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Honorable Board of County Commissioners and Management
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We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the terms and objectives of our engagement and the nature and limitations of the agreed-upon procedures engagement CliftonLarsonAllen LLP ("CLA," "we," "us," and "our") will provide for Lee County, Florida ("you," "your," or "the entity") as of September 30, 2020.

Christopher Kessler is responsible for the performance of the agreed-upon procedures engagement.

Scope, objective, and responsibilities

We will apply the agreed-upon procedures enumerated below, which Lee County, Florida has specified and agreed to, to evaluate the Solid Waste Management Facility Letter from the Chief Financial Officer to demonstrate financial assurance for closing and long-term care costs as of September 30, 2020 (the "Letter") prepared in accordance with Rule 62-701.630(6), F.A.C.

1. We will read and understand the requirement for the financial test as found in Title 40, *Protection of Environment*, Chapter I, *Environmental Protection Agency*, Part 264 *Standards for Owners and Operators of Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities*, 40 CFR 264.143(f)(3) and (5), *Financial Assurance for Closure*, and 40 CFR 264.145(f)(3) and (5) *Financial Assurance for Post-Closure Care*.
2. We will compare the data which the Letter, entitled *State of Florida Solid Waste Facility Financial Test (Letter from the Chief Financial Officer)* [DEP Form 62-701.900(5)(e)], which specifies as having been derived from the independently audited year-end financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020 (the latest fiscal year) with the amounts in such financial statements.
3. In connection with procedure number 2, we will address whether any matters have come to our attention which shall cause us to believe that the specified data should be adjusted.

Our engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures will be conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency (nature, timing, and extent) of the procedures performed or to be performed is solely the responsibility of Lee County, Florida, and we will require a written acknowledgment of this responsibility. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures enumerated in the attached schedule either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. Lee County, Florida assumes the risk that such procedures might be insufficient for your purposes and the risk that you might misunderstand or otherwise inappropriately use findings properly reported by CLA.

Our responsibility is to perform the specified procedures and report the findings in accordance with the attestation standards. Because the agreed-upon procedures listed in the attached schedule do not constitute an examination, audit, or review, we will not express an opinion or conclusion on the Letter or your financial statements or any elements, accounts, or items thereof. Also, we will not express an opinion or conclusion on the effectiveness of your internal control over financial reporting or any part thereof. In addition, we have no obligation to perform any procedures beyond those listed above.

We will issue a written report upon completion of our engagement that lists the procedures performed and our findings. This report is intended solely for the information and use of Lee County, Florida and the State of Florida, and should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the procedures, we will describe any restrictions on the performance of the procedures in our report, or will not issue a report and withdraw from this engagement. Our report will include a statement indicating that had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

An agreed-upon procedures engagement is not designed to detect instances of fraud or noncompliance with laws or regulations; however, we will communicate to you any known and suspected fraud and noncompliance with laws or regulations affecting the Letter that come to our attention, unless they are clearly inconsequential. In addition, if, in connection with this engagement, matters come to our attention that contradict the Letter, we will disclose those matters in our report. Such disclosures, if any, may not necessarily include all matters that might have come to our attention had we performed additional procedures or an examination or review.

Management is responsible for the presentation of the Letter in accordance with Rule 62-701.630(6), F.A.C. and for its assertion about the Letter and for selecting the criteria and determining that such criteria are appropriate for your purposes.

Management is responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the Letter and the agreed-upon procedures, such as records, documentation, and other matters, and for the accuracy and completeness of that information; (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of performing the agreed-upon procedures; and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom we determine it necessary to obtain evidence relating to performing the procedures. You agree to inform us of events occurring or facts discovered subsequent to the date of the Letter that may affect the Letter.

For all accounting services we may provide to you, management agrees to assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience to understand and oversee the services; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for the results of the services.

We plan to begin our procedures in February 2021. At the conclusion of our engagement, we will require a representation letter from management that, among other things, will include management's assertion about and confirm management's responsibility for the presentation of the Letter in accordance with Rule 62-701.630(6), F.A.C.

