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Paseo Community Development District

**Audit Committee Meeting
January 22, 2025**

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January 14, 2025

Audit Committee
**Paseo Community
Development District**

AGENDA

Dear Board Members:

The first meeting of the Audit Committee of the Paseo Community Development District will be held on **Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Paseo Village Center Theatre, 11611 Paseo Grande Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33912. The following is the agenda for this meeting.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- 2. BUSINESS ITEMS**
 - A. Presentation of the Audit Proposal Instructions and Evaluation Criteria..... Tab 1
- 3. COMMENTS/ADJOURNMENT**

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (239) 936-0913.

Sincerely,
Belinda Blandon
Belinda Blandon
District Manager

cc: Andrew Cohen: Persson, Cohen, Mooney, Fernandez & Jackson, P.A.

Tab 1

**PASEO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES**

The Paseo Community Development District hereby requests proposals for annual financial auditing services. The proposal must provide for the auditing of the District's financial records for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, with an option for four (4) additional annual renewals. The District is a local unit of special-purpose government created under Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for the purpose of financing, constructing, and maintaining public infrastructure. The District is located in Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida. The final contract will require that, among other things, the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, be completed no later than June 15, 2026.

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

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) digital copy of their proposal to Paseo CDD, 9530 Marketplace Road, Suite 206, Fort Myers, Florida 33912 ("**District Manager**"), in an envelope marked on the outside "Auditing Services, Paseo Community Development District." Proposals must be received by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2025, at the office of the District Manager. Proposals must be sent via UPS, FedEx, or hand delivered. Please direct all questions regarding this Notice to the District Coordinator (KHardwick@Rizzetta.com).

Belinda Blandon
District Manager
Run Date: 01/29/2025

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 7 days for the submission of proposals.

PASEO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2025

Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

SECTION 1. DUE DATE. Sealed proposals must be received no later than **Monday, March 17, 2025**, at 3:00 p.m., at the offices of District Manager, located at c/o Rizzetta & Company, 9530 Marketplace Road, Suite 206, Fort Myers, Florida 33912. 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 by the statutory or an otherwise specific deadline 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 (1) digital copy of the Proposal Documents, and other requested attachments at the time and place indicated herein, which shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope, marked with the title "Auditing Services – Paseo Community Development District" on the face of it. Proposals must be sent via UPS, FedEx, or hand delivered.

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.

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.

- A. List 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. Describe proposed staffing levels, including resumes with applicable certifications.
- C. Three references from projects of similar size and scope. The Proposer should include information relating to the work it conducted for each reference as well as 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.

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.

**PASEO
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
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 work load; proposed staffing levels, etc.)

2. *Proposer's Experience.* (30 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), whether the auditor has been able to meet statutory or other deadlines for finalizing audits).

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.

5. *Price.* (10 Points)***

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

***Total* (100 Points)**

***Alternatively, the Board may choose to evaluate firms without considering price, in which case the 10 points allocated to Price above would be reallocated to another category.