

Finance Committee Meeting

AGENDA

September 1, 2009

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. MATTERS BEFORE COMMITTEE
 - 1. <u>Audit Proposal</u>
- III. ADJOURN



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Audit Proposal	
Department:	
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Financial Impact:	
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August 26, 2009

City of Monroe, Georgia Attn: Ms. Renee Prather, Finance Director 215 N. Broad Street P.O. Box 1249 Monroe, Georgia 30655

Dear Ms. Prather:

Mauldin & Jenkins Certified Public Accountants, LLC ("Mauldin & Jenkins") is very excited about the opportunity to continue to provide independent auditing services to the City of Monroe, Georgia (the "City"). As professionals serving the public sector, we believe our firm is eminently qualified to serve the City.

As you know, Mauldin & Jenkins is a leader in auditing state and local governments in Georgia. This leadership was attained not by us viewing all audits the same. Rather, this was achieved by recognizing that we are an important part of the City's success, with our objective being to ensure that accurate information is reported to the governing bodies, management, and citizens. Given the complexities of the City's financial operations and the continued major changes in your financial reporting, it is imperative that you select a prominent accounting firm that is focused in the government arena. We achieve these objectives and thus differentiate ourselves from our peers in the following ways:

- ◆ Experience with governments in Georgia. As auditors for more governments in Georgia than any other firm, our Mauldin & Jenkins professionals are thoroughly versed in the City's unique and complex functions and have consistently provided the highest quality of service to our government clients. Please see our attached resume, and consider the following thoughts:
 - We audit more cities in Georgia than any other firm.
 - We audit more counties in Georgia than any other firm.
 - We audit more State agencies than any other firm.
 - We audit more school districts in Georgia than any other firm.
- ◆ Staffing. Our staff retention rates are considered to be among the best in the profession. This fact, coupled with our vast array of government clients, results in a staff pool experienced with governmental entities with the definite capacity to serve the City. We are able to not only provide consistency with the partner and manager on our engagement teams, but seniors and staff as well.

- ◆ Responsiveness. Mauldin & Jenkins has the resources of many larger firms and the sensitivity to client service of smaller firms. We pride ourselves in responding to the needs of our clients and meeting their deadlines. This responsiveness is not only the ability to meet specified audit deadlines, but also the ability to respond to other requests. These requests could be in the form of accounting advice throughout the year, assistance with bond offerings, or in providing other professional services. Our ability to be responsive is enhanced by the open communications and good working relationship we have with our clients.
- ♦ Organized to specifically meet your needs. Our profession's clients have indicated that they want professionals who understood their business. Mauldin & Jenkins has responded to this request by developing several practices in which we focus our professionals, their development, and our marketing and training efforts. The Governmental sector is one of the segments we have decided to focus on and is one of the largest practices within our firm. This means the partners, managers, and even many seniors and staff in the Governmental practice spend virtually 100% of their time serving governmental organizations.

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC is pleased to submit cost estimates to provide annual financial and compliance auditing services for the City for the years ending December 31, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 as follows:

December 31, 2009	\$49,000
December 31, 2010	49,000
December 31, 2011	51,000
December 31, 2012	53,000
December 31, 2013	55,000

The above fees do not include the provision for the performance of a Single Audit and the reporting thereof. The cost of a Single Audit varies depending on the applicable grant(s). If a Single Audit is required, our fee estimate for the audit of one (1) major program is \$7,000, \$7,000, \$7,500, \$8,000, and \$8,000 for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013, respectively.

The City of Monroe, Georgia is an important client to Mauldin & Jenkins and one that we are proud to serve. We offer you a team with significant experience working with state and local governments, as well as experience in working with the City. Again, on behalf of Mauldin & Jenkins, we are excited about this opportunity to continue to work with the City in order to help meet the continuing challenges you face.

Thank you for allowing us to present our proposal. This proposal represents a firm offer for 60 business days from the date of the letter. As a Member of Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, I am authorized to bind and make representations for the Firm. Please contact me at (678) 742-6771 or by email at afraley@mjcpa.com, if you have any questions about this proposal or any related matters.

