



***FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT***

***Advanced Meeting Package***

***Audit Committee Meeting***

***Tuesday  
September 22, 2026  
6:00 p.m.***

***Location:  
Splash Park Meeting Room  
1510 Calming Water Dr.,  
Fleming Island, FL***

***Note: The Advanced Meeting Package is a working document and thus all materials are considered DRAFTS prior to presentation and Board acceptance, approval or adoption.***

# Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District

c/o Vesta District Services  
250 International Parkway, Suite 208  
Lake Mary, FL 32746  
321-263-0132

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Audit Committee

**Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District**

Dear Audit Committee,

The Audit Committee Meeting of the Audit Committee of the Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Splash Park Meeting Room** at **1510 Calming Water Dr., Fleming Island, FL.**

An advanced copy of the agenda for the meeting is attached along with associated documentation for your review and consideration. Any additional support material will be distributed at the meeting.

Should you have any questions regarding the agenda, please contact me at (321) 263-0132 X-193 or [dmcinnes@vestapropertyservices.com](mailto:dmcinnes@vestapropertyservices.com). We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

*David McInnes*

David McInnes  
District Manager

Cc: Attorney  
Engineer  
District Records

# Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2026      Call-in Number: +1 (929) 205-6099  
Time: 6:00 PM      Meeting ID: 705 571 4830#  
Location: Splash Park, 1510 Calming Water Drive, Fleming Island, Florida

## *Agenda*

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Audience Comments** – *(limited to 3 minutes per individual for agenda items)*
- III. Administrative Items**
  - A. Presentation of Current Auditor Contract
  - B. Review of RFP & Evaluation Criteria
- IV. Business Items**
  - A. Authorization to Proceed with Publications of RFP
  - B. Scheduling of Next Meeting Date – October 27, 2026
- V. Adjournment**

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[Exhibit 2](#)  
[Pgs. 11-15](#)

## EXHIBIT 1



# Grau & Associates

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September 10, 2025

To Board of Supervisors  
Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District  
250 International Pkwy., Ste. 208  
Lake Mary, Florida 32746

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District, Clay County, Florida ("the District") for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025. We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund, including the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025. In addition, we will examine the District's compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415 Florida Statutes. This letter serves to renew our agreement and establish the terms and fee for the 2025 audit.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement the District's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the District's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

The following RSI is required by generally accepted accounting principles and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

- 1) Management's Discussion and Analysis
- 2) Budgetary comparison schedule

The following other information accompanying the financial statements will not be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements, and our auditor's report will not provide an opinion or any assurance on that information:

- 1) Compliance with FL Statute 218.39 (3) (c)

## Audit Objectives

The objective of our audit is the expression of opinions as to whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and to report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and will include tests of the accounting records of the District and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the District's financial statements. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If our opinion on the financial statements is other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed an opinion, we may decline to express an opinion or issue a report, or may withdraw from this engagement.

We will also provide a report (that does not include an opinion) on internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements as required by *Government Auditing Standards*. The report on internal control and on compliance and other matters will include a paragraph that states (1) that the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control on compliance, and (2) that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. The paragraph will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose. If during our audit we become aware that the District is subject to an audit requirement that is not encompassed in the terms of this engagement, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance that an audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* may not satisfy the relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements.

**Examination Objective**

The objective of our examination is the expression of an opinion as to whether the District is in compliance with Florida Statute 218.415 in accordance with Rule 10.556(10) of the Auditor General of the State of Florida. Our examination will be conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and will include tests of your records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such an opinion. We will issue a written report upon completion of our examination of the District's compliance. The report will include a statement that the report is intended solely for the information and use of management, those charged with governance, and the Florida Auditor General, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If our opinion on the District's compliance is other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the examination or are unable to form or have not formed an opinion, we may decline to express an opinion or issue a report, or may withdraw from this engagement.

**Other Services**

We will assist in preparing the financial statements and related notes of the District in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles based on information provided by you. These non-audit services do not constitute an audit under Government Auditing Standards and such services will not be conducted in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. The other services are limited to the financial statement services previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

**Management Responsibilities**

Management is responsible for the financial statements and all accompanying information as well as all representations contained therein. Further, management is responsible for compliance with Florida Statute 218.415 and will provide us with the information required for the examination. The accuracy and completeness of such information is also management's responsibility. As part of the audit, we will assist with preparation of your financial statements and related notes in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles based on information provided by you. These nonaudit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You agree to assume all management responsibilities relating to the financial statements and related notes and any other nonaudit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. In addition, you will be required to make certain representations regarding compliance with Florida Statute 218.415 in the management representation letter. Further, you agree to oversee the nonaudit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls, including evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities, to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulations; and ensuring that management is reliable and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and all accompanying information in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements.

