



***SWEETWATER CREEK
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT***

Advanced Meeting Package

Audit Committee Meeting

***Thursday
September 3, 2026
4:00 p.m.***

***Location:
1865 North Loop Parkway,
St. Augustine, FL 32095***

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.

Sweetwater Creek Community Development District

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

Audit Committee
Sweetwater Creek Community Development District

Dear Audit Committee,

The Audit Committee of the Board of Supervisors of the Sweetwater Creek Community Development District is scheduled for **Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.** at the **1865 North Loop Parkway, St. Augustine, FL 32095.**

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 (904) 386-0186 or Howard@fcsmanagementgroup.com. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Howard McGaffney

Howard McGaffney
District Manager

Cc: Attorney
Engineer
District Records

Sweetwater Creek Community Development District

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 3, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Fitness Center, 1865 N. Loop Pkwy, St. Augustine, FL 32095

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. Scheduling of Next Meeting Date – October 1, 2026
- V. Adjournment**

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EXHIBIT 1

July 29, 2025

Board of Supervisors
Sweetwater Creek Community Development District
219 East Livingston Street
Orlando, FL 32801

The following represents our understanding of the services we will provide *Sweetwater Creek Community Development District* (the "District").

You have requested that we audit the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of September 30, 2025, and for the year then ended and the related notes, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of this audit engagement by means of this letter.

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, (U.S. GAAP,) as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) require that certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the GASB, 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 required supplementary information (RSI) in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, (U.S. GAAS). These limited procedures will consist primarily of inquiries of management regarding their methods of measurement and presentation, and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries. We will not express an opinion or provide any form of assurance on the RSI. The following RSI is required by U.S. GAAP. This RSI will be subjected to certain limited procedures but will not be audited:

1. Management's Discussion and Analysis

Auditor Responsibilities

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS and in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS, Government Auditing Standards, and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing concerning any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we have identified during the audit.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

- Conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected exists, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards.

Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any other periods.

Compliance with Laws and Regulations

As previously discussed, as part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the District's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion.

Management Responsibilities

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that management acknowledge and understand that they have responsibility:

- a. For the preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America;
- b. For the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of basic financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to error, fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, or violations of laws, governmental regulations, grant agreements, or contractual agreements;
- c. To provide us with:
 - i. Access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements such as records, documentation, and other matters;
 - ii. Additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit;
 - iii. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity and others from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- d. For including the auditor's report in any document containing basic financial statements that indicates that such basic financial statements have been audited by us;
- e. For identifying and ensuring that the entity complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities;
- f. For adjusting the basic financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the current year period(s) under audit are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the basic financial statements as a whole; and
- g. For acceptance of nonattest services, including identifying the proper party to oversee nonattest work;
- h. For maintaining adequate records, selecting and applying accounting principles, and safeguarding assets;
- i. For informing us of any known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees with significant role in internal control and others where fraud could have a material effect on the financials; and
- j. For the accuracy and completeness of all information provided.

With regard to the supplementary information referred to above, you acknowledge and understand your responsibility: (a) for the preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria; (b) to provide us with the appropriate written representations regarding supplementary information; (c) to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains the supplementary information and that indicates that we have reported on such supplementary information; and (d) to present the supplementary information with the audited basic financial statements, or if the supplementary information will not be presented with the audited basic financial statements, to make the audited basic financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance by you of the supplementary information and our report thereon. The accompanying supplementary information will be presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information, which is the responsibility of management, will be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our auditor's report will provide an opinion on the supplementary information in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

As part of our audit process, we will request from management, written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit.

As part of the audit, we will assist preparation of your financial statements and related notes. You will be required to acknowledge in the written representation letter our assistance with the preparation of the financial statements and that you have accepted responsibility for them.

Nonattest Services

With respect to any nonattest services we perform, such as drafting the financial statements, and proposing adjusting or correcting journal entries to be reviewed and approved by management, we will not assume management responsibilities on behalf of the District. However, we will provide advice and recommendations to assist management of the District in performing its responsibilities.

The District's management is responsible for (a) making all management decisions and performing all management functions; (b) assigning a competent individual to oversee the services; (c) evaluating the adequacy of the services performed; (d) evaluating and accepting responsibility for the results of the services performed; and (e) establishing and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.

Our responsibilities and limitations of the nonattest services are as follows:

- We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards, including Government Auditing Standards.
- The nonattest services are limited to the services previously outlined. Our firm, in its sole professional judgment, reserves the right to refuse to do any procedure or take any action that could be construed as making management decisions or assuming management responsibilities, including determining account coding and approving journal entries.

Government Auditing Standards require that we document an assessment of the skills, knowledge, and experience of management, should we participate in any form of the preparation of the basic financial statements and related schedules or disclosures as these actions are deemed a non-audit service.

Reporting

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the District's basic financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the governing body of the District. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph(s) to our auditor's report, or if necessary, withdraw from the engagement. If our opinions on the basic financial statements are 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 opinions, we may decline to express opinions or to issue a report as a result of this engagement.

