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AGENDA ITEM # 7

SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL/COMPLIANCE AUDITORS

Action Requested: Authorize Executive Director

Presenter: Joan Borucki, ITOC Chair

Recommendation

- Select Crowe Horwath for financial/compliance audit services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 with an option to provide services for two additional fiscal years
- Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Crowe Horwath for financial/compliance audit services after review by legal counsel.

Background

Under Measure A, the ITOC is required, under the competitive procurement rules of the Authority and with the active involvement of the Authority Executive Director, to select a professional auditor to conduct the fiscal audits of expenditure of all sales tax funds, report findings based on the audits to the Authority and to the public, and recommend any additional audits that the ITOC believes may improve the financial operation and integrity of program implementation, while meeting voter mandates.

Discussion

The Authority issued an RFP for financial audit services on April 2, 2018. Staff reached out to all audit firms who responded to the last RFP issued in 2014 to inform them of the new opportunity. Additionally, the RFP was posted to Public Purchase, a web-based procurement site. The bid close date was May 2, 2018.

The Authority received 7 proposals for audit services by the May 2 close date. Of the 7 proposals, two were standouts in terms of qualifications, including experience with transportation authorities, and cost. Those two firms were Crowe Horwath and Vavrinek, Trine, Day, & Co (VTD). Since both firms were equally qualified, each firm's audit partner and staff were interviewed in STA's offices in order to determine a final selection.

Based on a combination of firm resources and availability, the recommended firm is Crowe Horwath. Please see the attachment for a summary of all 7 firms.

Attachment