



April 29, 2015

Agenda

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Special Business
Meeting/ Budget Workshop
Valencia County
Administration Building
444 Luna Ave.
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Board of County Commissioners

Charles D. Eaton, Chair	District IV
Jhonathan Aragon, Vice-Chair	District V
Helen Y. Cole	District I
Alicia Aguilar	District II
David A. Hyder	District III

Please Silence all Electronic Devices

- 1) Call Meeting to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Approval of Agenda

ACTION ITEMS(S)

- 4) Consideration to Award Professional Services Contract for FY2015 Financial Audit. *Lisa Storey*
- 5) Consideration of Budget Adjustment for Older American's Program. *Christina Card*

WORKSHOP

Preliminary Budget Review (by Department)

NEXT COMMISSION MEETINGS

April 30, 2015-Preliminary Budget Workshop from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031

May 6, 2015 – Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M.
Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031

May 13, 2015 – Public Hearing @ 5:00 P.M.
Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031

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**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING / BUDGET WORKSHOP**

APRIL 29, 2015

PRESENT	ABSENT
Charles D. Eaton, Chairman	
Jhonathan Aragon, Vice-Chair	
David A. Hyder, Member	
Alicia Aguilar, Member	
Helen Y. Cole, Member	
Jeff Condrey, County Manager	
Adren Nance, County Attorney	Dave Pato, County Attorney
Peggy Carabajal, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eaton at 9:09 A.M.

2) Mr. Nance led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Aguilar moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Cole. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEM(S)

4) Consideration to Award Professional Services Contract for FY 2015 Financial Audit. Lisa Storey

Ms. Storey asked for commission approval to award the contract to Axiom Certified Public Accountants for the FY 2015 audit. Axiom has done the county's audit for the past 3 years; this contract will expire in November 2015.

Commissioner Aguilar moved for approval. Seconded by Chairman Eaton. Motion carried unanimously. (See Exhibit A)

5) Consideration of Budget Adjustment for Older American's Program. Christina Card
Ms. Card stated that the budget adjustment of \$15,000 is needed to increase revenues and expenditures for the Older American's Program.

Commissioner Aguilar moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Cole. Motion carried unanimously.

County Clerk Peggy Carabajal announced Resolution 2015-33 (See Exhibit B)

WORKSHOP

Commissioner Aragon was absent for the morning session of the workshop.

Preliminary Budget Review (by Department)

The commission reviewed the budgets for the following departments:

- County Commission/Manager
- Assessor
- County Clerk/Bureau of Elections
- Treasurer
- Planning & Zoning/Code Enforcement
- Probate Judge
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Purchasing
- Animal Control

Chairman Eaton was absent for the afternoon session of the workshop.

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6) Adjournment

Commissioner Cole moved for adjournment. Seconded by Commissioner Aguilar. Motion carried unanimously. TIME: 5:05 P.M.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the April 29, 2015 Special Business Meeting/Budget Workshop (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

[Signature]
CHARLES D. EATON, CHAIRMAN

[Signature]
JHONATHAN ARAGON, VICE-CHAIR

[Signature]
DAVID A. HYDER, MEMBER

[Signature]
ALICIA AGUILAR, MEMBER

[Signature]
HELEN Y. COLE, MEMBER

ATTEST: *[Signature]*
PEGGY OARABAJAL, COUNTY CLERK
DATE: 5-29-2015



Department of Finance and Administration
 Local Government Division
 Financial Management Bureau
 SCHEDULE OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

ENTITY NAME: Valencia County
 FISCAL YEAR: 2014-2015
 DFA Resolution Number: 2015-33

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(A) ENTITY RESOLUTION NUMBER	(B) FUND	(C) REVENUE EXPENDITURE TRANSFER (TO or FROM)	(D) APPROVED BUDGET	(E) ADJUSTMENT	(F) ADJUSTED BUDGET	(G) PURPOSE
	219	Revenue	\$681,811	\$15,000	\$696,811	Increase Revenues to reflect additional funding awarded
	219	Expenditures	\$958,311	\$15,000	\$973,311	Increase Expenditures to reflect additional funding
					\$0	
					\$0	
					\$0	
					\$0	
					\$0	
					\$0.00	

For Local Government Division use only:

[Signature]
 Mayor/Board Chairman
 4-29-2015
 (Date)

SEAL
 TEST: TIPS
 CLERK
 STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 VALENCIA COUNTY
 CLERK
 4-29-15
 (Date)

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444 Luna Avenue ◊ P.O. Box 1119
Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031
Office: 505-866-2014 ◊ Fax: 505-866-3355

IPA Recommendation Form for Audits
(Please print on your agency's letterhead)

- Complete the audit contract (including obtaining the IPA's signature) and submit it to the Office of the State Auditor with this form by the deadline indicated at 2.2.2.8(G)(6)(c).

