

**Miami Shores Village**



**ADDENDUM NO. 1  
INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITING SERVICES  
RFP #2024-02-01**

**February 20, 2024**

This Addendum No. 1 to the above-referenced Request for Proposals “RFP” is issued in response to questions from prospective respondents, or other clarifications and revisions issued by the Village. The RFP is amended in the following particulars only.

**1. How many years has the Village been using the current auditors?**

*Response: FY2009 – FY2022*

**2. The FY 2022 ACFR, was released after the 9-month Florida Statutory deadline. Does the Village expect this to reoccur for fiscal year 2023 or 2024?**

*Response: No.*

**3. Please provide a copy of the current audit contract.**

*Response: See attached.*

**4. Please provide a copy of the most recent “Letter to Those Charged with Governance” issued by the auditor.**

*Response: See attached*

**5. What were the audit fees in fiscal year 2021?**

*Response: \$48,652*

**6. What were the audit fees in fiscal year 2022?**

*Response: \$45,000*

- 7. Were there any “out-of-scope” services performed by the current auditor during their tenure? If so, what were the related services and corresponding fees?**

*Response: None.*

- 8. Please confirm that this RFP is for the fiscal year 2023 audit which is due on June 30, 2024.**

*Response: Yes.*

Any questions regarding this Addendum should be submitted in writing to the Procurement Administrator at [bids@msvfl.gov](mailto:bids@msvfl.gov).

Proposers are reminded to acknowledge receipt of this addendum as part of your RFP submission.

Sincerely,



Donna Rockfeld  
Procurement Administrator



October 31, 2023

Honorable Mayor, Village Council and Village Manager  
10050 Northeast Second Avenue  
Miami Shores, Florida 33138

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Miami Shores Village (the "Village") for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated September 21, 2022. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

#### Significant Audit Matters

##### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Village are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022. We noted no transactions entered into by the Village during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the Village's financial statements was:

Management's estimate of the collectability of accounts receivable is based on historical data. We evaluated the methods, assumptions, and data used to develop the estimate of collectability in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

The disclosure of deposits, investments, and fair value measurements in Notes 3 and 4 to the financial statements.

The disclosure of employee retirement plans in Notes 9 and 10 to the financial statements.

The disclosure of commitments and contingencies in Note 12 to the financial statements.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

##### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

##### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

##### *Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

### *Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 31, 2023.

### *Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to Village's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

### *Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Village's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

As a result of this year's audit, we reported one (1) non-compliance and one (1) recommendation. These matters are discussed in the Schedule of Findings and Responses.

### Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the Management's Discussion and Analysis, Budgetary Comparison Schedules, Schedules of Changes in Village's Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios, Schedules of Contributions, Schedules of Investment Returns, and the Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the combining and non-major fund financial statements, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

We were not engaged to report on the introductory and statistical sections, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

### Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Honorable Mayor, Members of the Village Council, and management of the Village and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

*Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP*



September 21, 2022

Honorable Mayor, Village Council and Village Manager  
Miami Shores Village, Florida  
10050 N.E. Second Ave  
Miami Shores, FL 33138

Re: Engagement letter with Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP (“We”, “our” or “us”)

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide for Miami Shores Village, Florida (the Village) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.

### **Audit Scope and Objectives**

We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, including the disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements, of the Village as of and for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management’s discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement the Village’s basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the Village’s RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by GAAP and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

- 1) Management’s Discussion and Analysis
- 2) Budgetary Comparison Schedules
- 3) Schedule of Changes in the Village’s Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios – Pension Trust Funds
- 4) Schedule of Village Contributions – Pension Trust Funds
- 5) Schedule of Investment Returns – Pension Trust Funds
- 6) Schedule of Changes in the Village’s Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies the Village’s financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS, and we will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole in a report combined with our auditors’ report on the financial statements.

