engineer Fees	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$1,063	\$11,438
Attorney Fees	\$20,833	\$20,833	\$18,127	\$2,706
Management Fees	\$29,167	\$29,167	\$28,226	\$941
Information Technology	\$3,575	\$3,575	\$1,393	\$2,182
Telephone	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$250
Postage	\$833	\$833	\$75	\$758
Insurance	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,740	\$1,260
Printing & Binding	\$833	\$833	\$100	\$733
Legal Advertising	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$13,197	(\$3,197)
Other Current Charges	\$4,167	\$4,167	\$0	\$4,167
Office Supplies	\$521	\$521	\$55	\$466
Travel Per Diem	\$550	\$550	\$0	\$550
Dues, Licenses & Subscription	\$175	\$175	\$150	\$25
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>\$98,404</b>	<b>\$98,404</b>	<b>\$67,925</b>	<b>\$30,479</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$98,404</b>	<b>\$98,404</b>	<b>\$67,925</b>	<b>\$30,479</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues Over (under) expenditures</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,687</b>	<b>\$4,687</b>
Beginning Fund Balance	\$0		\$0	
Ending Fund Balance	\$0		\$4,687	

**Cypress Creek Estates  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**CAPITAL PROJECT FUND**

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance  
For the Period Ended September 30, 2020

<u>Description</u>	<u>ADOPTED BUDGET</u>	<u>PRORATED BUDGET THRU 09/30/20</u>	<u>ACTUAL THRU 09/30/20</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
Interest Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$6,645	(\$6,645)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,645</b>	<b>(\$6,645)</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues Over (under) expenditures</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$6,645)</b>	<b>(\$6,645)</b>
Beginning Fund Balance	\$0		\$0	
Ending Fund Balance	\$0		(\$6,645)	

# Cypress Park Estates Community Development District

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Total
<b><u>REVENUES:</u></b>													
DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$36,706	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,906	\$72,612
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$36,706</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,906</b>	<b>\$72,612</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES:</u></b>													
<b><u>ADMINISTRATIVE:</u></b>													
Supervisor Fees	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$400	\$0	\$0	\$800	\$0	\$1,800
Engineer Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$219	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$594	\$0	\$1,063
Attorney Fees	\$0	\$0	\$5,129	\$3,372	\$1,935	\$1,173	\$558	\$1,112	\$1,699	\$941	\$2,209	\$0	\$18,127
Management Fees	\$0	\$0	\$1,976	\$2,917	\$2,917	\$2,917	\$2,917	\$2,917	\$2,917	\$2,917	\$2,917	\$2,917	\$28,226
Information Technology	\$0	\$0	\$493	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$1,393
Telephone	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Postage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18	\$23	\$7	\$17	\$1	\$3	\$5	\$1	\$0	\$75
Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,740	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,740
Printing & Binding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$46	\$20	\$33	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100
Legal Advertising	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,421	\$1,995	\$0	\$419	\$0	\$0	\$1,181	\$1,181	\$13,197
Other Current Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Office Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3	\$41	\$3	\$0	\$0	\$3	\$0	\$0	\$6	\$55
Travel Per Diem	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dues, Licenses & Subscription	\$0	\$0	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,948</b>	<b>\$10,614</b>	<b>\$13,907</b>	<b>\$6,227</b>	<b>\$3,591</b>	<b>\$4,949</b>	<b>\$4,722</b>	<b>\$3,962</b>	<b>\$7,800</b>	<b>\$4,203</b>	<b>\$67,925</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,948</b>	<b>\$10,614</b>	<b>\$13,907</b>	<b>\$6,227</b>	<b>\$3,591</b>	<b>\$4,949</b>	<b>\$4,722</b>	<b>\$3,962</b>	<b>\$7,800</b>	<b>\$4,203</b>	<b>\$67,925</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$7,948)</b>	<b>(\$10,614)</b>	<b>\$6,093</b>	<b>(\$6,227)</b>	<b>\$33,115</b>	<b>(\$4,949)</b>	<b>(\$4,722)</b>	<b>(\$3,962)</b>	<b>(\$7,800)</b>	<b>\$11,702</b>	<b>\$4,687</b>