

# Windward at Lakewood Ranch Community Development District

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The meeting of the Audit Selection Committee Meeting for the Windward at Lakewood Ranch Community Development District will be held **Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 12:15 PM at 5800 Lakewood Ranch Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34240**. The following is the proposed agenda for this meeting

**Call in number: 1-844-621-3956 (New)**

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## **AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

- Roll Call to Confirm a Quorum
- Review and Approval of Audit Documents
  - Audit RFP Notice
  - Instructions to Proposers
  - Evaluation Criteria – with and without price
- Adjournment

**WINDWARD AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING AND REGULAR BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS MEETING**

The Board of Supervisors of the Windward at Lakewood Ranch Community Development District will hold an Audit Committee meeting and regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on \_\_\_\_\_ 2021 at 12:15 p.m. at the 5800 Lakewood Ranch Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34240. The regular meeting will take place immediately following the adjournment of the Audit Committee meeting. The Audit Committee will review, discuss and recommend an auditor to provide audit services to the District for Fiscal Year 2020. A copy of the agendas and budget may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, PFM Group Consulting, LLC, located at 12051 Corporate Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32817, (407) 723-5900, during normal business hours.

The public hearing and meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The public hearing and meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meetings. There may be occasions when Board Supervisors or District Staff may participate by speaker telephone.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in these meetings is asked to advise the District Office at (407) 723-5900 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meetings. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board or the Committee with respect to any matter considered at the meetings is advised that this same person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Vivian Carvalho  
District Manager

**RUN DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WINDWARD AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES**

The Windward at Lakewood 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, 2020, with an option for two (2) 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 Sarasota County and has an operating budget of approximately \$\_\_\_\_\_. The final contract will require that, among other things, the audit for Fiscal Year 2020 be completed no later than June 1, 2021.

Each auditing entity submitting a proposal must be authorized to do business in Florida; hold all applicable state and federal professional licenses in good standing, including but not limited to a license 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 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 three (3) copies of their proposal to Vivian Carvalho, District Manager, located at 12051 Corporate Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32817, in an envelope marked on the outside "Auditing Services- Windward at Lakewood Ranch Community Development District." Proposals must be received by \_\_\_\_\_, **2020, at 5:00 p.m.**, at the office of the District Manager. Please direct all questions regarding this Request for Proposals to the District Manager, who can be reached at (407) 723-5900.

Any protest regarding the terms of this Notice, or the proposal packages on file with the District Manager, must be filed in writing at the offices of the District Manager within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding weekends) after publication of this Notice. 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 Notice or proposal package provisions.

Windward at Lakewood Ranch Community Development District  
Vivian Carvalho, District Manager

**RUN DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WINDWARD AT LAKEWOOD RANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2020  
Sarasota County, Florida**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS**

**SECTION 1. DUE DATE.** Sealed proposals must be received no later than \_\_\_\_\_, **2021, at 5:00 p.m.**, at the offices of the District Manager, PFM Group Consulting, LLC., located at 12051 Corporate Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32817.

**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.** Each Proposer shall submit three (3) copies of the Proposal Documents (defined below), 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 – Laurel Road 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 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 or engagement letter with the District.

**SECTION 11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** Nothing herein shall be construed as or constitute a waiver of District's limited waiver of liability contained in section 768.28, Florida Statutes, or any other statute or law.

**SECTION 12. CONTENTS OF PROPOSALS.** 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.** Provide three (3) 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. Identify any work previously conducted for other community development districts.
- D.** The lump sum cost of the provision of the services under the proposal, plus the cost of two (2) 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) hours after the receipt of the proposed 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 contract award.

**SECTION 14. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS.** The criteria to be used in the evaluation of proposals are presented in the evaluation criteria, contained within the Proposal Documents.

**AUDITOR SELECTION  
EVALUATION CRITERIA (WITH PRICE)**

**1. *Ability of Personnel.* (20 Points)**

This includes the 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)**

This includes 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.

**5. *Price.* (20 Points)**

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