I. Agency Contact Information

Name of Agency: Valencia County
Address of Agency: 444 Luna Ave PO Box 1119
Phone # of Agency: 505-866-2014 FAX# of Agency 505-866-3355
City: Los Lunas (State: NM) Zip: NM - 87031 Web Site Address:

Agency Head Contact Information

Name of Agency Head: Jeff Condrey Title of Agency Head: County Manager
E-mail address of Agency Head: jeff.condrey@co.valencia.nm.us

Agency Contact Information

Name of Agency Contact: Michelle Romero Title of Agency Contact: Purchasing Agent
Phone # of Agency Contact: 505-866-2005 FAX# of Agency Contact 505-866-2424
E-mail address of Agency Contact: michelle.romero@co.valencia.nm.us

Note: Please fill out e-mail address of contact person. All fully executed contracts will be sent via e-mail.

II. Recommended Independent Public Accountant (IPA) Information

As required by the Audit Rule, Section 2.2.2.8.E(3), an IPA subject to contract restriction is responsible for informing this agency whether it is eligible to engage in this proposed contract. By signing the signature page, I am verifying herein that the IPA has certified its eligibility to engage in this proposed contract.

Name of IPA Firm:
Axiom Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors LLC
Phone # 505-767-7640 Fax: 505-767-7601 E-mail CHRIS.GARNER@AXIOMNM.COM
Address: 316 Osuna Road NE Suite 401 Albuquerque, NM 87107

Note: If there is a change in the On-Site Manager, the Office of the State Auditor must be notified in writing.

III. Important Dates

For which Fiscal Year (FY) is this recommendation being made: 2015
Estimated Audit Start Date Estimated Completion Date October 15, 2015

IV. Single Audit Requirement

Please check the box below that applies to your agency (a Single Audit should have been included in the procurement if the agency expended \$500,000 or more of federal funds:

- My agency procured an annual financial and compliance audit without a Single Audit.
My agency procured an annual financial and compliance audit with a Single Audit.

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Jeff C iager

Exhibit B

V. Multi-Year Certification

Please check the appropriate box below:

- This is a multi-year award and this request applies to the _____ year of a 3 year Proposal.
 This is a one year procurement award for only the fiscal year indicated in Section III.

VI. Fee and Hour Breakdown

Category	The first year of our 3-year procurement was FY 20 <u>15</u> (or use just these columns for one-year procurement)		The second year of our 3-year procurement was FY 20 _____		The third year of our 3-year procurement was FY 20 _____	
	Year 1 Hours	Year 1 Cost	Year 2 Hours	Year 2 Cost	Year 3 Hours	Year 3 Cost
Financial Statement Audit	345	\$ 37,950.00				
Financial Statement Preparation	45	\$ 4,950.00				
Federal Single Audit	0	\$ 0.00				
Other allowed non-audit services	0	\$ 0.00				
Component Units						
Other						
SUBTOTAL		\$ 42,900.00		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
Gross Receipts Tax		\$ 3,083.00				
TOTAL	390	\$ 45,983.00	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00

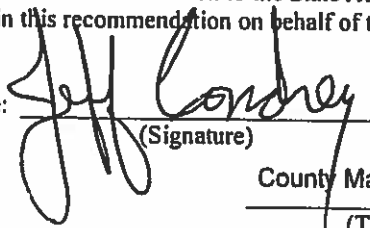
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SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that all the information submitted in this recommendation is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. Furthermore, I also hereby certify that, to the best of knowledge, my agency complied with applicable provisions of the New Mexico Procurement Code (Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199 NMSA 1978) and the Audit Rule (2.2.2 NMAC) in the procurement of the IPA and recommendation to the State Auditor. Finally, I hereby attest that I have the authority to certify the information submitted in this recommendation on behalf of the agency.

