

# TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK SERVICES AGREEMENT (FORVIS Annual Audit – 2023)

DATE:	November	30	, 2023 (the "Execution Date").
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**PARTIES:** TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK, a Colorado municipal corporation, 100 N. Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, Colorado 80104 ("Town").

**FORVIS, LLP,** a Delaware limited liability partnership, 1801 California Street, Suite 2900, Denver, Colorado 80202-2606 ("Consultant").

#### **RECITALS:**

A. Section 9-18 of the Town Charter states that the Town Council shall provide for an independent annual audit of all Town accounts by a certified public accountant or firm of such accountants who have no direct personal interest in the fiscal affairs of the Town government, or of any Councilmember, or of any other officer of the Town.

B. The Town Council may, without requiring competitive bids, designate such accountant or firm annually or for a period not exceeding three years, provided that the designation for any particular fiscal year shall be made no later than 30 days after the beginning of such fiscal year.

C. On November 6, 2018, Town and Consultant's predecessor, BKD, LLP ("BKD"), entered into an agreement to provide financial auditing services in relation to the Town's annual audit for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020.

D. On November 1, 2021, Town and BKD entered into a second agreement to provide financial auditing services in relation to the Town's annual audit for fiscal years 2021 and 2022.

E. In 2022, BKD, LLP, merged with Dixon Hughes Goodman, LLP, to form Consultant.

F. The Government Finance Officers Association guidance and industry standards recommend that municipalities enter into multi-year agreements of at least five years in duration when obtaining services of independent auditors to allow for greater continuity and to help minimize the potential for disruption in connection with the independent audit.

G. With the Town having undergone two large-system conversions (payroll and utility billing) during 2023, Town staff believes that, in order to minimize the potential for disruptions and delays in the annual audit process, it is imperative to retain Consultant to conduct the annual audit for fiscal year 2023.

H. Accordingly, the Town wishes to engage the Consultant to provide the services



more fully described in the following Agreement and Exhibits.

#### **TERMS**:

Section 1. <u>Scope of Services.</u> Consultant shall provide all of the services as set forth on *Exhibit 1* (the "Services"). Consultant shall complete the Services in accordance with Section 3 of this Agreement.

Section 2. <u>Payment</u>. Consultant shall invoice Town upon completion of the Services rendered in accordance with the rate and fee schedule set forth in *Exhibit 2*. Town shall pay such invoice within 30 days of receipt of such invoice. In no event shall payment exceed \$111,473.25 unless authorized in writing by Town.

Section 3. <u>Term/Completion</u>. The term of this Agreement shall commence on the Execution Date and expire on <u>December 31</u>, 2024 (the "Term"). Consultant shall devote adequate resources to assure timely completion of the Services in accordance with the standards specified in this Agreement. Consultant shall perform the Services under this Agreement in accordance with the care, skill and diligence ordinarily exercised by professionals performing the same or similar services in the same or similar locale and under circumstances similar to that of Consultant under this Agreement.

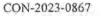
Section 4. <u>Termination</u>. Town shall have the right to terminate this Agreement with or without cause at any time with 30 days' written notice to Consultant. Consultant shall have the right to terminate this Agreement for any uncured breach of this Agreement or just cause. The Town's only obligation in the event of termination shall be payment of fees and expenses incurred up to and including the effective date of termination. Upon termination, Consultant shall immediately turn over all completed work product, materials, deliverables created up to the point of termination.

**Section 5.** <u>Subconsultants.</u> Consultant may utilize subconsultants to assist with specialized services as necessary to complete the Services. Consultant will submit any proposed subconsultant and the description of subconsultant services to the Town for its prior approval.

**Section 6.** <u>Annual Appropriation</u>. Town represents that the Town Council has appropriated sufficient funds for fiscal year 2024 to fulfill the payment obligations of the Town under the Agreement.

Section 7. <u>Assignment.</u> This Agreement shall not be assigned by Consultant without the written consent of the Town.