- 1) Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance (as applicable)
- 2) Combining and Individual Fund Financial Statements and Schedules

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, we will read the following other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

- 1) Introductory Section
- 2) Statistical Section

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions about whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with GAAP, and report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as whole. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment of a reasonable user made based on the financial statements. The objectives also include reporting on:

- Internal control over financial reporting and compliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and award agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
- Internal control over compliance related to major programs and an opinion (or disclaimer of opinion) on compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that could have a direct and material effect on each major program in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

#### **Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements and Single Audit**

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS; the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; the provisions of the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, and will include tests of accounting records, a determination of major program(s) in accordance with Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We will evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management. We will also evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and determine whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government. Because the determination of waste and abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to perform specific procedures to detect waste or abuse in financial audits nor do they expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting waste or abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements or noncompliance may not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements or on major programs. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, any fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that come to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. We will include such matters in the reports required for a Single Audit. Our responsibility

as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

We will also conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Village's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts and direct confirmation of receivables and certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement.

We have identified the following significant risk(s) of material misstatement as part of our audit planning:

- Management override of controls

We may, from time to time and depending on the circumstances, use third-party service providers in serving your account. We may share confidential information about you with these service providers but remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, we maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, we will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In the event that we are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your confidential information with the third-party service provider. Furthermore, we will remain responsible for the work provided by any such third-party service providers.

Notwithstanding the unprecedented circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak, we continue to have a professional obligation to gather sufficient appropriate audit evidence in support of your financial statements. Travel restrictions, actual or suspected infections, work from home requirements, changes – such as work force reductions - made to accommodate the current business environments, or other similar matters may result in delays in your employees' ability to provide us the necessary audit evidence on a timely basis or at all. Similarly, such matters may impact our own ability to collect or appropriately assess necessary audit evidence on a timely basis or at all.

Should such events occur, you and we will each make good faith efforts to complete alternative procedures to gather and assess necessary audit evidence. Such procedures might include, but not be limited to, our respective employees working from home, transferring more audit information via electronic modes and meeting virtually rather than in-person. As to audit evidence transferred via electronic modes, you are responsible to ensure that such evidence is authentic, complete, and accurate for the purposes it is meant to serve. We will perform, as it deems necessary, incremental procedures to validate the authenticity, completeness, and accuracy of such audit evidence.

As necessary, we will notify you if such alternative procedures require additional efforts and, if possible, an estimate of the additional cost.

Our audit of financial statements does not relieve you of your responsibilities.

#### **Audit Procedures—Internal Control**

We will obtain an understanding of the Village and its environment, including internal control relevant to the audit, sufficient to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentation, or the override of internal control. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

As required by the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, we will perform tests of controls over compliance to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of controls that we consider relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with compliance requirements applicable to each major federal award program and state project. However, our tests will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on those controls and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Accordingly, we will express no such opinion. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

### **Audit Procedures—Compliance**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the Village's compliance with provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements, including grant agreements. However, the objective of those procedures will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance, and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

The Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, require that we also plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the auditee has complied with federal and state statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards and state projects applicable to major programs. Our procedures will consist of tests of transactions and other applicable procedures described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* and the State Projects Compliance Supplement (collectively, "Compliance Supplements") for the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Village's major programs. For federal programs and state projects that are included in the Compliance Supplements, our compliance and internal control procedures will relate to the compliance requirements that the Compliance Supplements identifies as being subject to audit. The purpose of these procedures will be to express an opinion on the Village's compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major programs in our report on compliance issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

### **Other Services**

We will also assist in preparing the financial statements and related notes of the Village in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America based on information provided by you. These nonaudit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are limited to the financial statements and related notes services previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the financial statements and related notes and any other nonaudit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you agree to oversee the nonaudit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

### **Employment Eligibility**

Effective January 1, 2021, Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, requires all contractors entering into a contract with the Plan to register with the E-Verify system operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify the employment eligibility of all of its newly hired employees. Accountant/auditor meets the definition of "Contractor" as defined in Section 448.095, Florida Statutes. Accountant/auditor verifies that it has registered with and uses the E-Verify system.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements and Single Audit**

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand your responsibility for (1) designing, implementing, establishing, and maintaining effective internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, including internal controls over federal awards, and for evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; (2) following laws and regulations; (3) ensuring that there is reasonable assurance that government programs are administered in compliance with compliance requirements; and (4) ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles; for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance, and all accompanying



information in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations (including federal and state statutes), rules, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements (including award agreements). Your responsibilities also include identifying significant contractor relationships in which the contractor has responsibility for program compliance and for the accuracy and completeness of that information.