Engagement administration and other matters

The workpapers supporting the services we perform are the sole and exclusive property of CLA and constitute confidential and proprietary information. We do not provide access to our workpapers to you or anyone else in the normal course of business. Unless required by law or regulation to the contrary, we retain our workpapers in accordance with our record retention policy that typically provides for a retention period of seven years.

Pursuant to authority given by law or regulation, we may be requested to make certain workpapers available to the State of Florida for their regulatory oversight purposes. We will notify you of any such request. Access to the requested workpapers will be provided to the regulators under the supervision of CLA personnel and at a location designated by our firm. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected workpapers to such regulators. The regulators may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

CLA will not disclose any of your confidential, proprietary, or privileged information to any persons without the authorization of your management or unless required by law. This confidentiality provision does not prohibit us from disclosing your information to one or more of our affiliated companies in order to provide services that you have requested from us or from any such affiliated company. Any such affiliated company shall be subject to the same restrictions on the use and disclosure of your information as apply to us.

Our engagement and responsibility end on delivery of our signed report. Any additional services that might be requested will be a separate, new engagement. The terms and conditions of that new engagement will be governed by a new, specific engagement letter for that service.

Mediation

Any disagreement, controversy, or claim ("Dispute") that may arise out of any aspect of our services or relationship with you, including this engagement, shall be submitted to non-binding mediation by written notice ("Mediation Notice") to the other party. In mediation, we will work with you to resolve any differences voluntarily with the aid of an impartial mediator.

The mediation will be conducted as specified by the mediator and agreed upon by the parties (i.e., you and CLA). The parties agree to discuss their differences in good faith and to attempt, with the assistance of the mediator, to reach an amicable resolution of the Dispute.

Each party will bear its own costs in the mediation. The fees and expenses of the mediator will be shared equally by the parties.

Time limitation

The nature of our services makes it difficult, with the passage of time, to gather and present evidence that fully and fairly establishes the facts underlying any Dispute that may arise between the parties. The parties agree that, notwithstanding any statute or law of limitations that might otherwise apply to a Dispute, including one arising out of this agreement or the services performed under this agreement, for breach of contract or fiduciary duty, tort, fraud, misrepresentation or any other cause of action or remedy, any action or legal proceeding by you against us must be commenced within twenty-four (24) months ("Limitation Period") after the date when we deliver our final report under this agreement to you, regardless of whether we provide other services for you relating to the report, or you shall be forever barred from commencing a lawsuit or obtaining any legal or equitable relief or recovery.

The Limitation Period applies and begins to run even if you have not suffered any damage or loss, or have not become aware of the existence or possible existence of a Dispute.

Fees

Our fees for these services will not exceed \$5,000. The fee estimate is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and their assistance with preparing confirmations and requested schedules.

Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses in accordance with the purchase order terms outlined in the Lee County Standard Terms and Conditions and are payable on presentation.

Other fees

You also agree to compensate us for any time and expenses, including time and expenses of legal counsel, we may incur in responding to discovery requests or participating as a witness or otherwise in any legal, regulatory, or other proceedings that we are asked to respond to on your behalf.

Finance charges and collection expenses

You agree that if any statement is not paid within 45 days from invoice acceptance, the unpaid balance shall accrue interest in accordance with the Florida Government Prompt Payment Act, Florida Statutes 218.70-218.76 (2015).

Agreement

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. This letter incorporates the terms of the Lee County Standard Terms and Conditions as related to purchase orders. This letter, together with the incorporated material, reflects the entire agreement between us relating to the services covered by this letter. Should any item within this engagement letter conflict with the Lee County Standard Terms and Conditions, as related to purchase orders, the engagement letter will be superseded by Lee County Standard Terms and Conditions. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign, date, and return a signed copy to us.

If the need for additional procedures arises, or the procedures need to be modified, our agreement with you will need to be revised. It is customary for us to enumerate revisions in an addendum to this letter. If additional specified parties of the report are added, we will require that they acknowledge in writing their agreement with the procedures performed or to be performed and their responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures.

Sincerely,

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP



Christopher Kessler, CPA

Principal

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Response:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Lee County, Florida.

