

# Office of the Washington State Auditor Pat McCarthy

# **Exit Conference: City of Shoreline**

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, 2018 through December 31, 2018 see draft report.
- Financial statement and federal grant compliance audit for January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

### **Audit Highlights**

- We would like to thank Mark Gregg, Finance Director, and City Staff for their cooperation and timely response to our requests during the audit.
- We thank the City for its commitment to fiscal accountability and accurate financial reporting.

# Recommendations not included in the Audit Reports

#### **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.

#### **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 received from management.

#### **Audit Cost**

At the entrance conference, we estimated the cost of the audit to be \$83,000, plus estimated charges for travel time of \$8,000, and actual audit costs will approximate that amount.

#### Your Next Scheduled Audit

Your next audit is scheduled to be conducted in summer 2020 and will cover the following general areas:

- Accountability for Public Resources
- Financial Statement
- Federal Programs

The estimated cost for the next audit based on the new billing rate effective January 1, 2020 is \$89,300 plus estimated charges for travel time of \$8,900. This preliminary estimate is provided as a budgeting tool and not a guarantee of final cost.

#### **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 is a resource for local governments that want to solve problems, innovate, and improve the value of their services to citizens. The Center is available by phone, online, or in person to offer assistance, programs, and tools – at no additional charge. You can contact the Center for more information 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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