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TO: Finance Committee

FROM: Tony Saucerman, Finance Director

DATE: September 20, 2021

RE: Request to award 3-year contract to CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to provide audit services for the 2021, 2022 and 2023 annual audits

The City’s current contract with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (CLA) to provide audit services expired upon completion of the 2020 audit in June, 2021. In July, 2021 an RFP for audit services for the years 2021 – 2023 was issued. The RFP drew six responses from public accounting firms. The responses were evaluated by a team of staff from the Finance Department, Department of Public Works, Attorneys Office and Valley Transit. The results of the scoring (95 max.) are indicated below along with the three-year costs proposed by each firm.

<u>Firm Name</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Total</u>
CLA	81	\$ 78,540	\$ 80,100	\$ 80,900	\$239,540
Baker Tilly	79	\$100,250	\$103,600	\$106,950	\$310,800
Sikich LLP	72	\$ 62,920	\$ 63,550	\$ 64,190	\$190,660
KerberRose SC	69	\$ 71,375	\$ 72,950	\$ 75,100	\$219,425
Lauterbach & Amen, LLP	67	\$ 39,520	\$ 40,774	\$ 42,028	\$122,322
BerganKDV	56	\$ 65,000	\$ 67,000	\$ 69,000	\$201,000

Based on the overall scoring, staff is requesting the Finance Committee’s approval to award the contract to CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. CliftonLarsonAllen LLP has been the City’s independent auditors for the past five years. We have been happy with the service they have provided as they have shown to be very knowledgeable, professional, helpful, and flexible. Although not the lowest cost response, based on our experience with them and their experience providing auditing and consulting services to many Wisconsin municipalities, we are confident, as evidenced by the overall scores above, they provide the best value. Their proposed fee for 2021 represents a 2% increase over the cost of the 2020 audit.

If you have any questions on this request, feel free to contact me.