You are also responsible for making drafts of financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance, all financial records, and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information (including information from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers). You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, identification of all related parties and all related-party relationships and transactions, and other matters; (2) access to personnel, accounts, books, records, supporting documentation, and other information as needed to perform an audit under the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General; (3) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit; and (4) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about the financial statements; schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance; federal award programs and state projects; compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and related matters.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements of each opinion unit taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. You are also responsible for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that we report. Additionally, as required by the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, it is management's responsibility to evaluate and monitor noncompliance with federal and state statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards and state projects; take prompt action when instances of noncompliance are identified including noncompliance identified in audit findings; promptly follow up and take corrective action on reported audit findings; and prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings and a separate corrective action plan (if any).

You are responsible for identifying all federal awards and state projects received and understanding and complying with the compliance requirements and for the preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance (including notes and noncash assistance received, and COVID-19-related concepts, such as lost revenues, if applicable) in conformity with the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. You agree to include our report on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance in any document that contains, and indicates that we have reported on, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance. You also agree to make the audited financial statements readily available to intended users of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards no later than the date the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is issued with our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General; (2) you believe the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance, including its form and content, is stated fairly in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance.

You are also responsible for the preparation of the other supplementary information, which we have been engaged to report on, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains, and indicates that we have reported on, the supplementary information. You also agree to make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the

supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying and providing report copies of previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Scope and Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relating to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

We do not and will not approve any of the investment choices offered by the Village for compliance with any governmental agencies, regulations and authorities. We are not investment advisors and nothing as part of our audit engagement is to be construed as providing investment or record-keeping or administrative advice or approval of the past, current, or future Village set-up. The Village and your management agree to release, defend, indemnify and hold us and our past, current, and future partners, shareholders, members, officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives ("our personnel") harmless from any litigation or adverse action (threatened or actual) (including, without limitation, legal fees and expenses of an attorney, and fees and expenses of an expert, each of our own choosing, and through all trial and appellate levels) related to the impairment of asset values or any litigation brought by participants and/or fiduciaries of the Village or employees or officers of the Village as it relates to these matters and in the administration or record-keeping or operation of the Village, regardless of the nature of the claim, including the negligence of any party.

#### **Our Working Papers**

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to a regulating authority or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for the purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend or decide to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by a regulating authority. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation. We do not keep any of your original records, so we will return those to you upon the completion of the engagement. When records are returned to you, it is your responsibility to retain and protect the records for possible future use, including potential examination by governmental or regulatory agencies. By signing this engagement letter, you acknowledge and agree that upon the expiration of the five-year period, we are free to destroy these records.

We are required to undergo a "peer review" every three years. During the course of a peer review, selected working papers and financial reports, on a sample basis, will be inspected by an outside party on a confidential basis. Therefore, the work we performed for you for this engagement may be selected. Your signing this letter represents your acknowledgement and permission to allow such access should this engagement be selected for review.

#### **Email and Other Electronic Communications**

In connection with this engagement, we may communicate with you or others via e-mail transmission. As e-mails can be intercepted and read, disclosed, or otherwise used or communicated by an unintended third party, or may not be delivered to each of the parties to whom they are directed and only to such parties, we cannot guarantee or warrant that e-mails from us will be properly delivered and read only by the addressee. Therefore, we specifically disclaim and waive any liability or responsibility whatsoever for interception or unintentional disclosure or communication of e-mail transmissions, or for the unauthorized use or failed delivery of e-mails transmitted by us in connection with the performance of this engagement. In that regard, you agree that we shall have no liability for any loss or damage to any person or entity resulting from the use of e-mail transmissions, including any consequential, incidental, direct, indirect,

or special damages, such as loss of sales or anticipated profits, or disclosure or communication of confidential or proprietary information.

In the interest of facilitating our services to you, we may send data over the Internet, store electronic data via computer software applications hosted remotely on the Internet, or utilize cloud-based storage. Your confidential electronic data may be transmitted or stored using these methods. In using these data communication and storage methods, we employ measures designed to maintain data security. We use reasonable efforts to keep such communications and electronic data secure in accordance with our obligations under applicable laws, regulations, and professional standards.

