

## August 4, 2021

Please find the following addendum to the below mentioned RFP.

Addendum No.: 1

RFP#: 21-14-3

**Project Name**: Auditing Services

RFP Due Date: Monday, August 23, 2021

## **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:**

Question 1: What are the total Assets for the last year?

Response 1: a. Total primary Government Wide assets for FY 2020 were \$893,965,770.00.

b. Total Primary Governmental Fund assets for FY 2020 were \$339,580,388.00.

Question 2: What are the total Revenue?

Response 2: a. Total Primary Governement Wide revenue for FY 2020 was

\$184,493,526.00.

b. Total Primary Governmental Funds revenue for FY 2020 was

\$157,163,348.00.

Question 3: What was the actual amount paid for last year's audit?

Response 3: The amount paid for last years audit was \$64,000.00.

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Question 4: What is the budgeted amount for this year's audit?

Response 4: The budget for the FY 2021 audit with not be adopted until the end of 2021.

Question 5: Who are your current auditors?

Response 5: LaPorte, APAC.

Question 6: Is there a policy of mandatory rotation?

Response 6: No.

Question 7: Is there a local preference for Auditors?

Response 7: Yes.

Question 8: How long have you been working with the current Auditors?

Response 8: LaPorte has been the auditors for St. Tammany Paris Government for more

than 20 years.

Question 9: What is the audit time frame?

Response 9: The time frame is discussed in Section G. Timing Requirements under Part II,

2.1 Scope of Work/Services of the RFP.

Question 10: What is the selection criterion for submitted response?

Response 10: The selection criteria is discussed in Part III, Evaluation of the RFP.



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Question 11: Please advise on the estimated Board meeting for the Audit firm to present Audit Report?

Response 11: The Meeting would be the end of June or early July.

Question 12: Does the District finance staff prepare All sections of the Audit Report, excluding the auditors Opinion Reports?

Response 12: Yes.

Question 13: From a financial standpoint, what are your top three(3) priorities?

Response 13: a. Compliance with Standpoints

b. Useful reporting

c. Transparency

Question 14: What are the qualitites in an auditing firm that you deem most important?

Response 14: Technical expertise and experience in applying GASB standards.

Question 15: Why are you going out for bids for auditing services?

Response 15: This is a best practice encouraged by the Louisiana Legislative Aufitors's Office.

Question 16: Has anything significant occurred in the current year, which is different from prior years?

Response 16: No.



Question 17: What has been exhibited by the current auditors that you value the most?

Response 17: Assistance in application and implemention of new standards.

- Question 18: Please provide a copy of your most recent financials (balance sheet, income statement, budget Vs. actual, any other relevant financial reports typically provided to your manager.
- Response 18: Our financial reports are available online at: <a href="http://www.stpgov.org/departments/finance">http://www.stpgov.org/departments/finance</a>
- Question 19: Who is on the selection committee?
- Response 19: Member of the Finance, Human Resources, and Grants Departments, and Council Office
- Question 20: Who will rank the firms; staff of the selection committee? Finance/Audit committee
- Response 20: Selection Committee will rank. The Council has the sole discretion of appointing the auditor each fiscal year.
- Question 21: Please provide us with an questions provided to you from other interested auditing firms, along with your response.
- Answer 21: No other questions were received at this time. If more questions are received, they will be answered through an addendum, which can be found on the Parish website. <a href="http://www.stpgov.org/index.php/i-want-to/apply-for/projects">http://www.stpgov.org/index.php/i-want-to/apply-for/projects</a>

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