Agency Head/Designee:


(Signature)

Jeff Condrey

(Print Name)

County Manager

4/29/15

(Title and Date)

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
AUDIT CONTRACT
(Counties)**

Valencia County

hereinafter referred to as the "Agency," and

Axiom Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors LLC

hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor," agree:

As required by the Audit Rule, NMAC Section 2.2.2.1 et seq., Contractor agrees to, and shall, inform the Agency of any restriction placed on Contractor by the Office of the State Auditor pursuant to NMAC Section 2.2.2.8.E, and whether the Contractor is eligible to enter into this Contract despite the restriction.

1. SCOPE OF WORK (Include in Paragraph 25 any expansion of scope)

A. The Contractor shall conduct a financial and compliance audit of the following applicable statements and schedules of the Agency for the period from **July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015**:

- (1) Basic Financial Statements consisting of the government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, budgetary comparison statements for the general fund and major special revenue funds (GASB 34, footnote 53), and the notes to the financial statements;
- (2) Required supplemental information (RSI), if applicable, consisting of budgetary comparison schedules for the general fund and major special revenue fund data presented on a fund, organization, or program structure basis because the budgetary information is not available on the GAAP fund structure basis for those funds (*GASB Statement No. 41, Budgetary Comparison Schedules—Perspective Differences an amendment of GASB Statement No. 34*) must be audited and included in the auditor's opinion (AAG-SLV 14.52);
- (3) Supplemental Information (SI) that must be audited and included in the auditor's opinion (AAG-SLV 14.52), if applicable, consisting of:
 - (a) Component unit fund financial statements and related combining statements (if there are no separately issued financial statements on the component unit per AAG-SLV 3.20);
 - (b) Combining financial statements;

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- (c) Individual fund budget comparison statements for remaining funds that have an adopted budget, including proprietary funds, that did not appear as basic financial statement budget comparisons for the general fund, major special revenue funds or as RSI as described above; and
 - (d) Remaining supplemental information on schedules as required by NMAC Section 2.2.2.10.A(2)(f).
- B. The contractor shall apply certain limited procedures to the following required supplemental information (RSI), if applicable, and report deficiencies in or the omission of required information in accordance with the requirements of AU-C 730.05 to 730.09:
- (1) The Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A);
 - (2) RSI data required by Statements 25, 27, 43 and 45 regarding pension plans and post-employment healthcare plans administered by defined benefit pension plans; and
 - (3) Schedules derived from asset management systems (GASB 34, paragraphs 132 to 133).
- C. The audit shall be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards*, OMB Circular A-133, and *Requirements for Contracting and Conducting Governmental Audits* (NMAC Section 2.2.2.1, et seq.).

2. **DELIVERY AND REPRODUCTION**

- A. In order to meet the delivery terms of this Contract, the Contractor shall deliver the following documents to the State Auditor on or before **November 1, 2015** and in accordance with NMAC Section 2.2.2.9:
- (1) an organized, bound and paginated hard copy of the Agency's audit report for review;
 - (2) a copy of the signed management representation letter provided to the IPA by the Agency as required by AU-C580;
 - (3) a Summary of Findings Form available at www.osanm.org; and
 - (4) a copy of the completed State Auditor Report Review Guide available at www.osanm.org;
- B. Reports postmarked by the Agency's due date will be considered received by the due date for purposes of NMAC Section 2.2.2.9. Unfinished or excessively deficient reports will not satisfy this requirement; such reports will be rejected and returned to the Contractor and the State Auditor may take action in accordance with NMAC Section 2.2.2.13.C. If

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the State Auditor does not receive copies of the engagement letter, management representation letter, summary of findings form and the completed Report Review Guide with the audit report or prior to submittal of the audit report, the State Auditor will not consider the report submitted to the State Auditor.