Authorized Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to Form for the Reliance
of Lee County Only

By: _____

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Christopher Kessler is responsible for the performance of the audit and examination engagements.

Services to be provided

Audit services

We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Lee County, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements. We will also audit and report on the separate financial statements of the Lee County Clerk of Circuit Court and Lee County Port Authority.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) provides for certain required supplementary information (RSI) to accompany the entity's basic financial statements. The following RSI will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited.

1. Management's discussion and analysis.
2. GASB-required supplementary pension and OPEB schedules.

We will also evaluate and report on the presentation of the following supplementary information other than RSI accompanying the financial statements in relation to the financial statements as a whole:

1. Schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance
2. Schedule of passenger facility charges collected and expended
3. Combining and individual fund schedules and statements
4. Schedule of receipts and expenditures of funds related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, if applicable

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

1. Introductory section
2. Statistical section
3. Other supplemental information

Examination services

We will examine your compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds; Section 365.172(10) and 365.173(2)(d), Florida Statutes, regarding emergency communications number E911 system fund; Section 288.8018(1), Florida Statutes, regarding the Deepwater Horizon oil spill; Section 61.181, Florida Statutes, regarding clerks of the courts alimony and child support payments; and Sections 28.35 and 28.36, Florida Statutes, regarding clerks of the courts performance standards and budgets; for the year ended September 30, 2020.

Audit engagement terms

Audit objectives

The objective of our audit is the expression of opinions about whether your basic financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAS); the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance); and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General (State of Florida) for Local Governmental Entity Audits (Chapter 10.550). Our audit will include tests of your accounting records, a determination of major program(s) and state project(s) in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express opinions and render the required reports. We will request other auditors to perform procedures on the financial information of the Lee County Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections, and Tax Collector to enable us to express our opinions. We will apply certain limited procedures to the RSI in accordance with U.S. GAAS. However, we will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. We will also perform procedures to enable us to express an opinion on whether the supplementary information (as identified above) other than RSI accompanying the financial statements is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

The objectives of our audit also include:

- Reporting on internal control over financial reporting and compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and award agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

- Reporting on internal control over compliance related to major programs and state projects and expressing an opinion (or disclaimer of opinion) on compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that could have a direct and material effect on each major program and state project in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and on compliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that could have a direct and material effect on each major Florida project in accordance with Chapter 10.550.

The *Government Auditing Standards* report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters will include a paragraph that states (1) that the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance, and (2) that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. The Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550 report on internal control over compliance will include a paragraph that states that the purpose of the report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the result of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550. Both reports will state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose.

We will issue written reports upon completion of our audit of your financial statements and compliance with requirements applicable to major programs and state projects. We will make reference to Tuscan and Company's audit of the Lee County Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections, and Tax Collector in our report on your financial statements. We cannot provide assurance that unmodified opinions will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinions, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph(s), or withdraw from the engagement. If our opinions on the financial statements or the single audit compliance opinion are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If circumstances occur related to the condition of your records, the availability of sufficient, appropriate audit evidence, or the existence of a significant risk of material misstatement of the financial statements or material noncompliance caused by error, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets, which in our professional judgment prevent us from completing the audit or forming opinions on the financial statements or an opinion on compliance, we retain the right to take any course of action permitted by professional standards, including declining to express opinions or issue reports, or withdrawing from the engagement.

We also will issue a written report on our audit of the Statement of County Funded Court Related Functions required by Florida Statutes, Section 29.0085 upon completion of our audit.

We also will issue a written management letter as required by Chapter 10.550, upon completion of our audit.

Auditor responsibilities, procedures, and limitations

We will conduct our audit in accordance with U.S. GAAS and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the basic financial statements.

There is an unavoidable risk, because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, that some material misstatements or noncompliance may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550. Because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, material misstatements, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entity, may not be detected. Because the determination of abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting abuse.

In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements or on major programs and state projects. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management and those charged with governance of any material errors, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that come to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management and those charged with governance of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential, and of any material abuse that comes to our attention. We will include such matters in the reports required for a single audit.