You recognize and accept that we have no control over the unauthorized interception or breach of any communications or electronic data once it has been transmitted or if it has been subject to unauthorized access while stored, notwithstanding all reasonable security measures employed by us. You consent to our use of these electronic devices and applications during this engagement.

To the extent you provide us, for any aspect of this engagement, with access to electronic data via a local or online database from which we will download your data or other information, you agree that the data and information is accurate as of the date and time you authorize it to be downloaded.

### **Independence**

Professional and certain regulatory standards require us to be independent, in both fact and appearance, with respect to the Village throughout the performance of our services. Any discussions that you have with our personnel regarding employment could pose a threat to our independence. Therefore, we request that you inform our engagement partner prior to any such discussions so that we can implement appropriate safeguards to maintain our independence. If at any time, we believe that our independence has been or will be compromised, we may be required to modify, or recall and modify, our audit report to reflect our lack of independence. In the event additional work is required to satisfy independence requirements, such work will be billed at our standard hourly rates.

We acknowledge your right to terminate our services at any time, and you acknowledge our right to resign at any time (including instances where in our judgment, our independence has been impaired or we can no longer rely on the integrity of management, or if you do not provide us with any information we request in a timely manner, refuse to cooperate with our reasonable requests or misrepresent any facts), subject in either case to our right to payment for all direct or indirect charges incurred through the date of termination or resignation or thereafter as circumstances and this letter may require. Our resignation and/or your termination of this engagement will release us from any obligation to complete our audit procedures and will constitute completion of our engagement.

### **Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other**

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash, accounts receivable, or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

At the conclusion of the engagement, we will complete the appropriate sections of the Data Collection Form that summarizes our audit findings. It is management's responsibility to electronically submit the reporting package (including financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, summary schedule of prior audit findings, auditors' reports, and corrective action plan) along with the Data Collection Form to the federal audit clearinghouse. We will coordinate with you the electronic submission and certification. The Data Collection Form and the reporting package must be submitted within the earlier of 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditors' reports or nine months after the end of the audit period.

We will provide copies of our reports to the Village; however, management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the financial statements. Unless restricted by law or regulation, or containing privileged and confidential information, copies of our reports are to be made available for public inspection.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to the applicable oversight agency or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by the applicable oversight agency. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency, pass-through entity, or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

Enrique Llerena, CPA is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports or authorizing another individual to them.

Our fees for these services will be \$45,310 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. If the Village is required to undergo a Federal or Florida Single Audit our fee for each of these services will be \$5,775 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.

If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

You may request that we perform additional and/or follow-up services not addressed in this engagement letter. If this occurs, we will communicate with you regarding the scope of the additional services and the estimated fees. We also may issue a separate engagement letter covering the additional services.

In the absence of any other written communication from us documenting such additional services, our services will continue to be governed by the terms of this engagement letter.

As a result of the services we provide to you pursuant to this engagement letter, and/or as a result of our prior or future services to the Village, we may be required or requested to provide information or documents to you or a third-party in connection with a legal, arbitration or administrative proceeding (including a grand jury investigation) in which we are not a party.

If this occurs, our efforts in complying with such requests or demands will be deemed part of this engagement and we shall be entitled to compensation for our time and reimbursement for our reasonable out-of-pocket expenditures (including legal fees of counsel of our own choosing) in complying with such request or demand. This is not intended, however, to relieve us of our duty to observe the confidentiality requirements of our profession.

The parties to this engagement agree that any dispute that may arise regarding the meaning, performance, or enforcement of this engagement will be submitted to mediation, either prior to the filing of any legal action, or upon service of any lawsuit, upon written request of any party to the engagement. The party requesting mediation shall select the mediation provider from the list of mediation training providers approved by the Florida Supreme Court. The mediation shall be conducted in accordance with the Commercial Mediation Rules of the American Arbitration Association or such other rules as may be agreed upon by the parties. The results of this mediation shall not be binding upon either party. Costs of any mediation proceeding shall be shared equally by both parties. The parties shall be responsible for their own legal fees incurred during the mediation. The venue of the mediation shall be in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

If mediation is unsuccessful, and/or if any legal proceedings are filed, by entering into this engagement, the Village and we each expressly agree and acknowledge that Circuit Court for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida in and for Miami-Dade County, in Miami, Florida, and the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, in Miami, Florida, shall each have exclusive and sole jurisdiction for any action arising from, from relating to or in connection with this engagement letter, or any course of conduct, course of dealing, statement or actions by us or the Village and their respective employees, representatives, or agents. You expressly acknowledge that you voluntarily submit to personal jurisdiction in the State of Florida for any such legal action.

