

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Agenda subject to change

February 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Main Conference Room
Ernest J. LaBaff Industrial Building
19 Commerce Lane, Canton

Call to Order

Roll Call

Auditor's Report

Staff / Committee Comments

Staff Exits for Committee members to talk directly to Audit Team

Adjournment

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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

2019 AUDIT SERVICE PLAN

February 18, 2020



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**St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency
2019 Audit Service Plan**

February 18, 2020

The Board of Directors
St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency

We are pleased to be of service to the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency. The following report describes our audit plan for the year ending December 31, 2019, and discusses other services provided by us. This report is designed to communicate matters relevant to the financial statement audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. This report provides an overview of our plan for the 2019 audits including a summary of our overall objectives for the audit; the nature, scope, and timing of the planned audit work; and any other services required by the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency.

Respectfully,

Pinto Mucenski Hooper Van House & Co.
Certified Public Accountants, P.C.

Engagement Team

The team members for this year's audit and tax services are listed below. All team members are available to be reached throughout the engagement.

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Management's Responsibilities

The engagement letters provide specific details regarding management responsibilities. A summary of management responsibilities includes the following:

- Preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.
- Designing, implementing, establishing, and maintaining effective internal controls over financial reporting.
- Implementing systems to achieve compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Selection and application of appropriate accounting principles.
- Making all financial records and related information available to us.
- Recording material audit adjustments and confirming to us that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements are immaterial to the financial statements taken as a whole.
- Designing and implementing programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about any known or suspected fraud.
- Assuming all management responsibilities relating to the tax services, reporting services, financial statements, related notes, and any other non-audit services.
- Providing a letter confirming representations made during the audit.

Engagement Objectives

- Plan and perform our audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements, whether caused by error or fraud. Our audit does not provide absolute assurance and is subject to the inherent risk that errors or fraud, if they exist, may not be detected.
- Obtain a sufficient understanding of internal control to plan the audits of the financial statements. However, such understanding is required for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning internal control.
- Communicate our responsibilities in relation to the audit and establish an understanding of the terms of the engagement.
- Perform tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements.
- Communicate to management and the Audit Committee, in writing, significant deficiencies and material weaknesses identified during our audits.
- Consult regarding accounting, compliance, tax, and other matters as needed throughout the year.
- Work with management towards timely issuance of financial statements and other required filings.
- Maintain our independence with respect to the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency.
- Provide our resources as needed throughout the year.

Overall Audit Strategy

Overall, our audit strategy is to focus on areas with a higher risk of material misstatement (whether due to fraud or error) and any other areas of concern brought forward by management or the Board of Directors.

Our audit strategy includes consideration of the following:

- Prior year audit results together with interim financial information and preliminary analytical reviews, including discussions with management and others.
- Inherent risk within the Agency before recognizing internal controls.
- Materiality thresholds.
- New accounting and financial reporting standards and guidance.
- Industry developments and general economic conditions.
- Accounting policies and procedures of the Agency.
- Significant management judgments and accounting estimates.
- Changes to internal controls and the susceptibility of internal controls to failure.
- Computer systems.

Partners are heavily involved in all aspects of the audit.

Preliminary Risk Assessment

The assessment and identification of risk is performed throughout the audit process in coordination with management and staff. Our focus is on the risks that have a potential impact on financial reporting and financial accounting systems and assessing controls that mitigate those risks.

High Risk Assessment

- Long-term receivables
- Grant receivables and related revenue
- Due from Other Governments
- Long-term debt
- Related party transactions
- Post-retirement liabilities
- Other significant and unusual transactions

Moderate or Low Risk Assessment

- Cash and cash equivalents
- Investments
- Other receivables
- Property and equipment
- Accounts payable and expenses
- Payroll and related payroll expenses
- Net position

Financial Statement Audit Timeline

Preliminary management meetings, interim audit fieldwork, and engagement communications will run from December 2019 through January 2020.

The development of audit strategy, the determination of the nature and scope of audit procedures, and client communications will run throughout the engagement and will change as necessary.

On-site audit procedures took place during the week of January 27, 2020.

The individual audits will be presented to the Board of Directors in March 2020.

GASB Accounting Standards

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued several significant new accounting standards that are effective for the year ending December 31, 2019. These standards are as follows:

- GASB Statement No. 83 – *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*
- GASB Statement No. 84 – *Fiduciary Activities*
- GASB Statement No. 88 – *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowing and Direct Placements*
- GASB Statement No. 90 – *Majority Equity Interests*

Significant Transactions and Events

St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency

- Newell Building Project
- Newton Falls Rail Rehabilitation Project
- J&L/Benson Mines Site Remediation Project

2019 Reporting Requirements

- Financial statement audit in accordance with GAAP
- Auditor's required communications letter
- Financial statement audit in accordance with Government Auditing Standards