

Hacienda Lakes Community Development District

707 Orchid Drive, Naples, FL 34102
P. 239-269-1341

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HACIENDA LAKES COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Monday, November 25, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
8490 Vaile Circle
Naples, Florida 34114

I. Roll Call.

II. Affidavit of Publication

Exhibit 1

II. Public Comments on Agenda Items.

III. Organizational Matters:

A. GENERAL DISTRICT MATTERS

1. Introduction of Newly Appointed Supervisors
2. Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Supervisors
3. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities
 - a. Financial Disclosure Forms
 - i. Form 1: Statement of Financial Interests
 - ii. Form 1X: Amendment to Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
 - iii. Form 1F: Final Statement of Financial Interests
 - b. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict
4. Board Consideration to fill Seat 4 Vacancy
5. Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Supervisor

B. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

6. Consideration of Resolution 2024-7 Updating the FY 2024-2025 designation of Officers for the District and providing for an effective date.

Exhibit 2

C. BUDGETARY MATTERS

4. Open Audit Committee Meeting.
5. Audit RFQ Responses
 - a. Emailed letters Exhibit 3
 - b. DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A. CPAs Exhibit 4
 - c. Grau & Associates Exhibit 5
 - d. Audit Firm Scoring Sheets Exhibit 6
6. Close Audit Committee Meeting
7. Hacienda Lakes CDD Financials through 10-31-24 Exhibit 7

D. FINANCING MATTERS

None to be considered at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Staff Reports
 - a. District Manager
 1. Esplanade Resident Letter Exhibit 8
 2. Lake Level Communication during Milton
 3. Sapphire Cove Lake issues Update.
 - b. Legal Counsel
 - c. Engineer
9. Board Member Comments/Requests
10. Public Comments
11. Adjournment

EXHIBIT 1

 Govt Public Notices

**HACIENDA LAKES COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
NOTICE OF AUDIT COMMITTEE
AND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of the Hacienda Lakes Community Development District will sit as the District's Audit Committee and hold a regular meeting of the Board on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Esplanade at Hacienda Lakes Clubhouse, 8490 Viale Circle, Naples, FL 34114.

The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when Board Supervisors or District Staff may participate by speaker telephone.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained on the District's website, <https://www.HaciendaLakescdd.com/>, or at the offices of the District Manager, 707 Orchid Drive, Suite 100, Naples, Florida 34102, during normal business hours. Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the

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District Manager, at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meetings. If you require special accommodations, please call the District Manager at (239) 269-1341. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771 for aid in contacting the District Office.

Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearing or meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and, that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. Meetings may be cancelled from time to time without advertised notice.

Dated: November 18, 2024

District Manager

No.10772506

Nov. 18, 2024

EXHIBIT 2

RESOLUTION 2024-9

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
HACIENDA LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE OFFICERS OF THE
DISTRICT FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2024-
2025 AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Hacienda Lakes Community Development District desires to elect the below recited persons to the office specified.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS OF HACIENDA LAKES COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

1. The following persons are appointed to the offices shown, to wit:

_____	Chairman
_____	Vice Chairman
Russ Weyer	Secretary
Russ Weyer	Treasurer
_____	Assistant Secretary
_____	Assistant Secretary
_____	Assistant Secretary

2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18TH day of November, 2024.

**HACIENDA LAKES COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

ATTEST:

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairman / Vice Chairman

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Hacienda Lakes Community Development District

707 Orchid Drive, Suite 100

Naples, Florida 34102

Ph: (239) 269-1341

October 25, 2024

Mr. J. Gaines
Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank
600 Citrus Avenue, Suite 200
Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

Dear Mr. Gaines,

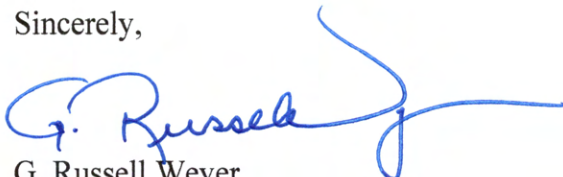
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G. Russell Weyer
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VIA EMAIL: J. Gaines@BTEF-CPAS.com

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Carr Riggs & Ingram
Certified Public Accountants
500 Grand Boulevard, Suite 210
Miramar Beach, Florida 32550