- C. As soon as the Contractor becomes aware that circumstances exist that will make the Agency's audit report late, the Contractor shall immediately provide written notification of the situation to the State Auditor. The notification shall include an explanation regarding why the audit report will be late, when the IPA expects to submit the report and a concurring signature by the Agency. The State Auditor shall also notify the Agency's oversight agency, but confidential information shall be omitted from that notification.
- D. Pursuant to NMAC Section 2.2.2.8.Q, the Contractor shall prepare a written and dated engagement letter that identifies the specific responsibilities of the Contractor and the Agency. The Contractor shall submit to the State Auditor an electronic copy of the signed and dated engagement letter and a list of client prepared documents with expected delivery dates within ten (10) days of the entrance conference.
- E. After its review of the audit report pursuant to NMAC Section 2.2.2.13, the State Auditor shall authorize the Contractor to print and submit the final audit report. Within five business days from the date of the authorization to print and submit the final audit report, the Contractor shall provide the State Auditor with **TWO** copies of the report and an electronic version of the audit report, in PDF format. After the State Auditor officially releases the audit report by issuance of a release letter, the Contractor shall deliver 15 copies of the audit report to the Agency. The Agency or IPA shall ensure that every member of the Agency's governing authority shall receive a copy of the report.
- F. The Agency, upon delivery of its audit report, shall submit the required copies of the data collection form, audit report and corrective action plan to the federal clearinghouse designated by the Office of Management and Budget and each federal awarding agency if the schedule of findings and questioned costs disclose audit findings directly related to federal awards.

3. **COMPENSATION**

- A. The total amount payable by the Agency to the Contractor under this Contract, including New Mexico gross receipts tax and expenses, shall not exceed \$ 45,983.00.
- B. Contractor agrees not to, and shall not, perform any services in furtherance of this Contract prior to approval by the State Auditor. In accordance with Section 12-6-14(A), NMSA 1978, and NMAC Section 2.2.2.8.N(1), Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it will not be entitled to payment or compensation for any services performed by Contractor pursuant to this Contract prior to approval by the State Auditor.

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C. Total Compensation will consist of the following:

SERVICES	AMOUNTS
(1) Financial statement audit	\$ 37,950.00
(2) Federal single audit	\$ 0.00
(3) Financial statement preparation	\$ 4,950.00
(4) Other nonaudit services, such as depreciation schedule updates	\$ 0.00
(5) Other (i.e., component units, specifically identified)	

Gross Receipts Tax = \$ 3,083.00

Total Compensation = \$ 45,983.00

- D. The Agency shall pay the Contractor the New Mexico gross receipts tax levied on the amounts payable under this Contract and invoiced by the Contractor. Payment is subject to availability of funds pursuant to the Appropriations Paragraph set forth below.
- E. Pursuant to Section 12-6-14, NMSA 1978 and NMAC Section 2.2.2.8.N, the State Auditor may authorize progress payments to the Contractor by the Agency; provided that the authorization is based upon evidence of the percentage of audit work completed as of the date of the request for partial payment. Progress payments up to 69% do not require State Auditor approval, provided that the Agency certifies receipt of services. The Agency must monitor audit progress and make progress payments only up to the percentage that the audit is completed prior to making the 69% payment. Progress payments from 70% to 90% require State Auditor approval after being approved by the Agency. If requested by the State Auditor, the Agency shall provide a copy of the approved progress billings. The State Auditor may allow only the first 50% of progress payments to be made without State Auditor approval if the Contractor's previous audits were submitted after the due date. Final payment for services rendered by the Contractor shall not be made until a determination and written finding is made by the State Auditor in the release letter that the audit has been made in a competent manner in accordance with the provisions of this Contract and applicable rules of the State Auditor.

4. **TERM**

- A. THIS CONTRACT SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL APPROVED BY THE STATE AUDITOR. Unless terminated pursuant to Paragraphs 5 or 19, this Contract shall terminate one calendar year after the date on which it is signed by the State Auditor.
- B. If awarded based on a multi-year proposal, each permitted annual extension of the Contract shall be executed by mutual agreement of the parties and approval of the State Auditor pursuant to NMAC Section 2.2.2.8.G(4).

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5. **TERMINATION, BREACH AND REMEDIES**

A. This Contract may be terminated:

- (1) By either party without cause, upon written notice delivered to the other party and the State Auditor at least ten (10) days prior to the intended date of termination.
- (2) By either party, immediately upon written notice delivered to the other party and the State Auditor, if a material breach of any of the terms of this Contract occurs. Unjustified failure to deliver the report in accordance with Paragraph 2 shall constitute a material breach of this Contract.
- (3) By the Agency pursuant to Paragraph 19, immediately upon written notice to the Contractor and the State Auditor.
- (4) By the State Auditor, immediately upon written notice to the Contractor and the Agency after determining that the audit has been unduly delayed, or for any other reason.