Section 8. <u>Notice</u>. Any notice required or permitted by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given for all purposes if sent by certified mail or registered mail, postage and fees prepaid, addressed to the party to whom such notice is to be given at the address set forth on the first page of this Agreement, or at such other address as has been previously furnished in writing to the other party or parties. Such notice shall be deemed given when deposited in the United States mail.





#### Section 9. Insurance.

General Conditions: Consultant agrees to secure, at or before the time of A. execution of this Agreement, the following insurance covering all Services provided pursuant to this Agreement. Consultant shall keep the required insurance coverage in force at all times during the term of the Agreement, including any extension thereof, and during any warranty period. The required insurance shall be underwritten by an insurer licensed or authorized to do business in Colorado and rated by A.M. Best Company as "A-VII" or better. Each policy shall require notification to the Town in the event any of the required policies be canceled or non-renewed before the expiration date thereof. Such written notice shall be sent to the parties identified in the Notices section of this Agreement. Such notice shall reference the Town. Said notice shall be sent 30 days prior to such cancellation or non-renewal unless due to non-payment of premiums for which notice shall be sent 10 days prior. If such written notice is unavailable from the insurer, Consultant shall provide written notice of cancellation, non-renewal and any reduction in coverage to the Town by certified mail, return receipt requested within three business days of such notice by its insurer(s). Consultant shall be responsible for the payment of any deductible or self- insured retention. The insurance coverages specified in this Agreement are the minimum requirements, and these requirements do not lessen or limit the liability of the Consultant. The Consultant shall maintain, at its own expense, any additional kinds or amounts of insurance that it may deem necessary to cover its obligations and liabilities under this Agreement. All commercial and automobile liability policies shall have the following additional provisions:

- (i) Severability of interests or separation of insureds provision;
- Provision that coverage is primary and non-contributory with other coverage maintained by the Town;
- (iii) The underlying Agreement is an "insured contract" under the policy; and
- (iv) Defense costs shall be outside the policy limits for liability coverage.

**B. Proof of Insurance:** Consultant may not commence services or work relating to this Agreement prior to placement of coverages required under this Agreement. Consultant certifies that the certificate of insurance attached as *Exhibit* 3, preferably an ACORD form, complies with all insurance requirements of this Agreement. The Town's acceptance of a certificate of insurance or other proof of insurance that does not comply with all insurance requirements set forth in this Agreement shall not act as a waiver of Consultant's breach of this Agreement or of any of the Town's rights or remedies under this Agreement. Coverage afforded under the policies shall not be cancelled, terminated or materially changed until at least 30 days prior written notice has been given to the Town. If the words "endeavor to" appear in the portion of the certificate addressing cancellation, those words shall be stricken from the certificate by the agent(s) completing the certificate. The Town may require additional proof of insurance, including but not limited to policies and endorsements.

C. Additional Insureds: For Commercial General Liability and Automobile



Liability, Consultant and subconsultant's insurer(s) shall include the Town, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers acting within the course and scope of their duties for the Town as additional insured.

**D.** Waiver of Subrogation: For all coverages required under this Agreement except Professional Liability Insurance, Consultant's insurer shall waive subrogation rights against the Town, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers acting within the course and scope of their duties for the Town.

E. Subconsultants: Consultant shall confirm and document that all subconsultants (including independent consultants, suppliers or other entities providing Services required by this Agreement) procure and maintain coverage as approved by the Consultant and appropriate to their respective primary business risks considering the nature and scope of services provided.

F. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance: Consultant shall maintain the coverage as required by statute for each www.location and shall maintain Employer's Liability insurance with limits of \$100,000 per occurrence for each bodily injury claim, \$100,000 per occurrence for each bodily injury caused by disease claim, and \$500,000 aggregate for all bodily injuries caused by disease claims.