In making our risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements and compliance 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. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting fraud or errors that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that have a material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

As required by the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, we will perform tests of controls over compliance to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of controls that we consider relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements applicable to each major federal award program and state financial assistance project. However, our tests will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on those controls and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses in internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the basic financial statements that we identify during the audit that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and Chapter 10.550.

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

We will include in our report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance relevant information about any fraud; noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements; or abuse that may have occurred that are required to be communicated under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550 require that we also plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the auditee has complied with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that may have a direct and material effect on each of the entity's major federal programs and has complied with applicable laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements that may have a direct and material effect on each of the entity's major state financial assistance projects. Our procedures will consist of tests of transactions and other applicable procedures described in the "OMB Compliance Supplement" and the Florida Department of Financial Services State Projects Compliance Supplement for the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of the entity's major programs and state projects. The purpose of these procedures will be to express an opinion on the entity's compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major programs and state projects in our report on compliance issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550.

We will evaluate the presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance accompanying the financial statements in relation to the financial statements as a whole. We will make certain inquiries of management and evaluate the form, content, and methods of preparing the schedule to determine whether the information complies with U.S. GAAP, the Uniform Guidance, and Chapter 10.550, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We will compare and reconcile the schedule to the underlying accounting records and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

We are also responsible for communicating certain matters in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.550, which govern the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the state of Florida. These matters will be communicated in the management letter.

Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

Management responsibilities

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that you (management and, when appropriate, those charged with governance) acknowledge and understand that you have certain responsibilities that are fundamental to the conduct of an audit.

You are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, RSI, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Management is also responsible for identifying all federal awards and state financial assistance received, understanding and complying with the compliance requirements, and for the preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance (including notes and noncash assistance received) in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550. You are responsible for the preparation of the schedule of passenger facility charges collected and expended in accordance with the requirements of the Guide.

Management's responsibilities include the selection and application of accounting principles; recording and reflecting all transactions in the financial statements; determining the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates included in the financial statements; adjusting the 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 latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management is responsible for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements, including compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards applicable to the entity's federal programs and compliance with Florida laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to the entity's state financial assistance. Your responsibilities also include identifying significant contractor relationships in which the contractor has responsibility for program compliance and for the accuracy and completeness of that information.

You are responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control, including internal control over compliance, and for evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and that there is reasonable assurance that government programs are administered in compliance with compliance requirements.

You are responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls to prevent and detect fraud; assessing the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud; and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements, including compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards applicable to the entity's federal programs and compliance with Florida laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to the entity's state financial assistance; identifying and ensuring that the entity complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, including compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards applicable to the entity's federal programs and compliance with Florida laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to the entity's state financial assistance; and informing us of all instances of identified or suspected noncompliance whose effects on the financial statements should be considered.

You are responsible for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy any fraud; noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements; or abuse that we may report. Additionally, as required by the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, it is management's responsibility to evaluate and monitor noncompliance with federal and state statutes and regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards and state financial assistance; take prompt action when instances of noncompliance are identified, including noncompliance identified in audit findings; and to follow up and take prompt corrective action on reported audit findings and to prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings and a corrective action plan. The summary schedule of prior audit findings should be available for our review on the first day of interim fieldwork.

You are responsible for ensuring that management is reliable and for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters, and for the accuracy and completeness of that information, and for ensuring the information is reliable and properly reported; (2) access to personnel, accounts, books, records, supporting documentation, and other information as needed to perform an audit under the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550; (3) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit; and (4) unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence. You agree to inform us of events occurring or facts discovered subsequent to the date of the financial statements that may affect the financial statements.

Management is responsible for providing us with, or making arrangements to facilitate (1) unrestricted communication between us and the component auditor(s) to the extent permitted by law or regulation; (2) communications between the component auditor(s), those charged with governance of the component(s), and component management, including communications of significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control; (3) communications between regulatory authorities and the component(s) related to financial reporting matters; (4) access to component information, those charged with governance of the component(s), component management, and the component auditor(s) (including relevant audit documentation requested by us); and (5) permission to perform work, or request a component auditor to perform work, on the financial information of the component(s).