Management is also responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit, and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and for confirming to us in the written representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. As part of our engagement, we may propose standard adjusting, or correcting journal entries to your financial statements. You are responsible for reviewing the entries and understanding the nature of the proposed entries and the impact they have on the financial statements.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants and for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that we report.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying and providing report copies of previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions, for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

With regard to using the audit's report, you understand that you must obtain our prior written consent to reproduce or use our report in bond offering official statements or other documents.

With regard to the electronic dissemination of audited financial statements, including financial statements published electronically on your website, you understand that electronic sites are a means to distribute information and, therefore, we are not required to read the information contained in these sites or to consider the consistency of other information in the electronic site with the original document.

#### **Audit Procedures—General**

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government. Because the determination of abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and may include tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about your responsibilities for the financial statements; compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and other responsibilities required by generally accepted auditing standards.

#### **Audit Procedures—Internal Control**

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the government and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards and *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Audit Procedures—Compliance**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the District's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other**

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Grau & Associates and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to a cognizant or oversight agency or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or



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**March 17, 2023**

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

Dear Antonio Grau:

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

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

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

*FICPA Peer Review Committee*

Peer Review Team  
FICPA Peer Review Committee

850.224.2727, x5957

cc: Daniel Hevia, Racquel McIntosh

Firm Number: 900004390114

Review Number: 594791

indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Grau & Associates personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties acknowledge that various documents reviewed or produced during the conduct of the audit may be public records under Florida law. The District agrees to notify Grau & Associates of any public record request it receives that involves audit documentation.

Our fee for these services will be \$4,200 for the September 30, 2025 audit, unless there is a change in activity by the District which results in additional audit work or if additional Bonds are issued.

We will complete the audit within prescribed statutory deadlines, with the understanding that your employees will provide information needed to perform the audit on a timely basis. We acknowledge that the District must submit its annual Audit to the Auditor General no later than nine (9) months after the end of the audited fiscal year. Accordingly, we will deliver a draft audit to the District no later than June 1, 2026. All accounting records (including, but not limited to, trial balances, general ledger detail, vendor files, bank and trust statements, minutes, and confirmations) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025 must be provided to us no later than February 15, 2026, in order for us to deliver a draft audit to the District no later than June 1, 2026. If the draft is timely reviewed by management, the final audit will be provided no later than June 15, 2026.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

An at-will termination with 30-days' written notice and requirement that the District pay all invoices for services rendered prior to the date of the notice of termination. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. Invoices will be submitted in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with the terms of this agreement. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 60 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report. You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of termination. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate.

This agreement may be renewed each year thereafter subject to the mutual agreement by both parties to all terms and fees. The fee for each annual renewal will be agreed upon separately.

We will provide you with a copy of our most recent external peer review report and any letter of comment, and any subsequent peer review reports and letters of comment received during the period of the contract. Our 2022 peer review report accompanies this letter.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District and believe this letter accurately summarizes the terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

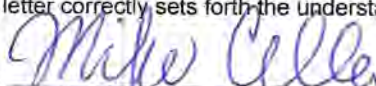
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Antonio J. Grau

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District.

By: 

Title: Chairman

Date: 9-23-2025

## EXHIBIT 2

**FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR  
ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES**

The Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District hereby requests proposals for annual financial auditing services. The proposals must provide for the auditing of the District's financial records for five consecutive fiscal years; FY 2026, FY 2027, FY 2028, FY 2029, and FY 2030. 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 Clay County. The District currently has an annual operating budget for approximately \$3,710,963 dollars inclusive of the General Fund. The final contract will require that the audit be completed no later than 270 days following the conclusion of the fiscal year.

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 173, *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 using the contact information listed below.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Additionally, there is no express or implied obligation for the District to reimburse proposers for any expenses associated with the preparation and submittal of the proposals in response to the request.