**G.** Commercial General Liability: Consultant shall maintain a Commercial General Liability insurance policy with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and \$2,000,000 products and completed operations aggregate, and \$2,000,000 general aggregate (per project). The policy shall provide coverage for all claims for bodily injury, property damage (including loss of use), products and completed operations, and contractual liability.

**F.** Automobile Liability: Consultant shall maintain Automobile Liability with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 combined single limit applicable to all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles used in performing services under this Agreement.

G. Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions): Consultant shall maintain minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per claim and \$1,000,000 policy aggregate limit. The policy shall be kept in force, or a Tail policy placed, for three (3) years after the completion of the services.

Section 10. <u>Colorado Governmental Immunity Act.</u> The parties understand and agree that the Town is relying on, and does not waive or intend to waive by any provision of this contract, the monetary limitations or any other rights, immunities, and protections provided by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, §24-10-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S., as from time to time amended, or otherwise available to Town, its officers, or its employees.

Section 11. <u>Indemnification</u>. Consultant expressly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Town or any of its officers or employees from any and all claims, damages, liability, or court awards including reasonable attorney's fees that are or may be awarded as a result of any loss, injury or damage sustained or claimed to have been sustained by any third-party, including, but not limited to, any person, firm, partnership, or corporation, to the extent caused by the negligent acts, errors or omissions of Consultant or any of their employees or agents in



performing Services pursuant to this Agreement. Consultant shall not be obligated to indemnify the Town in any manner whatsoever for the Town's own negligence. In the event that any such suit or action is brought against Town, Town will give notice within 10 days thereof to Consultant. These indemnification obligations shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Section 12. <u>Delays.</u> Any delays in or failure of performance by any party of the obligations under this Agreement shall be excused if such delays or failure are a result of acts of God, fires, floods, strikes, labor disputes, accidents, regulations or orders of civil or military authorities, shortages of labor or materials, or other causes, similar or dissimilar, which are beyond the control of such party.

Section 13. <u>Additional Documents & Entire Agreement</u>. The parties agree to execute any additional documents or take any additional action that is necessary to carry out this Agreement. Further, this Agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties and there are no oral or collateral agreements or understandings. This Agreement may be amended only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties. If any other provision of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, no other provision shall be affected by such holding, and all of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 14. <u>Time of the Essence</u>. If any payment or any other condition, obligation, or duty is not timely made, tendered or performed by either party, then this Agreement, at the option of the party who is not in default, may be terminated by the non-defaulting party, in which case, the non-defaulting party may recover such damages as may be proper, subject to Section 15 of this Agreement.

Section 15. <u>Default and Remedies</u>. In the event either party should default in performance of its obligations under this agreement, and such default shall remain uncured for more than 10 days after notice of default is given to the defaulting party, the non-defaulting party shall be entitled to pursue any and all legal remedies. In addition, no party will be entitled to lost profits, economic damages, punitive or exemplary damages in the event of a default.

Section 16. <u>Waiver</u>. A waiver by any party to this Agreement of the breach of any term or provision of this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach by either party.

Section 17. <u>Venue, Choice of Law and Disputes.</u> Venue for all legal actions shall lie in the District Court in and for the County of Douglas, State of Colorado, and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado as well as the Charter and Municipal Code, rules, regulations, Executive Orders, and fiscal rules of the Town.

Section 18. <u>Americans with Disabilities Act.</u> Consultant agrees to ensure that any deliverables, work, services, or equipment developed, designed, constructed or produced pursuant to this Agreement, to include website design services, will comply with all requirements of the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and, where applicable, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Architectural Barriers Act. To the extent



any deliverables, work, services, or equipment developed, designed, constructed or produced pursuant to this Agreement fail to comply with the requirements of this Section, Consultant shall indemnify the Town in accordance with the terms or this Agreement and, at the Town's option, shall re-vise, re-construct, or similar, the non-compliant deliverable, work, service, or equipment, or reimburse the Town for the cost associated with bringing the non-compliance deliverable, work, service or equipment into compliance.

