



Office of the Washington State Auditor

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Exit Conference: City of Tieton

The Office of the Washington State Auditor's vision is increased trust in government. Our mission is to provide citizens with independence and transparent examinations of how state and local governments use public funds, and develop strategies that make government more efficient and effective.

The purpose of this meeting is to share the results of your audit and our draft reporting. We value and appreciate your participation.

Audit Reports

We will publish the following reports:

- Accountability audit for January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018 - see draft report.
- Financial statement audit for January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018 - see draft report.

Audit Highlights

- City staff was friendly and responsive to audit documentation requests.
- City documents were nicely organized, which made it easy to review documentation.
- City Clerk/Treasurer was patient and kept us informed on status of addition request when multiple auditors were on-site

Recommendations not included in the Audit Reports

Management Letters

Management letters communicate control deficiencies, non-compliance or abuse with a less-than-material effect on the financial statements or other items significant to our audit objectives. Management letters are referenced, but not included, in the audit report. We noted certain matters that we are communicating in a letter to management related to utility billings and restricted revenues.

Exit Items

We have provided exit recommendations for management's consideration. Exit items address control deficiencies or non-compliance with laws or regulation that have an insignificant or immaterial effect on the entity, or errors with an immaterial effect on the financial statements. Exit items are not referenced in the audit report.

Communications required by audit standards

In relation to our financial statement audit report, we would like to bring to your attention:

- Uncorrected misstatements in the audited financial statements are summarized on the attached schedule. We agree with management's representation that these misstatements are immaterial to the fair presentation of the financial statements.

- There were no material misstatements in the financial statements corrected by management during the audit.

Finalizing Your Audit

Report Publication

Audit reports are published on our website and distributed via e-mail in an electronic .pdf file. We also offer a subscription service that allows you to be notified by email when audit reports are released or posted to our website. You can sign up for this convenient service at: <https://portal.sao.wa.gov/SAOPortal/>

Management Representation Letter

We have included a copy of representations requested of management.

Audit Cost

At the entrance conference, we estimated the cost of the audit to be \$26,226 and actual audit costs will approximate \$28,180 due to our rate increase in January 2020.

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Your Next Scheduled Audit

Your next audit is scheduled to be conducted in 2022 and will cover the following general areas:

- Accountability for Public Resources for 2019, 2020, and 2021
- Financial Statement for 2019, 2020, and 2021

The estimated cost for the next audit based on current rates is \$27,600, plus travel expenses. This preliminary estimate is provided as a budgeting tool and not a guarantee of final cost.

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FNCL 103 hours
LCEN 4 hours
Total 244 hours x \$113.10 = \$27,596.40

If expenditures of federal awards are \$750,000 or more in any fiscal year, notify our Office so we can schedule your audit to meet federal single audit requirements. Federal awards can include grants, loans, and non-cash assistance such as equipment and supplies.

Working Together to Improve Government

Audit Survey

When your report is released you will receive an audit survey from us. We value your opinions on our audit services and hope you provide feedback.

Local Government Support Team

This team provides support services to local governments through technical assistance, comparative statistics, training, and tools to help prevent and detect a loss of public funds. Our website and client portal offers many resources, including a client Help Desk that answers auditing and accounting questions. Additionally this team assists with the online filing of your financial statements.

The Center for Government Innovation

The Center for Government Innovation of the Office of the Washington State Auditor is designed to offer services specifically to help you help the residents you serve at no additional cost to your government. What does this mean? We provide expert advice in areas like Lean, peer-to-peer networking and culture-building to help local

governments find ways to be more efficient, effective and transparent. The Center can help you by providing assistance in financial management, cybersecurity and more. Check out our best practices and other resources that help local governments act on accounting standard changes, comply with regulations, and respond to recommendations in your audit. The Center understands that time is your most precious commodity as a public servant, and we are here to help you do more with the limited hours you have. If you are interested in learning how we can help you maximize your effect in government, call us at 360-725-5621 or email us at Center@sao.wa.gov.

Questions?

Please contact us with any questions about information in this document or related audit reports.

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