In accordance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*, we will also issue a written report describing the scope of our testing over internal control over financial reporting and over compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of grants and contracts, including the results of that testing. However, providing an opinion on internal control and compliance will not be an objective of the audit and, therefore, no such opinion will be expressed.

We also will issue a written report on the District's compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes upon completion of our audit.

Other

We understand that your employees will prepare all confirmations we request and will locate any documents or support for any other transactions we select for testing.

If you intend to publish or otherwise reproduce the basic financial statements and make reference to our firm, you agree to provide us with printers' proofs or masters for our review and approval before printing. You also agree to provide us with a copy of the final reproduced material for our approval before it is distributed.

Regarding the electronic dissemination of audited financial statements, including financial statements published electronically on your Internet 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.

Professional standards prohibit us from being the sole host and/or the sole storage for your financial and non-financial data. As such, it is your responsibility to maintain your original data and records and we cannot be responsible to maintain such original information. By signing this engagement letter, you affirm that you have all the data and records required to make your books and records complete.

Provisions of Engagement Administration, Timing and Fees

During the course of the engagement, we may communicate with you or your personnel via fax or e-mail, and you should be aware that communication in those mediums contains a risk of misdirected or intercepted communications.

We expect to begin our audit in April 2026 and the audit reports and all corresponding reports will be issued no later than June 30, 2026.

Tamara Campbell is the engagement partner for the audit services specified in this letter. Her responsibilities include supervising McDirmit Davis, LLC's services performed as part of this engagement and signing or authorizing another qualified firm representative to sign the audit report.

Our fee for these services described in this letter will be \$4,000 for the year ended September 30, 2025, inclusive of all costs and out-of-pocket expenses, unless the scope of the engagement is changed; the assistance that the District has agreed to furnish is not provided, or unexpected conditions are encountered, in which case we will discuss the situation with you before proceeding.

Fees for fiscal years 2026-2029 are as follows:

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Audit Fee</u>
September 30, 2026	\$4,000
September 30, 2027	\$4,300
September 30, 2028	\$4,300
September 30, 2029	\$4,600

Our invoices for fees shall be rendered upon completion of the work, shall provide sufficient detail to demonstrate that fees charged are solely for the specified services as actually rendered and shall demonstrate compliance with the terms of this agreement.

This Agreement provides for the agreement period of one (1) year, unless terminated earlier in accordance with this Agreement. This agreement may be renewed for four additional years subject to the mutual agreement by both parties to the terms and fees for such renewal. The District agrees that Auditor may terminate this Agreement with or without cause by providing sixty (60) days' written notice of termination to the District; provided, however, that the District shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to cure any failure under this Agreement. Auditor agrees that the District may terminate this Agreement immediately of any circumstances we encounter that could significantly affect this initial fee estimate. with cause. Auditor further agrees that the District may terminate this Agreement by providing thirty (30) days' written notice of termination to Auditor. Upon any termination of this Agreement, Auditor shall be entitled to payment for all work and/or services rendered up until the effective termination date, subject to whatever claims or off-sets the District may have against Auditor.

Whenever possible, we will attempt to use the District's personnel to assist in the preparation of schedules and analyses of accounts. This effort could substantially reduce our time requirements and facilitate the timely conclusion of the audit. Further, we will be available during the year to consult with you on financial management and accounting matters of a routine nature.

During the course of the audit we may observe opportunities for economy in, or improved controls over, your operations. We will bring such matters to the attention of the appropriate level of management, either orally or in writing.

You agree to inform us of facts that may affect the basic financial statements of which you may become aware during the period from the date of the auditor's report to the date the financial statements are issued.

We agree to retain our audit documentation or work papers for a period of at least five years from the date of our report.

Public Records

Auditor understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and. Accordingly, Auditor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Auditor acknowledges that the designated public records custodian for the District is Government Management Services ("Public Records Custodian"). Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, Auditor shall 1) Keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following the contract term if Auditor does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of the contract, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Auditor's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by Auditor, Auditor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District, in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats.

IF THE AUDITOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE AUDITOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE PUBLIC RECORDS CUSTODIAN AT 407-841-5524, RECORDREQUEST@GMSCFL.COM, OR AT 219 EAST LIVINGSTON ST., ORLANDO, FL 32801.

At the conclusion of our audit engagement, we will communicate to the Board of Supervisors the following significant findings from the audit:

- Our view about the qualitative aspects of the entity's significant accounting practices;
- Significant difficulties, if any, encountered during the audit;
- Uncorrected misstatements, other than those we believe are trivial, if any;
- Disagreements with management, if any;
- Other findings or issues, if any, arising from the audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to those charged with governance regarding their oversight of the financial reporting process;
- Material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures;
- Representations we requested from management;
- Management's consultations with other accountants, if any; and
- Significant issues, if any, arising from the audit that were discussed, or the subject of correspondence, with management.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of McDirmit Davis, LLC and constitutes confidential information. However, we may be requested to make certain audit documentation available to a federal or state agency providing direct or 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, pursuant to authority given to it by law or regulation, or to peer reviewers. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of McDirmit Davis, LLC's 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 of information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

In accordance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*, we have attached a copy of our latest external peer review report of our firm for your consideration and files.