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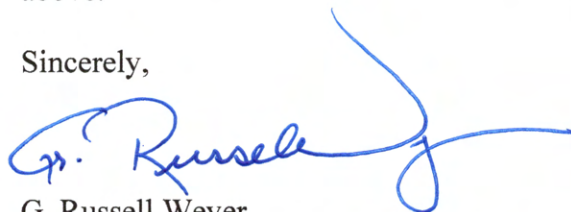
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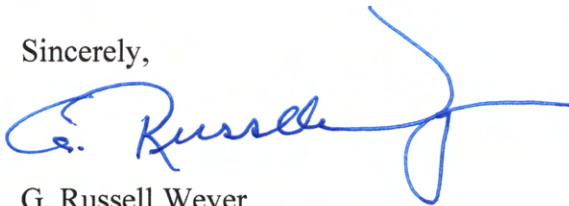
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Hacienda Lakes Community Development District

707 Orchid Drive, Suite 100

Naples, Florida 34102

Ph: (239) 269-1341

October 25, 2024

Mr. Ben Steets
Grau & Associates
Suite 280
951 Yamato Road
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Dear Mr. Steets,

The Hacienda Lakes Community Development District is requesting proposals for annual financial auditing services. The proposal must provide for the auditing of the District's financial records for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, with an option for three 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 Collier County, Florida, and has an annual operating and debt service budget of approximately \$386,705.00.

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

I am including the proposal package with this letter in an email to you. Please provide one (1) electronic copy of your proposal to Real Estate Econometrics, Inc., 707 Orchid Drive, Suite 100, Naples, Florida 34102 (the "District Manager") telephone (239)-269-1341, in an envelope marked on the outside "Auditing Services, Hacienda Lakes Community Development District." Proposals must be received by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, November 1, 2023, at the office of the District Manager.

Please direct all questions regarding this Notice to me at the address and phone number listed above.

Sincerely,



G. Russell Weyer
District Manager, Hacienda Lakes Community Development District

Attachment

VIA EMAIL: BSteets@graucpa.com

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District Manager
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2024

Collier County, Florida

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

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SECTION 5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL. Submit 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 – Hacienda Lakes Community Development District" on the face of it.

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Tampa, Florida 33602

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EXHIBIT 4

Hacienda Lakes Community Development District

Proposer

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

**2222 Colonial Road, Suite 200
Fort Pierce, Florida 34950
(772) 461-8833**

**591 SE Port St. Lucie Boulevard
Port Saint Lucie, Florida 34984
(772) 878-1952**

Contact:

**Jim Hartley, CPA
Principal**

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Hacienda Lakes
Community Development District
Audit Selection Committee

Dear Committee Members:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

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

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

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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

➤ *Professional Staff Resources*

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

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

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

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

➤ *Professional Staff Resources (Continued)*

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

➤ *Current and Near Future Workload*

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

➤ *Identification of Audit Team*

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

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

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

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

Jay McBee, CPA – Technical Reviewer (resume attached)

Christine Kenny, CPA – Senior (resume attached)

Jim Hartley

Partner – DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes

Experience and Training

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

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

Recent Engagements

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

Education and Registrations

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

Professional Affiliations

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

Volunteer Service

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

Jay L. McBee

Partner – DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes

Experience and Training

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

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

Recent Engagements

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

Education and Registrations

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

Professional Affiliations

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

Christine M. Kenny, CPA

Senior Staff – DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes

Experience and training

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

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

Recent Engagements

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

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL DATA

➤ *Procedures for Ensuring Quality Control & Confidentiality*

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

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

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

➤ *Independence*

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

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

ADDITIONAL DATA (CONTINUED)

➤ *Independence (Continued)*

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

➤ *Computer Auditing Capabilities*

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

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

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

This evaluation includes:

- System hardware and software
- Organization and administration
- Access

Contracts of Similar Nature within References

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

TECHNICAL APPROACH

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

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

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

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

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

b. SPECIFIC AUDIT APPROACH

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

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

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

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

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

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

Planning Phase

Meetings and Expectations:

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

Review Operations and Develop Engagement Plan

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

Study and Evaluate Internal Control

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

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

Conduct Preliminary Analytical Review

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

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

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

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

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

Detailed Audit Phase

Conduct Final Risk Assessment and Prepare Audit Programs

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

Perform Substantive Tests of Account Balances

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

Perform Single Audit Procedures (if applicable)