You agree to include our report on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance in any document that contains and indicates that we have reported on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance that includes our report thereon or make the audited financial statements readily available to intended users of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance no later than the date the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance is issued with our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550 ; (2) you believe the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550 ; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance.

You agree to include our report on the schedule of passenger facility charges collected and expended in any document that contains and indicates that we have reported on the schedule of passenger facility charges collected and expended. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the schedule of passenger facility charges collected and expended that includes our report thereon or make the audited financial statements readily available to intended users of the schedule of passenger facility charges collected and expended no later than the date the schedule of passenger facility charges collected and expended is issued with our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the schedule of passenger facility charges collected and expended in accordance with the Guide; (2) you believe the schedule of passenger facility charges collected and expended, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the Guide; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the schedule of passenger facility charges collected and expended.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of other supplementary information in accordance with U.S. GAAP. You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains, and indicates that we have reported on, the supplementary information. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes our report thereon or make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with our report thereon. You agree to provide us written representations related to the presentation of the supplementary information.

Management is responsible for providing us with a written confirmation concerning representations made by you and your staff to us in connection with the audit and the presentation of the basic financial statements and RSI. During our engagement, we will request information and explanations from you regarding, among other matters, the entity's activities, internal control, future plans, specific transactions, and accounting systems and procedures. The procedures we will perform during our engagement and the conclusions we reach as a basis for our report will be heavily influenced by the representations that we receive in the representation letter and otherwise from you. Accordingly, inaccurate, incomplete, or false representations could cause us to expend unnecessary effort or could cause a material fraud or error to go undetected by our procedures. In view of the foregoing, you agree that we shall not be responsible for any misstatements in the entity's financial statements that we may fail to detect as a result of misrepresentations made to us by you.

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

Examination engagement terms

Examination objective

The objectives of our examination are (1) to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the entity complied with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds; Section 365.172(10) and 365.173(2)(d), Florida Statutes, regarding emergency communications number E911 system fund; Section 288.8018(1), Florida Statutes, regarding the Deepwater Horizon oil spill; Section 61.181, Florida Statutes, regarding clerks of the courts alimony and child support payments; and Sections 28.35 and 28.36, Florida Statutes, regarding clerks of the courts performance standards and budgets (the identified Florida Statutes), in all material respects; and (2) to express an opinion in a written report about whether the entity complied with the identified Florida Statutes, in all material respects. Our examination will be conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and will include tests of your records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such an opinion.

We will issue a written report upon completion of the examination. The report will include a statement that the report is intended solely for the information and use of management, those charged with governance, others within the entity, and the State of Florida Auditor General and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion or withdraw from the engagement. If our opinion is other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If circumstances occur related to the condition of your records, the availability of sufficient, appropriate evidence, or the existence of a significant risk of material noncompliance or deviation from the criteria, which in our professional judgment prevent us from completing the examination or forming an opinion, we retain the right to take any course of action permitted by professional standards, including declining to express an opinion or issue a report, or withdrawing from the engagement.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Lee County, Florida, and the Auditor General, State of Florida, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Our responsibilities

We will conduct our examination in accordance with attestation standards established by the AICPA. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the entity complied with the identified Florida Statutes, in all material respects, including designing the examination to detect both intentional and unintentional material noncompliance. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence we consider necessary to enable us to express our opinion. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. There is an unavoidable risk, because of the inherent limitations of an examination engagement, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, that some material noncompliance may not be detected, even though the examination is properly planned and performed in accordance with the attestation standards.

In making our risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's internal control over compliance with the identified Florida Statutes in order to identify types of potential noncompliance, to consider factors that affect the risk of material noncompliance, and to design examination 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 relevant to the identified Florida Statutes. An examination is not designed to provide assurance on internal control over compliance or to identify deficiencies in internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the identified Florida Statutes that we identify during the examination.

Our engagement will not include a detailed inspection of every transaction and cannot be relied on to disclose all material errors, fraud, or noncompliance with laws or regulations, that may exist. However, we will inform you of any material errors, uncorrected misstatements, and known and suspected fraud and noncompliance with laws or regulations identified during the engagement.

