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Questions and Answers #1

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #C00055- 00002756

RFP for Audit Services

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1. I wasn't able to locate your 2021 financial statements – have those been completed? If so, would you point me to where I can locate them? **In the final stage – we expect to receive the document within the next week or so. Let us know if you want to be on a list for an electronic version to be sent to you.**

2. In 2020, there was one major program audited. Can you share how many were required to be audited in 2021? **One major program.**

3. How much have you paid your auditor in the prior three years? **See below.** Were there additional fees paid above the original bid? **No.**

Columbia County

- **FY2020-2021: \$39,500**
- **FY2019-2020: \$37,500**
- **FY2018-2019: \$42,000**

Columbia County Development Agency

- **FY2020-2021: \$7,700**
- **FY2019-2020: \$7,400**
- **FY2018-2019: \$9,500**

4H Extension Service District

- **FY2020-2021: \$7,800**
- **FY2019-2020: \$7,700**
- **FY2018-2019: \$9,500**

4. Does the County have significant leases? **Mostly copier and auto leases and several building leases as lessee.** Are you looking for assistance with the implementation of GASB 87? **Maybe.**

5. How many auditors have been in the field as part of the audit? For how long? What is the typical timing for fieldwork? **We believe we would need 3 staff for a week for both pre-audit fieldwork in the late spring or early summer and the same for the fall fieldwork.**

6. Have your prior auditors proposed any adjusting journal entries? **Only audit presentation adjusting JEs.**
7. Is the County's accounting team fully staffed? Has there been a significant turnover in the last year? **Yes, currently fully staffed. The current Finance Director will be retiring in December 2022, but the Accounting Manager has been lead on the audit for 3 years and is in line for the Finance Director position.**
8. Is the County's current auditor precluded from bidding on the current RFP? **No.**
9. The proposal indicates the due date for issuing the financial statements is December 31, but it looks like the County has extended in each of the last five years. Is it the County's plan to extend in 2022? **No, we would prefer to have our financial statements at December 31st.**
10. Has there been any new significant federal funding received in the current fiscal year? **Not outside any COVID funding.**