

HARRISON RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DISTRICT OFFICE • 3434 COLWELL AVENUE, SUITE 200, TAMPA, FLORIDA 33614

August 1, 2014

Audit Committee
Harrison Ranch
Community Development District

AGENDA

Dear Board Members:

The audit committee meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Harrison Ranch Community Development District will be held on **Monday, August 11, 2014 at 6:15 p.m.** at the Harrison Ranch Clubhouse, located at 5755 Harrison Ranch Boulevard, Parrish, FL 34219. The following is the agenda for the meeting

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- 2. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**
- 3. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**
 - A. Presentation of Audit Proposal Instructions Tab 1
 - B. Presentation of Audit Evaluation Criteria..... Tab 2
 - C. Presentation of Audit Advertisement..... Tab 3
- 4. 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 (813) 933-5571.

Sincerely,

Joe Roethke

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District Manager

cc: Jere Earlywine, Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.

Tab 1

**HARRISON RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**District Auditing Services for Fiscal Years Ending
September 30, 2014, 2015 and 2016
Manatee County, Florida**

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

SECTION 1. DUE DATE. Sealed proposals must be received no later than **September 15, 2014, at 12:00 p.m.**, at the office of District Manager, Rizzetta & Company, Inc., located at 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33614. 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 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 eight (8) copies 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 – Harrison Ranch Community Development District" on the face of it.

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 (the "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 Districts 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 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.

SECTION 13. PROTESTS. Any protest regarding the Proposal Documents, must be filed in writing, at the offices of the District Manager, within seventy-two (72) hours after the receipt of the proposed project plans and specifications or other contract 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 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 aforesaid plans, specifications or contract documents.

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- D. The lump sum cost of the provision of the services under the proposal

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**AUDITOR SELECTION
EVALUATION CRITERIA**

1. Ability of Personnel.

(20 Points)

(e.g., geographic locations 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.

(20 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 Community Development Districts in other contracts; character, integrity, reputation, of respondent, etc.)

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 necessary to complete the services required (e.g. the existence of any natural disaster plan for business operations).

5. Price

(20 Points)

Points will be awarded based upon the price bid for the rendering of the services and reasonable ness of the price to the services

Total

(100 Points)

**AUDITOR SELECTION
EVALUATION CRITERIA**

1. *Ability of Personnel.* (25 Points)

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2. *Proposer’s Experience.* (25 Points)

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3. *Understanding of Scope of Work.* (25 Points)

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Total (100 Points)

Tab 3

**HARRISON RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES**

The Harrison Ranch 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, 2014, with an option for two additional annual renewals for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2015, and 2016. 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 was created by Manatee County Ordinance and is approximately 955 acres in area. Further, the District issued Special Assessment Revenue Bonds Series 2007 to finance the acquisition and construction of certain improvements for the benefit of the District and currently has an operating budget of approximately \$1,194,153.76, inclusive of debt service.

Each auditing entity submitting a proposal must be duly licensed under Chapter 173, 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 additional qualification requirements, evaluation criteria, and instructions to proposers, are available from the District Manager at the address and telephone number listed below.

Proposers must provide seven (7) copies of their proposal to Joe Roethke, District Manager, 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33614, (813) 933-5571, in an envelope marked on the outside "Auditing Services – Harrison Ranch Community Development District." Proposals must be received by September 15, 2014, at 12:00 p.m., at the office of the District Manager. The District has the right to reject any and all proposals, make modifications to the work, and waive any minor informalities or irregularities in proposals as it deems appropriate, if it determines in its discretion it is in the District's best interest to do so. Please direct all questions regarding this Notice in writing to the District Manager.

Harrison Ranch Community Development District
Joe Roethke
District Manager