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

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

Perform Statutory Compliance Testing

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

Closing Phase

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

Reporting Phase

Financial Statement Preparation

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

Management Letters

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

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

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

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

Exit Conferences and Delivery of Reports

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

PROPOSED AUDIT FEE

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

September 2024	\$ 4,800
September 2025	\$ 5,000
September 2026	\$ 5,200
September 2027	\$ 5,400

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

EXHIBIT 5



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Proposal to Provide Financial Auditing Services:

HACIENDA LAKES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Proposal Due: November 1, 2024
12:00PM

Submitted to:

Hacienda Lakes
Community Development District
c/o District Manager
Real Estate Econometrics, Inc
707 Orchid Drive, Suite 100
Naples, Florida 34102

Submitted by:

Antonio J. Grau, Partner
Grau & Associates
951 Yamato Road, Suite 280
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

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November 1, 2024

Hacienda Lakes Community Development District
c/o District Manager
Real Estate Econometrics, Inc
707 Orchid Drive, Suite 100
Naples, Florida 34102

Re: Request for Proposal for Professional Auditing Services for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, with an option for three (3) additional optional annual renewals.

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

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

Why Grau & Associates:

Knowledgeable Audit Team

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

Servicing your Individual Needs

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

Developing Relationships

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

Maintaining an Impeccable Reputation

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

Complying With Standards

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

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

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

Very truly yours,
Grau & Associates



Antonio J. Grau

Firm Qualifications



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Grau's Focus and Experience

Our Team



3 Partners
11 Professional Staff
2 Administrative Professionals



2005

Year founded

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**

Quality Controls

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



AICPA | FICPA | GFOA | FASD | FGFOA

See next page for report and certificate

March 17, 2023

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

Dear Antonio Grau:

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

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

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

FICPA Peer Review Committee

Peer Review Team
FICPA Peer Review Committee

850.224.2727, x5957

cc: Daniel Hevia, Racquel McIntosh

Firm Number: 900004390114

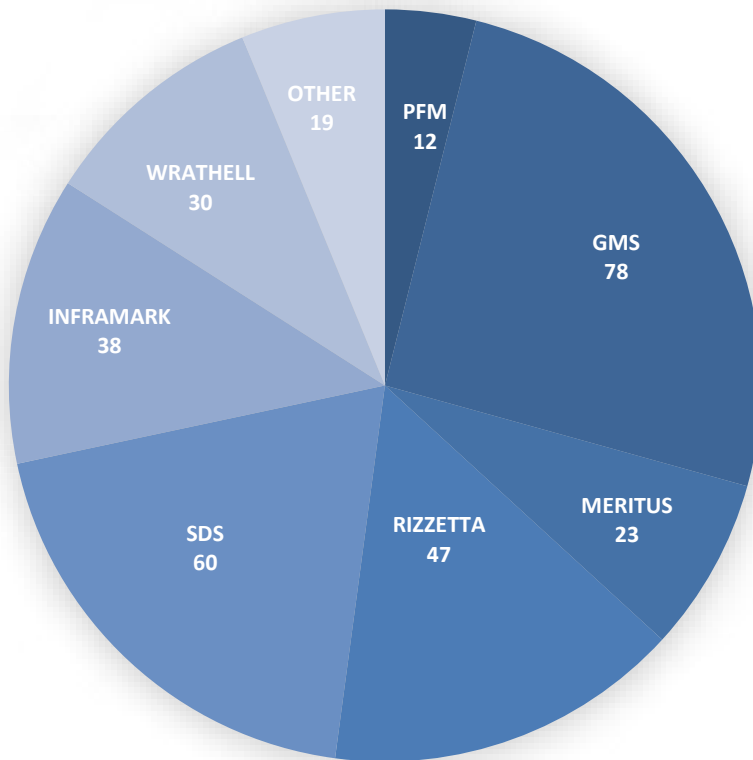
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Firm & Staff Experience



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GRAU AND ASSOCIATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT EXPERIENCE BY MANAGEMENT COMPANY



Profile Briefs:

Antonio J GRAU, CPA (Partner)

Years Performing Audits: 35+

CPE (last 2 years):

