



The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has long recommended that state and local governmental entities obtain independent audits of their financial statements, and single audits, if required based on the entity's use of federal or state grant funds, performed in accordance with the appropriate professional auditing standards. Properly performed audits play a vital role in the public sector by helping to preserve the integrity of the public finance functions, and by maintaining citizens' confidence in their elected leaders.



- The scope of the independent audit should encompass not only the fair presentation of the basic financial statements, but also the fair presentation of the financial statements of individual funds and component units. Nevertheless, the selection of the appropriate scope of the independent audit ultimately remains a matter of professional judgment. Accordingly, those responsible for securing independent audits should make their decision concerning the appropriate scope of the audit engagement based upon their particular government's specific needs and circumstances, consistent with applicable legal requirements.
- Governmental entities should require in their audit contracts that the auditors of their financial statements perform their audits in accordance with the audit standards promulgated in the U.S. Government Accountability Office's Government Auditing Standards. Government Auditing Standards, also known as Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS), provide a higher level of assurance with regard to internal control than Generally Accepted Audit Standards (GAAS), which are fully incorporated into GAGAS.
- Governmental entities should enter into multiyear agreements of at least five years in duration when obtaining the services of independent auditors. Such multiyear agreements can take a variety of different forms (e.g., a series of single-year contracts), consistent with applicable legal requirements. Such agreements allow for greater continuity and help to minimize the potential for disruption in connection with the independent audit. Multiyear agreements can also help to reduce audit costs by allowing auditors to recover certain "startup" costs over several years, rather than over a single year.
- Governmental entities should undertake a full-scale competitive process for the selection of independent auditors at the end of the term of each audit contract, consistent with applicable legal requirements. While there is some belief that auditor independence is enhanced by a policy requiring that the independent audit firm be replaced at the end of each multiyear agreement, unfortunately, the frequent lack of competition among audit firms fully qualified to perform public-sector audits could make a policy of mandatory audit firm rotation counterproductive. In such cases, it is recommended that a governmental entity actively seek the participation of all qualified firms, including the current auditors, assuming that the past performance of the current auditors has proven satisfactory. Where audit firm rotation does not result from this process, governments may consider requesting that senior engagement staff, such as engagement partners and senior managers, be rotated to provide a fresh perspective. Except in cases where a multiyear agreement has taken the form of a series of single-year contracts, a contractual provision for the automatic renewal of the audit contract (e.g., an automatic second term for the auditor upon satisfactory performance) is inconsistent with this recommendation.
- Professional standards allow independent auditors to perform certain types of nonaudit services for their audit clients. Any significant

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April 16, 2021

The Honorable Village President
Members of the Board of Trustees
Village of Lombard, Illinois

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide the Village of Lombard, Illinois for the years ended December 31, 2021, December 31, 2022, and December 31, 2023.

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, and the disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Village as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021, December 31, 2022, and December 31, 2023. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) 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 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 U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited: management's discussion and analysis, the budgetary comparison schedules, pension plan employer contribution schedules, changes in the employer's net pension liability schedules, pension plan investment return schedules, and schedule of changes in employer's total OPEB liability.

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 will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole, in a report combined with our auditor's report on the financial statements: combining and individual fund statements and budgetary comparison schedules, and other information listed as supplemental 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: introductory and statistical information.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements – Continued

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, include tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected customers, creditors, and financial institutions. We will also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry.

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, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies in internal control. 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.

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 the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion.

Other Services

We will also assist in preparing the financial statements and required audit adjustments, if any, for the Village in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America based on information provided by you. We will perform these services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are limited to the financial statements previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgement, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand your responsibility for designing, implementing, and maintaining 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 monitoring ongoing activities; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

Our fees for the December 31, 2021, December 31, 2022, and December 31, 2023 audits will be as follows:

	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2023	*At the Village's Option		
				December 31, 2024 *	December 31, 2025 *	December 31, 2026 *
Audit	\$ 31,700	\$ 32,375	\$ 33,050	\$ 33,725	\$ 34,400	\$ 35,075
TIF Reports	825	850	875	900	925	950
Police Pension Fund	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included
Firefighters' Pension Fund	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included
Single Audit, if needed	2,750	2,800	2,850	2,900	2,950	3,000
Total	\$ 35,275	\$ 36,025	\$ 36,775	\$ 37,525	\$ 38,275	\$ 39,025

The Village agrees that during the term of this agreement and for a period of twelve months thereafter, the Village shall not solicit, or arrange an employment contract with personnel of Lauterbach & Amen, LLP. Violation of this provision shall, in addition to other relief, require the Village to compensate Lauterbach & Amen, LLP with one hundred percent of the solicited person's annual compensation.

Reporting

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the Village's financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the Board of Trustees of the Village. We cannot provide assurance that unmodified opinions will be expressed. 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 or add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph to our auditor's 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 withdraw from this engagement.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the Village of Lombard, Illinois 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 below and return it to us.

Cordially,

Lauterbach & Amen, LLP
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RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the Village of Lombard, Illinois.

By:

Title:

[Signature]
Village President