B. By termination, neither party may nullify obligations already incurred for performance or failure to perform prior to the date of termination. If the Agency or the State Auditor terminates this Contract, the Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for work performed prior to termination in the amount of earned, but not yet paid, progress payments, if any, that the State Auditor has authorized to the extent required by Paragraph 3(E). If the Contractor terminates this Contract for any reason other than Agency's breach of this Contract, the Contractor shall repay to the Agency the full amount of any progress payments for work performed under the terms of this Contract.

C. Pursuant to NMAC Section 2.2.2.8.D, the State Auditor may disqualify the Contractor from eligibility to contract for audit services with the State of New Mexico if the Contractor knowingly makes false statements, false assurances or false disclosures under this Contract. The State Auditor on behalf of the Agency or the Agency may bring a civil action for damages or any other relief against a Contractor for a material breach of this Contract.

D. **THE REMEDIES HEREIN ARE NOT EXCLUSIVE, AND NOTHING IN THIS SECTION 5 WAIVES OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF THE PARTIES.**

6. **STATUS OF CONTRACTOR**

The Contractor and its agents and employees are independent contractors performing professional services for the Agency and are not employees of the Agency. The Contractor and its agents and employees shall not accrue leave, retirement, insurance, bonding, use of state vehicles or any other benefits afforded to employees of the Agency as a result of this Contract. The Contractor agrees not to purport to bind the State of New Mexico to any obligation not assumed under this Contract unless the Contractor has express written authority to do so, and then only within the strict limits of that authority.

7. **ASSIGNMENT**

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The Contractor shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Contract or assign any claims for money due or to become due under this Contract.

8. **SUBCONTRACTING**

The Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the services to be performed under this Contract without the prior written approval of the Agency and the State Auditor. An agreement between the Contractor and a subcontractor to subcontract any portion of the services under this Contract shall be completed on a form prescribed by the State Auditor. The agreement shall be an amendment to this Contract and shall specify the portion of the audit services to be performed by the subcontractor, how the responsibility for the audit will be shared between the Contractor and the subcontractor, the party responsible for signing the audit report and the method by which the subcontractor will be paid. Pursuant to NMAC Section 2.2.2.8.L, the Contractor may subcontract only with independent public accounting firms that are on the State Auditor's List of Approved Firms pursuant to NMAC Section 2.2.2.8.B, and that are not otherwise restricted by the Office from entering into such a contract pursuant to NMAC Section 2.2.2.8.E.

9. **RECORDS**

The Contractor shall maintain detailed time records that indicate the date, time, and nature of services rendered during the term of this Contract. The Contractor shall retain the records for a period of at least five (5) years after the date of final payment under this contract. The records shall be subject to inspection by the Agency and the State Auditor. The Agency and the State Auditor shall have the right to audit billings both before and after payment. Payment under this Contract shall not foreclose the right of the Agency or the State Auditor on behalf of the Agency to recover excessive or illegal payments.

10. **RELEASE**

The Contractor, upon receiving final payment of the amounts due under the Contract, releases the State Auditor, the Agency, their respective officers and employees and the State of New Mexico from all liabilities, claims and obligations whatsoever arising from or under this Contract. This paragraph does not release the Contractor from any liabilities, claims or obligations whatsoever arising from or under this Contract.

11. **CONFIDENTIALITY**

All information provided to or developed by the Contractor from any source whatsoever in the performance of this Contract shall be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Contractor, except in accordance with this Contract or applicable standards, without the prior written approval of the Agency and the State Auditor.

12. **PRODUCT OF SERVICES; COPYRIGHT AND REPORT USE**

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Nothing developed or produced, in whole or in part, by the Contractor under this Contract shall be the subject of an application for copyright by or on behalf of the Contractor. The Agency and the State Auditor may post an audited financial statement on their respective websites once it is publicly released by the State Auditor.

13. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contractor represents and warrants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required under this Contract. Each of the Contractor and the Agency certifies that it has followed the requirements of the Governmental Conduct Act, Section 10-16-1, et seq., NMSA 1978, regarding contracting with a public officer, state employee or former state employee, as required by the applicable professional standards.