Government

Accounting, Auditing:

24 hours; Accounting,

Auditing and Other:

56 hours

Professional

Memberships: AICPA,

FICPA, FGFOA, GFOA

David Caplivski, CPA (Partner)

Years Performing Audits: 13+

CPE (last 2 years):

Government

Accounting, Auditing:

24 hours; Accounting,

Auditing and Other:

64 hours

Professional

Memberships: AICPA,

FICPA, FGFOA, FASD

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

Tony Grau

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

David Caplivski

YOUR ENGAGEMENT TEAM

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

The Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) Partner will bring a unique blend of IT expertise and understanding of accounting principles to the financial statement audit of the District.

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

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

Experience

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

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

Education

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

Clients Served (partial list)

(>300) Various Special Districts, including:

Bayside Improvement Community Development District
Dunes Community Development District
Fishhawk Community Development District (I,II,IV)
Grand Bay at Doral Community Development District
Heritage Harbor North Community Development District

St. Lucie West Services District
Ave Maria Stewardship Community District
Rivers Edge II Community Development District
Bartram Park Community Development District
Bay Laurel Center Community Development District

Boca Raton Airport Authority
Greater Naples Fire Rescue District
Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District
Lake Worth Drainage District
South Indian River Water Control

Professional Associations/Memberships

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

Florida Government Finance Officers Association
Government Finance Officers Association Member

Professional Education (over the last two years)

Course

Government Accounting and Auditing
Accounting, Auditing and Other
Total Hours

Hours

24
56
80 (includes of 4 hours of Ethics CPE)



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

Experience

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

Education

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

Certifications and Certificates

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

Clients Served (partial list)

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

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

Professional Associations

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

References



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

Dunes Community Development District

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

Two Creeks Community Development District

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

Journey's End Community Development District

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

Specific Audit Approach



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AUDIT APPROACH

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

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

Proposed segmentation of the engagement

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



Phase I - Preliminary Planning

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

During this phase we will perform the following activities:

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

Phase II – Execution of Audit Plan

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

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

Phase III - Completion and Delivery

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Is the recommendation cost effective?

Is the recommendation the simplest to effectuate in order to correct a problem?

Is the recommendation at the heart of the problem and not just correcting a symptomatic matter?

Is the corrective action taking into account why the deficiency occurred?

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

Communications

We emphasize a continuous, year-round dialogue between the District and our management team. We 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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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Our proposed all-inclusive fees for the financial audit for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024-2027 are as follows:

<u>Year Ended September 30,</u>	<u>Fee</u>
2024	\$6,500
2025	\$6,600
2026	\$6,700
2027	<u>\$6,800</u>
TOTAL (2024-2027)	<u>\$26,600</u>

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

Supplemental Information



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PARTIAL LIST OF CLIENTS

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

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

CONSULTING / MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SERVICES

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

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

ARBITRAGE

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

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Current
Arbitrage
Calculations

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

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EXHIBIT 6

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes P.A.

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 work load; 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)

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 bid for rendering the services and the reasonableness of the proposal.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