Management responsibilities

You are responsible for the entity's compliance with the identified Florida Statutes. You are responsible for, and agree to provide us with, a written assertion about the entity's compliance with the identified Florida Statutes. You are responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance.

You are responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the measurement, evaluation, or disclosure of the entity's compliance with the identified Florida Statutes, such as records, documentation, and other matters, and for the accuracy and completeness of that information, and for ensuring the information is reliable and properly reported; (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the examination; and (3) unrestricted access to persons from whom we determine it necessary to obtain evidence. You agree to inform us of events occurring or facts discovered subsequent to the period covered by our report affecting the entity's compliance with the identified Florida Statutes.

You are responsible for the entity's compliance with the identified Florida Statutes; and for selecting the criteria and determining that such criteria are appropriate for your purposes. We may advise you about appropriate criteria, but the responsibility for compliance with the specified requirements remains with you. For all nonattest services we may provide to you, management agrees to assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience to understand and oversee the services; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for the results of the services.

At the conclusion of our engagement, we will require a representation letter from management that, among other things, will include management's assertion about and confirm management's responsibility for the entity's compliance with the identified Florida Statutes, acknowledge management's responsibility for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance, state that management has performed an evaluation of the entity's compliance with the specified requirements, and state management's interpretation of any compliance requirements that have varying interpretations. Management acknowledges that it agrees to provide us with a written representation letter at the conclusion of the engagement which provides confirmation of representations made by you and your staff to us in connection with the examination engagement. During our engagement, we will request information and explanations from you regarding the entity's compliance with the identified Florida Statutes. The procedures we will perform during our engagement and the conclusions we reach as a basis for our report will be heavily influenced by the representations that we receive in the representation letter and otherwise from you. Accordingly, inaccurate, incomplete, or false representations could cause us to expend unnecessary effort or could cause a material fraud, error, or noncompliance to go undetected by our procedures. In view of the foregoing, you agree that we shall not be responsible for any noncompliance that we may fail to detect as a result of misrepresentations made to us by you.

Nonaudit services

Responsibilities and limitations related to nonaudit services

For all nonaudit services we may provide to you, management agrees to assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience to understand and oversee the services; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for the results of the services.

Other matters

Use of financial statements

The financial statements and our report thereon are for management's use. If you intend to reproduce and publish the financial statements and our report thereon, they must be reproduced in their entirety. Inclusion of the audited financial statements in a document, such as an annual report or an offering document, should be done only with our prior approval of the document. You are responsible to provide us the opportunity to review such documents before issuance.

If the parties (i.e., you and CLA) agree that CLA will not be involved with your official statements related to municipal securities filings or other offering documents, we will require that any official statements or other offering documents issued by you with which we are not involved clearly indicate that CLA is not involved with the contents of such documents. Such disclosure should read as follows:

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, our independent auditor, has not been engaged to perform and has not performed, since the date of its report included herein, any procedures on the financial statements addressed in that report. CliftonLarsonAllen LLP also has not performed any procedures relating to this offering document.

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

We may issue preliminary draft financial statements to you for your review. Any preliminary draft financial statements should not be relied on or distributed.

Engagement administration and other matters

We understand that your employees will prepare all confirmations, account analyses, and audit schedules we request and will locate any documents or invoices selected by us for testing. A list of information we expect to need for our audit and examination engagements and the dates required will be provided in a separate communication.

At the conclusion of the audit engagement, we will complete the auditor sections of the electronic Data Collection Form SF-SAC and perform the steps to certify the Form SF-SAC and single audit reporting package. It is management's responsibility to complete the auditee sections of the Data Collection Form. We will create the single audit reporting package PDF file for submission; however, it is management's responsibility to review for completeness and accuracy and electronically submit the reporting package (including financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance, summary schedule of prior audit findings, auditors' reports, and corrective action plan) along with the Data Collection Form to the federal audit clearinghouse and, if appropriate, to pass-through entities. The Data Collection Form and the reporting package must be electronically submitted within the earlier of 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditors' reports or nine months after the end of the audit period.