Please sign and return the attached copy of this letter to indicate your acknowledgment of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our audit of the basic financial statements including our respective responsibilities.

We appreciate the opportunity to be your financial statement auditors and look forward to working with you and your staff.

Respectfully,

McDermitt Davis

McDermitt Davis, LLC
Orlando, FL

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth our understanding.

Sweetwater Creek Community Development District

Acknowledged and agreed on behalf of Sweetwater Creek Community Development District by:

Chairman Cervelli

Chairman Cervelli (Aug 12, 2025 19:23:37 EDT)

Title: Chairman

12/08/25

EXHIBIT 2

**SWEETWATER CREEK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES**

The Sweetwater Creek Community Development District hereby requests proposals for annual financial auditing services from qualified independent Certified Public Accounting Firms. The proposal must provide for the auditing of the District's financial records for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, with an option for four (4) additional optional 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 the St. Johns County, Florida, and has an annual operating budget of approximately \$2,016,123. The final contract will require that, among other things, the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, be completed and delivered to the District no later than May 15, 2027, and transmitted to the State of Florida no later than June 30, 2027.

Each auditing entity submitting a proposal must be authorized to do business in Florida; hold all applicable state and federal professional licenses in good standing, including but not limited to a license under Chapter 473, *Florida Statutes*; and be qualified to conduct audits in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards," as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with Florida Law and particularly Section 218.39, *Florida Statutes*, and the rules of the Florida Auditor General.

Proposal packages, which include evaluation criteria and instructions to proposers, are available from the District Manager at the address and telephone number listed below. Proposers must provide one (1) electronic copy on a flash drive or other electronic device of their proposal to the offices of the District Manager, FCS Management Group/Vesta District Services, located at 250 International Parkway, Suite 208, Lake Mary, Florida 32746; Ph: (321) 263-0132 ("**District Manager**"), in an envelope marked on the outside "Auditing Services, Sweetwater Creek Community Development District." Proposals must be received by 12:00 p.m. on _____, 2026, at the office of the District Manager. Please direct all questions regarding this Notice in writing to the District Manager.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive minor irregularities or informalities in any proposal, and re-advertise for 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 this request.

Sweetwater Creek Community Development District.
District Manager

Run date: Must be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the District and the county in which the District is located. The public announcement must allow for at least seven (7) days for the submission of proposals.

**SWEETWATER CREEK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2026
St. Johns County, Florida

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

SECTION 1. DUE DATE. Sealed Proposals must be received no later than _____, **2026, at 12:00 p.m.**, at the offices of District Manager, located at FCS Management Group/Vesta District Services, located at 250 International Parkway, Suite 208, Lake Mary, Florida 32746; Ph: (321) 263-0132. Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with Section 5 of these instructions. Proposals will be publicly opened at that time.

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

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

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

SECTION 5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL. Submit one electronic copy via USB Flash drive or other electronic device 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 – Sweetwater Creek Community Development District" on the face of it.

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

SECTION 7. PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS. The proposal documents shall consist of the notice announcing the request for proposals, these instructions, the Evaluation Criteria Sheet and a proposal with all required documentation pursuant to Section 12 of these instructions ("**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. Failure to execute the Contract within the specified time may result in the District rescinding the award, without liability to the District, and awarding the Contract to the next highest-ranked Proposer.

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

SECTION 12. MISCELLANEOUS. All proposals shall include the following information in addition to any other requirements of the proposal documents. Proposers shall also provide proof of professional liability (errors and omissions) insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

- A. List proposed staffing levels and the position or title of all personnel to perform work on the District audit. Include resumes for each person listed; list years of experience in present position for each party listed and years of related experience.
- B. 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.
- C. Three (3) references from projects of similar size and scope. The Proposer should include information relating to the work it conducted for each reference as well as a name, address and phone number of a contact person.
- D. The lump sum cost of the provision of the services under the proposal, plus the lump sum cost of four (4) annual renewals.

SECTION 13. PROTESTS. In accordance with the District's *Rules of Procedure*, any protest regarding the Proposal Documents must be filed in writing at the offices of the District Manager within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the receipt of the Proposal Documents. The formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to the aforesaid Proposal Documents. Any person who files a notice of protest shall provide to the District, simultaneously 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 Procedure*, which are available from the District Manager.

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

[End of Instructions to Proposers]

AUDITOR SELECTION EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Ability of Personnel. (20 Points)

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

2. Proposer's Experience. (20 Points)

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

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

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

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

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

5. *Price.* (20 Points)***

Points will be awarded based upon the lowest total annual proposal for rendering the required audit services over the contract term, and the overall reasonableness and completeness of the fee proposal relative to the scope of work described.

Total (100 Points)

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