



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Auditor-Controller
Department No.: 061
For Agenda Of: 2/12/2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Approval of Contract with Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation for County's Annual Financial Audits

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the contract with Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation ("Brown Armstrong") [not a local vendor] in the amount of \$147,000 to perform the following audit services, for the fiscal year 2018-19:
 - i) the annual financial audit for the County,
 - ii) the Single Audit,
 - iii) the First 5 Commission's annual financial audit, and
 - iv) the annual Treasury financial and compliance audits; and
- b) Determine that the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), because they are government fiscal activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

The contract with Brown Armstrong is for the fiscal year 2018-19 audits. The contract price of \$147,000 remains unchanged from the fiscal year 2017-18 contract price, as does their scope of services. The price includes audits of the County, the Treasury audits, and the County's First 5 Fund.

State law requires that every Board of Supervisors cause an audit of the County’s financial accounts and records (Government Code Section 25250). State law also requires that every county First 5 Commission have an audit conducted and a report issued (Health & Safety Code section 130150) on or before October 15. Additionally, Government Code Section 26920(b) and Section 27134 require that financial and compliance audits of the assets in the County Treasury be performed. The Federal Office of Management and Budget provides guidance on required “Single Audits.” State law requires a change in the audit partner in charge of the audit every six years (Government Code Section 12410.6).

Background:

Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation has been the County’s independent audit firm since the fiscal year 2006-07 audit. In 2015, the County completed a formal “Request for Proposal” (RFP) process and awarded a contract to Brown Armstrong to perform audit services for fiscal year 2015-16 with two options to renew for the same cost and terms for the fiscal year 2016-17 and 2017-18 audits. Both options were exercised. The County has been satisfied with the independent audit services provided by Brown Armstrong and wishes to retain their services by entering into a one-year contract for the fiscal year 2018-19 audits. After the 2018-19 audits, the County intends to complete an RFP process for future audit services. To comply with the requirement of Government Code Section 12410.6, a new audit partner from Brown Armstrong will be in charge of the fiscal year 2018-19 audits.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Audit</u>	<u>FY 2018-19</u>
General Fund	Annual Financial Audit	\$ 75,800.00
General Fund	Single Audit	\$ 50,700.00
General Fund	Treasury Audit	\$ 9,500.00
First 5	First 5 Audit	\$ 11,000.00
Total		<u>\$ 147,000.00</u>

Narrative: The contract amount for the audits for fiscal year 2018-19 is \$147,000 and covers the County, the Treasury, and First 5. This amount is the same as the contract amount for the fiscal year 2017-18 audits. The timing of the audit work spans two fiscal years; roughly one half of the contract will be paid from the current year’s budget and the remainder from next year’s budget. Approximately 35% of the General Fund costs are reimbursable through the Cost Allocation Plan from state and federal programs.

Key Contract Risks:

This contract has been determined to be a medium risk contract by the Auditor-Controller’s Office. Based on subjective and actual criteria factors, there were no specific areas of high risk. The factors reflecting medium risk include: 1) a fixed price contract, 2) limited competition process for the service, 3) a moderately visible, sensitive, or controversial contract subject, and 4) a requirement for limited access to secure information. All other risk factors were determined to be low risk.

Performance Measure:

1. Publish the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) within 60 days of fiscal year end.
2. Receive an unmodified opinion on the County's CAFR.
3. Receive the Government Finance Officers Association award for excellence on the County's CAFR.

Special Instructions:

Copy of signed contract to Auditor's Office

Attachments:

A. Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor between the County of Santa Barbara and Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation

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CC:

First 5

Treasurer-Tax Collector