We will provide copies of our reports to the entity; however, management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the financial statements. Unless restricted by law or regulation, or containing privileged and confidential information, copies of our reports are to be made available for public inspection.

The audit and examination documentation for this engagement is the sole and exclusive property of CLA and constitutes confidential and proprietary information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit and examination documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to the oversight agency, or its designee; a federal or state agency providing direct or indirect funding; the U.S. Government Accountability Office; the Florida Department of Financial Services; or the Auditor General, State of Florida for purposes of a quality review of the audit and examination, to resolve audit or examination findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit and examination documentation will be provided under the supervision of CLA personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit and examination documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit and examination documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of seven years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by an oversight agency. If we are aware that a federal or state awarding agency, pass-through entity, or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

Except as permitted by the "Consent" section of this agreement, CLA will not disclose any confidential, proprietary, or privileged information of the entity to any persons without the authorization of entity management or unless required by law. This confidentiality provision does not prohibit us from disclosing your information to one or more of our affiliated companies in order to provide services that you have requested from us or from any such affiliated company. Any such affiliated company shall be subject to the same restrictions on the use and disclosure of your information as apply to us.

Professional standards require us to be independent with respect to you in the performance of these services. Any discussion that you have with our personnel regarding potential employment with you could impair our independence with respect to this engagement. Therefore, we request that you inform us prior to any such discussions so that we can implement appropriate safeguards to maintain our independence and objectivity. Further, any employment offers to any staff members working on this engagement without our prior knowledge may require substantial additional procedures to ensure our independence. You will be responsible for any additional costs incurred to perform these procedures.

Our engagement and responsibility end on delivery of our signed report. Any additional services that might be requested will be a separate, new engagement. The terms and conditions of that new engagement will be governed by a new, specific engagement letter for that service.

Government Auditing Standards require that we make our most recent external peer review report publicly available. The report is posted on our website at www.CLAconnect.com/Aboutus/.

Limitations and dispute resolution

Mediation

Any disagreement, controversy, or claim ("Dispute") that may arise out of any aspect of our services or relationship with you, including this engagement, shall be submitted to non-binding mediation by written notice ("Mediation Notice") to the other party. In mediation, we will work with you to resolve any differences voluntarily with the aid of an impartial mediator.

The mediation will be conducted as specified by the mediator and agreed upon by the parties. The parties agree to discuss their differences in good faith and to attempt, with the assistance of the mediator, to reach an amicable resolution of the Dispute.

Each party will bear its own costs in the mediation. The fees and expenses of the mediator will be shared equally by the parties.

Time limitation

The nature of our services makes it difficult, with the passage of time, to gather and present evidence that fully and fairly establishes the facts underlying any Dispute that may arise between the parties. The parties agree that, notwithstanding any statute or law of limitations that might otherwise apply to a Dispute, including one arising out of this agreement or the services performed under this agreement, for breach of contract or fiduciary duty, tort, fraud, misrepresentation or any other cause of action or remedy, any action or legal proceeding by you against us must be commenced within twenty-four (24) months ("Limitation Period") after the date when we deliver our final audit report and examination report under this agreement to you, regardless of whether we do other services for you relating to the audit report and examination report, or you shall be forever barred from commencing a lawsuit or obtaining any legal or equitable relief or recovery.

The Limitation Period applies and begins to run even if you have not suffered any damage or loss, or have not become aware of the existence or possible existence of a Dispute.

Fees

Our fees for these services will not exceed \$415,686. The fee estimate is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and their assistance with preparing confirmations and requested schedules.

If the requested items are not available on the dates required or are not accurate, the estimated fee for services will likely be higher. If unexpected circumstances require significant additional time, we will advise you before undertaking work that would require an increase in the fee estimate.

Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses in accordance with the purchase order terms outlined in the Lee County Standard Terms and Conditions and are payable on presentation.