14. **INDEPENDENCE**

The Contractor represents and warrants its personal, external and organizational independence from the Agency in accordance with the *Government Auditing Standards 2011 Revision*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and NMAC Section 2.2.2.8.M. The Contractor shall immediately notify the State Auditor and the Agency in writing if any impairment to the Contractor's independence occurs or may occur during the period of this Contract.

15. **AMENDMENT**

This Contract shall not be altered, changed or amended except by prior written agreement of the parties and with the prior written approval of the State Auditor. Any amendments to this Contract shall comply with the Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, NMSA 1978.

16. **MERGER**

This Contract supersedes all of the agreements, covenants, and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof. No prior agreement or understanding, verbal or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall be valid or enforceable unless embodied in this Contract. Contractor and Agency shall enter into and execute an engagement letter pursuant to NMAC Section 2.2.2.8.Q, consistent with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAGAS). **The engagement letter and any associated documentation included with or referenced in the engagement letter shall not be interpreted to amend this Contract. Conflicts between the engagement letter and this Contract are governed by this Contract, and shall be resolved accordingly.**

17. **APPLICABLE LAW**

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The laws of the State of New Mexico shall govern this Contract. By execution of this Contract, Contractor irrevocably consents to the exclusive personal jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New Mexico over any and all lawsuits arising from or related to this Contract.

18. **AGENCY BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The Agency is responsible for maintaining control of all books and records at all times and the Contractor shall not remove any books and records from the Agency's possession for any reason.

19. **APPROPRIATIONS**

The terms of this Contract are contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorization being made by the legislature or the Agency's governing body for the performance of this Contract. If sufficient appropriations and authorization are not made by the legislature or the Agency's governing body, this Contract shall terminate upon written notice being given by the Agency to the Contractor. The Agency's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations are available shall be accepted by the Contractor and shall be final. This section of the Contract does not supersede the Agency's requirement to have an annual audit pursuant to Section 12-6-3(A) NMSA 1978.

20. **PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF LAW**

The Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, NMSA 1978, imposes civil and criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities and kickbacks.

21. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE**

The Contractor shall abide by all federal and state laws, rules and regulations, and executive orders of the Governor of the State of New Mexico pertaining to equal employment opportunity. In accordance with all such laws, rules, regulations and orders, the Contractor assures that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, age, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, physical or mental handicap or serious medical condition, spousal affiliation, sexual orientation or gender identity be excluded from employment with or participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity performed under this Contract. If the Contractor is found not to be in compliance with these requirements during the life of this Contract, the Contractor shall take appropriate steps to correct these deficiencies.

22. **WORKING PAPERS**

- A. The Contractor shall retain its working papers of the Agency's audit conducted pursuant to this Contract for a period of at least five (5) years after the date shown on the opinion letter of the audit report, or longer if requested by the federal cognizant agency for audit,

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oversight agency for audit, pass through-entity or the State Auditor. The State Auditor shall have access to the working papers at the State Auditor's discretion. When requested by the State Auditor or the Agency, the Contractor shall deliver the original or clear, legible copies of all working papers to the requesting entity.

- B. If the Contractor wishes to review the working papers of a predecessor, Contractor shall request that the Agency seek delivery of the working papers from a predecessor contractor.

23. **DESIGNATED ON-SITE STAFF**

The Contractor's on-site individual auditor responsible for supervision of work and completion of the audit is CHRIS GARNER. The Contractor shall notify the Agency and the State Auditor in writing of any changes in staff assigned to perform the audit.

24. **INVALID TERM OR CONDITION**

If any term or condition of this Contract shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Contract shall not be affected.

25. **OTHER PROVISIONS**

If no other provisions are listed in this section, the remainder below is intentionally left blank.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

This Contract is made effective as of the date of the signature of the Office of the State Auditor.

AGENCY
NAME: [Signature]
BY: Charles D. Eaton
TITLE: CHAIRMAN
DATE: 4-29-2015

CONTRACTOR
NAME: Axiom CPA's
BY: [Signature]
TITLE: PARTNER
DATE: 4-24-15


This Contract has been approved by:

OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR

BY: _____

TITLE: DEPUTY STATE AUDITOR

DATE: _____

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State Auditor Contract No. 15 -