Very truly yours,

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Adam M. Fraley

Mauldin &	Jenkins Governments Served
Past Three (3)	Years and Contracted Forward

Counties	Past Three (3) Years and Contracted F Cities	Special Purpose Authorities
Athens-Clarke County	City of Albany	Albany Dougherty Inner City Authority
1	City of Alpharetta	Americus / Sumter Co. Parks/Rec. Auth.
Barrow County Bibb County	City of Americus	Atlanta - Fulton County Water Res. Com.
Carroll County	City of Americus City of Avondale Estates	Atlanta Development Authority
Cherokee County, etal.	City of Ball Ground	Barrow County W&S Auth.
Columbia County	City of Bremen	Bartram Trail Regional Library System
Columbus Consolidated Government	City of Canton	Brunswick-Glynn Joint W&S Com.
Crawford County	City of Canton City of Chattahoochee Hills	Carroll County Water Authority
Crisp County	City of Clarkston	Chatsworth Water Works Commission
DeKalb County	City of College Park	Cherokee Airport Authority
Dougherty County	City of Conyers	City of Albany Water, Gas & Light Com.
Fannin County	City of Cordele	City of Albany's Chehaw Park Authority
Floyd County	City of Covington	Classic Center Authority of Clarke County
Gwinnett County	City of Decatur	Clayton County Housing Authority
Henry County	City of Douglasville	Clayton County Water Authority
Jones County	City of Duluth	Cobb - Marietta Water Authority
Liberty County	City of Ellijay	Crisp County Power Commission (etal)
Lincoln County	City of Fayetteville	CSB - Albany
Lumpkin County	City of Forest Park	Dodge County - Eastman Dev. Auth.
McDuffie County	City of Forsyth	Douglasville - Douglas Co. W&S Auth.
McIntosh County	City of Griffin	Georgia Higher Education Facilities Auth.
Monroe County	City of Hinesville	Georgia Superior Court Clerk's Coop. Auth.
Peach County	City of Jasper	Gwinnett County Development Authority
Pickens County	City of Jefferson	Gwinnett County Library System
Spalding County	City of Johns Creek	Gwinnett County Water & Sewer Authority
Stephens County	City of Kennesaw	Henry County Water & Sewerage Authority
Sumter County	City of Kingsland	Lumpkin County Dev. Auth.
Taylor County	City of Lilburn	Lumpkin County W&S Auth.
Tift County	City of Macon	Macon Water Authority
Walton County	City of Milledgeville	Macon-Bibb County Landbank Auth.
	City of Milton	MARTA / ATU Local 732 'Ee's Ret. Plan
School Districts	City of Monroe	Milledgeville - Baldwin Co. Chamber
Atlanta Public Schools	City of Montezuma	Ocmulgee Regional Library System
Bibb County Board of Education	City of Morrow	Peachtree City Development Auth.
Carroll County Board of Education	City of Peachtree City	Peachtree City Tourism Association
Carrollton City Schools	City of Powder Springs	Peachtree City Water & Sewer Auth.
City of Cartersville Board of Education	City of Riverdale	Springbrook Golf Course
City of Dalton Board of Education	City of Rome	Toccoa-Stephens County Public Library
City of Marietta Board of Education	City of Roswell (etal)	Uncle Remus Library System
City Schools of Decatur	City of Sandy Springs	Walton County Water & Sewer Auth.
Clayton County Board of Education	City of Social Circle	
DeKalb County Board of Education	City of St. Marys	
Douglas County Board of Education	City of Suwanee	Out Fatter
Fayette County Board of Education	City of Tybee Island	State Entities Alabama Pagaid Afford Callege Tuition (BACT)
Forsyth County Schools	City of Union City	Alabama Prepaid Afford. College Tuition (PACT)
Fulton County Board of Education	City of Valdosta	Alabama Higher Education Loan Corp.
Glynn County Board of Education	City of Whitesburg	Georgia Department of Community Health
Gwinnett County Board of Education	Town of Sharpsburg	Georgia Building Authority Georgia Education Authority
Henry County Board of Education	Town of Tyrone	Georgia Environmental Facilities Auth.
Laurens County Board of Education		Georgia Higher Education Assist. Corp.
Marion County Board of Education		Georgia Lottery Corporation
McDuffie County Board of Education	163 Governmental Entities Served	Georgia Merit System Plans (2 Plans)
Oconee County Board of Education Peach County Board of Education	by Mauldin & Jenkins	Georgia Ports Authority
Polk County Board of Education	oy manun & Jenkins	Georgia State Financing & Invest. Com.
Putnam County Board of Education		Georgia State Properties Commission
Rome Board of Education		Georgia State Properties Commission Georgia State Road & Tollway Auth.
Thomas County Board of Education		Georgia Student Finance Authority
Twiggs County Board of Education		Kennesaw State University Athletic Dept.
Walton County Board of Education		Stone Mountian Memorial Association
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