Unanticipated services

We do not anticipate encountering the need to perform additional services beyond those described in this letter. If any such service needs to be completed before the audit and examination can proceed in an efficient manner, we will determine whether we can provide the service and maintain our independence. If appropriate, we will notify you and provide a fair and reasonable price for providing the service. We will bill you for the service at periodic dates after the additional service has been performed. We will discuss such circumstances with you prior to performing the additional work and in accordance with the purchase order terms outlined in the Lee County Standard Terms and Conditions, no increase in the quoted price will be authorized unless approved in writing by Lee County.

Changes in engagement timing and assistance by your personnel

The fee estimate is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and their assistance with timely preparation of confirmations and requested schedules. If the requested items are not available on the dates required or are not accurate, we will advise management. Additional time and costs may be necessary because of such unanticipated delays. Examples of situations that may cause our estimated fee to increase include:

- Significant delays in responding to our requests for information such as reconciling variances or providing requested supporting documentation (e.g., invoices, contracts, and other documents)
- Rescheduling our fieldwork
- Schedule disruption caused by litigation, financial challenges (going concern), loan covenants (waivers), etc.
- Identifying a significant number of proposed audit adjustments
- Schedules prepared by your personnel that do not reconcile to the general ledger
- Numerous revisions to information and schedules provided by your personnel
- Restating financial statements for accounting errors in the prior year
- Lack of availability of entity personnel during audit fieldwork

Changes in accounting, audit, and examination standards

Standard setters and regulators continue to evaluate and modify standards. Such changes may result in new or revised financial reporting and disclosure requirements or expand the nature, timing, and scope of the activities we are required to perform. To the extent that the amount of time required to provide the services described in the letter increases due to such changes, our fee may need to be adjusted. We will discuss such circumstances with you prior to performing the additional work and in accordance with the purchase order terms outlined in the Lee County Standard Terms and Conditions, no increase in the quoted price will be authorized unless approved in writing by Lee County.

Other fees

You also agree to compensate us for any time and expenses, including time and expenses of legal counsel, we may incur in responding to discovery requests or participating as a witness or otherwise in any legal, regulatory, or other proceedings that we are asked to respond to on your behalf.

Finance charges and collection expenses

You agree that if any statement is not paid within 45 days from invoice acceptance, the unpaid balance shall accrue interest in accordance with the Florida Government Prompt Payment Act, Florida Statutes 218.70-218.76 (2015).

HIPAA Business Associate Agreement

To protect the privacy and provide for the security of any protected health information, as such is defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended from time to time, and the regulations and policy guidances thereunder (HIPAA), we acknowledge that Lee County, Florida and CLA have entered into a HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (BAA) dated July 19, 2016.

Consent

Consent to use financial information

Annually, we assemble a variety of benchmarking analyses using client data obtained through our audit and other engagements. Some of this benchmarking information is published and released publicly. However, the information that we obtain is confidential, as required by the AICPA Code of Professional Conduct. Your acceptance of this engagement letter will serve as your consent to use of Lee County, Florida's information in these cost comparison, performance indicator, and/or benchmarking reports.

Subcontractors

CLA may, at times, use subcontractors to perform services under this agreement, and they may have access to your information and records. Any such subcontractors will be subject to the same restrictions on the use of such information and records as apply to CLA under this agreement.

Agreement

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. This letter incorporates the terms of the Lee County Standard Terms and Conditions as related to purchase orders. This letter, together with the incorporated material, reflects the entire agreement between us relating to the services covered by this letter. Should any item within this engagement letter conflict with the Lee County Standard Terms and Conditions, as related to purchase orders, the engagement letter will be superseded by Lee County Standard Terms and Conditions. If you have any questions, please let us know. Please sign, date, and return the copy of the letter to us to indicate your acknowledgment and understanding of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our audit of your financial statements and examination of your compliance, including the terms of our audit and examination engagements and the parties' respective responsibilities.

Sincerely,

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP



Christopher Kessler, CPA

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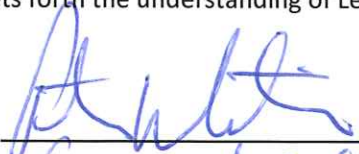
Response:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Lee County, Florida.

Authorized signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____


Chief Financial Officer
5-18-2020

Approved as to Form for the Reliance
of Lee County Only

By: _____