**WE AND THE VILLAGE EACH HEREBY KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT EITHER MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT TO ANY LITIGATION OR LEGAL PROCEEDINGS BASED HEREON, OR ARISING OUT OF, UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ENGAGEMENT LETTER OR ANY COURSE OF CONDUCT, COURSE OF DEALING, STATEMENT (WHETHER VERBAL OR WRITTEN) OR ACTIONS OF EITHER US OR THE VILLAGE.**

The provisions of the immediately preceding last two paragraphs of this engagement letter are each a material inducement for us to accept this engagement in accordance with the provisions of this engagement letter. The terms and provisions of this engagement letter, any course of conduct, course of dealing and/or action on our part and/or by the Village and our relationship with the Village shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. In any litigation brought either by us or the Village, the prevailing party shall be entitled to an award of its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred, including through all appeals.

Our audit is intended for the benefit of the Village. The audit will not be planned or conducted in contemplation of reliance by any third party or with respect to any specific transaction. Therefore, items of possible interest to a third party will not be specifically addressed and matters may exist that would be assessed differently by a third party, possibly in connection with a specific transaction. If you intend to publish or otherwise reproduce the financial statements together with our report (or otherwise make reference to our Firm) in a document that contains other information, you agree to provide us with a draft of the document to read and comment on before it is printed and distributed.

Furthermore, you agree that the terms of this engagement do not encompass an undertaking by us (1) to consent, by means of separate letter or otherwise, to the inclusion of our auditors' report on the financial statements referred to above in a filing with a Federal or state regulatory agency or otherwise reissue our report for purposes of a securities offering or other financing transaction, or (2) to acknowledge reliance on our report by others.

With regard to the electronic dissemination of the audited financial statements, including financial statements published electronically on a website, you understand that electronic sites are a means to distribute information and, therefore, we are not required to read the information contained in these sites or to consider the consistency of other information in the electronic site with the original document. Further, you hereby authorize Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP to electronically submit to your employees or to others as you may request or as may be necessary to perform our engagement, any financial statements, workpapers, and other information related to our services under this agreement.

By your signature below, you acknowledge and agree to hold Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP harmless from any damages, claims, liabilities, losses, and costs (including legal fees of counsel of our own choosing) whatsoever that might be caused by the electronic transmission or submission of this data.

We acknowledge your right to terminate our services at any time, and you acknowledge our right to resign at any time (including instances where in our judgment, our independence has been impaired or we can no longer rely on the integrity of management), subject in either case to our right to payment for all direct or indirect charges incurred through the date of termination or resignation or thereafter as circumstances and this engagement agreement may require.

This engagement letter reflects the entire agreement between us relating to the services covered by this letter. It replaces and supersedes any previous proposals, correspondence and understandings, whether written or oral. If any portion of this agreement is held to be void, invalid or otherwise unenforceable, in whole or in part, the remaining portions of this agreement shall remain in effect. The agreements of the Village and Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP contained in this engagement letter shall survive the completion or termination of this engagement.

## **Reporting**

We will issue written reports upon completion of our Single Audit. Our reports will be addressed to the Honorable Mayor, Members of the Village Council, and Village Manager. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions, add a separate section, or add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph to our auditors' report, or if necessary, withdraw from this engagement. If our opinions are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or issue reports, or we may withdraw from this engagement.

The *Government Auditing Standards* report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters will state that (1) the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control or on compliance, and (2) the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Village's internal control and compliance. The Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, report on internal control over compliance will state that the purpose of the report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Both reports will state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Any electronic signature transmitted through DocuSign or manual signature on this engagement letter transmitted by facsimile or by electronic mail may be considered an original signature. Counterpart signatures are acceptable. By acknowledging acceptance of the terms of this engagement, each of the person(s) who has executed this engagement letter, below, represents and warrants that each such person has the authority from the Village to employ us on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of continued service to the Village and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the attached copy and return it to us.

**This engagement letter is renewable at the option of the Village.**

Very truly yours,

Enrique Llerena, CPA  
Partner  
Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the Village.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_