Any protest regarding the terms of this Notice, or the evaluation criteria on file with the District Manager, must be filed in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours after the publication of this Notice. The formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to aforesaid Notice or evaluation criteria provisions. Any person who files a notice of protest shall provide to the District, simultaneous with the filing of the notice, a protest bond with a responsible surety to be approved by the District and in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). Additional information and requirements regarding protests are set forth in the District's Rules of Procedures

Proposers must submit one (1) digital copy of their proposal to the District Manager, District Admin., and District Counsel, with the email subject line "Auditing Services – The Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District." Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on October 15, 2026, to the District Manager, David McInnes at [dmcinnes@vestapropertyservices.com](mailto:dmcinnes@vestapropertyservices.com) and Dana Harden at [dharden@vestapropertyservices.com](mailto:dharden@vestapropertyservices.com), the District Admin. Jackie Leger at [jleger@vestapropertyservices.com](mailto:jleger@vestapropertyservices.com). Please direct all questions regarding this Notice in writing to the District Manager, David McInnes at [dmcinnes@vestapropertyservices.com](mailto:dmcinnes@vestapropertyservices.com), with e-mail copies to Katie Buchanan at [katie.buchanan@kutakrock.com](mailto:katie.buchanan@kutakrock.com).

**FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**District Auditing Services**  
Clay County, Florida

**INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS**

**SECTION 1. DUE DATE.** Digital proposal (“**Proposal**”) must be received no later than October 15, 2026, at 4 p.m., to the District Manager, David McInnes at [dmcinnes@vestapropertyservices.com](mailto:dmcinnes@vestapropertyservices.com) and Dana Harden at [dharden@vestapropertyservices.com](mailto:dharden@vestapropertyservices.com), District Admin., Jackie Leger at [jleger@vestapropertyservices.com](mailto:jleger@vestapropertyservices.com), and District Counsel, Katie Buchanan at [katie.buchanan@vestapropertyservices.com](mailto:katie.buchanan@vestapropertyservices.com).

**SECTION 2. FAMILIARITY WITH THE LAW.** By submitting a proposal, each proposer (“**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.** Each Proposer shall submit one (1) digital copy of the Proposal Documents (defined below), and other requested attachments at the time and place indicated herein, with the email subject line "Auditing Services – Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District".

**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, 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. CONTENTS OF PROPOSALS.** All proposals shall include the following information in addition to any other requirements of the Proposal Documents.

- A. Information regarding the proposer's authority to do business in Florida; proof of all applicable state and federal professional licenses; and proof of the proposer's qualifications to conduct audits in accordance with Government Auditing Standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.
- B. List position or title of all personnel to perform work on the District audit. Include resumes for each person listed; list years of experience in present position for each party listed and years of related experience.
- C. Information regarding the geographic location of the firm's headquarters or permanent office in relation to the project.
- D. Describe proposed staffing levels.
- E. Provide 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 the name, address, and phone number of a contact person. Identify any work previously conducted for other community development districts.
- F. Describe approach to the project.
- G. Provide information regarding the adequacy of Proposer's financial resources and stability as a business entity necessary to complete the services required.
- H. The lump sum cost of the provision of the services under the proposal, plus the cost of any renewals.

**SECTION 13. PROTESTS.** Any protest regarding the Proposal Documents, must be filed in writing, at the offices of the District Manager, within seventy-two (72) hours after issuance of the Notice of Request for Proposals. The formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days after the initial notice of protest was filed. Any person who files a notice of protest challenging the Proposal Documents or any resulting Notice of Award shall provide to the District, simultaneous with the filing of the notice, a protest bond with a responsible surety to be approved by the District and in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). In the event the protest is successful, the protest bond shall be refunded to the protestor. In the event the

protest is unsuccessful, the protest bond shall be applied towards the District's costs, expenses, and attorney's fees associated with hearing and defending the protest. In the event the protest is settled by mutual agreement of the parties, the protest bond shall be distributed as agreed to by the District and protestor. 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 contract award.

**SECTION 14. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS.** The criteria to be used in the evaluation of proposals are presented in the evaluation criteria, contained within the Proposal Documents.

## AUDITOR SELECTION EVALUATION CRITERIA

### 1. *Ability of Personnel.*

**(20 Points)**

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

## 2. *Proposer's Experience.*

**(20 Points)**

This includes 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 respondent, etc.

### 3. *Understanding of Scope of Work.*

**(20 Points)**

This category addresses the 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)**

This category addresses the 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 bid for rendering the services and the reasonableness of the bid.