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

EXHIBIT 7

Hacienda Lakes Community Development District

Cash Flow

Through September 30, 2024

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
1361001 Interest Revenue	1,765.24
1363116 Off Roll Assessments	66,340.00
1363118 Excess Commission Refund	19,334.59
1363216 On Roll O&M Assessments	330,858.14
1363218 O&M Assessment Discount	-11,780.47
1363220 O&M On Roll Commission	-6,212.67
Total Income	<u>\$400,304.83</u>
Expenses	
1100000 Administrative	
1511001 P/R - Board of Supervisors	\$5,800.00
1511119 P/R - Payroll Service Fee	\$140.00
1512100 Management Consulting Services	42,000.00
1513000 Miscellaneous Expense	10,576.04
1513014 Website Hosting & Management	1,855.85
1513020 Office Expense	0.00
1513048 District Filing Fee	175.00
1513055 Legal Advertising	1,690.47
1513060 Assessment Administration Servi	13,738.31
1513063 Assessment Roll Preparation	3,500.00
1513070 Audit Services	7,000.00
1513075 Accounting Services	9,000.00
1513080 Engineering Services	2,517.12
1513100 Insurance- General Liability	6,850.00
1514010 Legal Services	9,708.25
Total 1100000 Administrative	<u>\$114,551.04</u>
1160000 Field Operations	
1531010 Electricity - General	14,845.93
1572010 Landscaping & Maintenance	95,280.00
1572013 Irrigation Pump Maintenance	8,912.50
1572014 Irrigation Repairs	1,231.41
1572017 Sod Replacement	0.00
1572018 Tree Pruning	0.00
1572015 Mulch Installation	7,333.10
1572016 Plant Replacement	6,974.10
1572019 Carman Road Landscape Maintenance	9,360.00
1572021 Aquifer Monitoring Well	14,900.00
1572030 Lake Maintenance	33,500.00
1572031 Lake Bank and Drainage Repair	2,531.09
1572032 Lake Bank Maintenance Reserve	25,000.00
1572035 Lake Testing	0.00
1572040 Signage	2,795.00
1572042 Holiday Decorations	8,000.00
1572060 Water Use Monitoring	4,150.00
1572065 SFWMD ERP Annual Report	1,500.00
1572070 Fountain Maintenance	0.00
1572080 Sable Palm Culverts Cleaning	0.00
Total 1160000 Field Operations	<u>236,313.13</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$350,864.17</u>
Net Cash Flow	<u><u>\$49,440.66</u></u>

Hacienda Lakes Community Development District

Budget to Actual

Through September 30, 2024

	Total	Budget	Variance
Income			
1361001 Interest Revenue	1,765.24	0.00	\$1,765.24
1363116 Off Roll Assessments	66,340.00	66,340.00	\$0.00
1363118 Excess Commission Refund	19,334.59	0.00	\$19,334.59
1363216 On Roll O&M Assessments	330,858.14	330,858.14	\$0.00
1363218 O&M Assessment Discount	-11,780.47	-11,780.47	\$0.00
1363220 O&M On Roll Commission	-6,212.67	-6,212.67	\$0.00
Total Income	\$400,304.83	\$379,205.00	\$21,099.83
Expenses			
1100000 Administrative			
1511001 P/R - Board of Supervisors	\$5,800.00	\$4,000.00	-\$1,800.00
1511119 P/R - Payroll Service Fee	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$0.00
1512100 Management Consulting Services	42,000.00	42,000.00	\$0.00
1513000 Miscellaneous Expense	10,576.04	0.00	-\$10,576.04
1513014 Website Hosting & Management	1,855.85	2,500.00	\$644.15
1513020 Office Expense	0.00	750.00	\$750.00
1513048 District Filing Fee	175.00	175.00	\$0.00
1513055 Legal Advertising	1,690.47	3,000.00	\$1,309.53
1513060 Assessment Administration Servi	13,738.31	16,000.00	\$2,261.69
1513063 Assessment Roll Preparation	3,500.00	3,500.00	\$0.00
1513070 Audit Services	7,000.00	7,000.00	\$0.00
1513075 Accounting Services	9,000.00	9,000.00	\$0.00
1513080 Engineering Services	2,517.12	10,000.00	\$7,482.88
1513100 Insurance- General Liability	6,850.00	6,400.00	-\$450.00
1514010 Legal Services	9,708.25	10,000.00	\$291.75
Total 1100000 Administrative	\$114,551.04	\$114,465.00	-\$86.04
1160000 Field Operations			
1531010 Electricity - General	14,845.93	15,000.00	154.07
1572010 Landscaping & Maintenance	95,280.00	95,280.00	0.00
1572013 Irrigation Pump Maintenance	8,912.50	3,600.00	-5,312.50
1572014 Irrigation Repairs	1,231.41	18,000.00	16,768.59
1572017 Sod Replacement	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
1572018 Tree Pruning	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
1572015 Mulch Installation	7,333.10	10,000.00	2,666.90
1572016 Plant Replacement	6,974.10	25,000.00	18,025.90
1572019 Carman Road Landscape Maintenance	9,360.00	9,360.00	0.00
1572021 Aquifer Monitoring Well	14,900.00	0.00	-14,900.00
1572030 Lake Maintenance	33,500.00	33,500.00	0.00
1572031 Lake Bank and Drainage Repair	2,531.09	0.00	-2,531.09
1572032 Lake Bank Maintenance Reserve	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
1572035 Lake Testing	0.00	200.00	200.00
1572040 Signage	2,795.00	1,500.00	-1,295.00
1572042 Holiday Decorations	8,000.00	6,000.00	-2,000.00
1572060 Water Use Monitoring	4,150.00	3,300.00	-850.00
1572065 SFWMD ERP Annual Report	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
1572070 Fountain Maintenance	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
1572080 Sable Palm Culverts Cleaning	0.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Total 1160000 Field Operations	236,313.13	272,240.00	35,926.87
Total Expenses	\$350,864.17	\$386,705.00	\$35,840.83
Net Cash Flow	\$49,440.66	-\$7,500.00	\$56,940.66

Hacienda Lakes Community Development District Debt Service Analysis

As of August 31, 2024

Series 2024 Bonds

Revenues

Balance in Account (8/31/2024)	\$56,294.07
Balance in Pre-Paid Interest Account (8/31/24)	\$179,426.41

Expenditures

Interest Expense	11/1/2024	177,725.00
Principal	11/1/2024	<u>0.00</u>
Balance after 11/1/2024		\$57,995.48

Series 2016 Bonds

Revenues

Balance in Account (9/30/24)	\$304,972.74
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Expenditures

Interest Expense	11/1/2024	184,315.63
Principal	11/1/2024	<u>0.00</u>
Balance after 11/1/2024		<u><u>\$120,657.11</u></u>

HLCDD General Fund Analysis

September 30, 2024

Fund Type	Amount
Bank Balance 9/30/24:	\$382,737.12
Off Roll Assessments Receivable	0.00
On Roll Assessments Receivable	0.00
Remaining FY 2023 Budget:	0.00
First Two months of FY 2024 Budget:	-34,000.00
Pump Replacement Reserve:	-100,000.00
Lake Bank Restoration Reserve:	50,000.00
General Reserves:	<u>\$298,737.12</u>
Total Reserves:	\$348,737.12

EXHIBIT 8

As a resident of Esplanade, you will soon be receiving your Collier County property tax bill which includes the Hacienda Lakes Community Development District annual assessment, which is shown under the non-ad valorem section of the bill. The non-ad valorem assessment is a combination of both bond debt and District operations and maintenance costs.

On April 10, 2014, the Hacienda Lakes Community Development District issued \$10,950,000 in Series 2014 Special Assessment Bonds. The Series 2014 Special Assessments securing the Series 2014 Bonds were levied on 443 single-family residential units in the Esplanade neighborhood within the District. Those bonds have been in place for the past ten years. Over the past 10 years, 32 of the residential units have paid the remaining Series 2014 Special Assessment par debt applicable to its unit at the time of the paydown. As such, those 32 residential units do not have an annual par debt assessment payment but are still assessed for the operations and maintenance portion of their assessment.

As of April 2024, the Series 2014 Bonds outstanding principal amount was \$8,735,000 and had an average fixed interest rate of 6.46%. The Series 2014 Bonds become optionally callable (i.e., refundable) on May 1, 2024. After analysis by the District, The District's Board of Supervisors determined that the Series 2014 Bonds could be refinanced at an interest rate of 4.20%, which would lower the annual bond debt payments for all residents. The refinancing of the remaining bond debt results in a 20.9% savings in your annual assessment.

There are 20 years of debt assessments remaining. The following table shows the gross annual assessment savings by product type.

Gross Annual Assessment Savings per Unit with Refinancing.

		Series 2014 Gross	Series 2024 Gross	Gross Annual	
	# of Assessable	Assessment Per	Assessment Per	Assessment	Gross Savings
Product Type	Units	Unit	Unit	Savings	Percent
Single-Family 42'	131	\$1,800	\$1,423	\$376	20.9%
Single-Family 52'	205	2,024	1,601	\$423	20.9%
Single-Family 62'	75	2,248	1,778	\$470	20.9%
	411			\$171,321	

Source: Hacienda Lakes Community Development District, MBS Capital Markets and Methodology Consultant.

The operations and maintenance (O&M) assessment for each property type is set in August for the next fiscal year (October 1st through September 30th) when the District Board of Supervisors adopt the fiscal budget. The O&M assessment has not changed for the past three years as we have been able to manage the budget despite rising costs.

If you have any questions, please contact the Russ Weyer, District Manager, at rweyer@ree-i.com or (239) 269-1341.