Section 19. <u>No Discrimination in Employment.</u> The Town is a governmental agency and, therefore, in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement, Consultant shall not refuse to hire, discharge, promote or demote, or to discriminate in matters of compensation against any person otherwise qualified, solely because of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, military status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, marital status, or physical or mental disability, or any other protected class under Federal or State law; and Consultant shall insert the foregoing provision in any subcontracts hereunder.

Section 20. <u>Title VI Compliance</u>. To the extent applicable, Contractor shall ensure its current and future compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., as amended, which prohibits the exclusion from participation, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to discrimination under programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, of any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin.

Section 21. <u>Advertising and Public Disclosure</u>. Consultant shall not include any reference to this Agreement or Services provided pursuant to this Agreement in any of Consultant's advertising or public relations materials without first obtaining the written approval of the Town. Nothing herein, however, shall preclude the transmittal of any information to officials of the Town, including without limitation, the Town Attorney, Town Manager, and the Town Council.

Section 22. <u>Limited License, Open Records, and Copyright.</u> Consultant grants to the Town a perpetual, worldwide, royalty-free license to any finalized deliverables prepared by Consultant under this engagement, subject to the limitations on use and disclosure set forth in the Terms and Conditions Addendum attached hereto and incorporated by reference as *Exhibit 1*.

Consultant acknowledges and understands that the Town is subject to the Colorado Open Records Act, C.R.S. § 24-72-201, et seq. The Town shall not reproduce, sell, or otherwise make copies of any copyrighted, confidential or protected material, subject to the following exceptions:

- (i) For exclusive use internally by Town staff and/or employees;
- (ii) Pursuant to a request under the Colorado Open Records Act, C.R.S. § 24-72-201, et seq., to the extent that such statute applies; or
- (iii) Pursuant to law, regulation, or court order.

Consultant warrants that all Services performed under this Agreement shall comply with



all applicable patent, trademark and copyright laws, rules, regulations and codes of the United States. Consultant shall not utilize any protected patent, trademark or copyright in performance of the Services unless Consultant has obtained proper permission and all licenses, releases and other necessary documents. Consultant releases, indemnifies and holds harmless the Town, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, damages, suits, costs, expenses, liabilities actions or proceedings of any kind or nature whatsoever, of or by anyone whomsoever, directly resulting from, or arising out of, the performance of the Services under this Agreement which negligently infringes upon any patent, trademark or copyright protected by law.

**Section 23.** <u>Authority.</u> The individuals executing this Agreement represent that they are expressly authorized to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the Town and the Consultant and bind their respective entities. This Agreement is executed and made effective as provided above.

Section 24. <u>Independent Consultant</u>. Consultant has completed the Affidavit of Independent Consultant Status, attached as *Exhibit 4*, and submitted same at the time of execution of this Agreement. In addition to the Affidavit, Consultant and the Town hereby represent that Consultant is an independent Consultant for all purposes hereunder. Consultant is not covered by any worker's compensation insurance or any other insurance maintained by Town except as would apply to members of the general public. Consultant shall not create any indebtedness on behalf of the Town.

Section 25. <u>No Third-Party Beneficiaries.</u> It is expressly understood and agreed that enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and all rights of action relating to such enforcement, shall be strictly reserved to Town and Consultant, and nothing contained in this Agreement shall give or allow any such claim or right of action by any other third party on such Agreement. It is the express intention of the parties that any person other than Town or Consultant receiving services or benefits under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an incidental beneficiary only.

Section 26. <u>Non-Binding Mediation</u>. In the event of a dispute between the parties, arising out of or in connection with or with respect to this Agreement or any breach thereof, the parties may attempt to resolve any such dispute through good faith, informal negotiation. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute through negotiation, the Parties may select a mutually agreed mediator in Denver, Colorado to attempt to resolve the dispute. Nothing in the above provision shall prevent either party from applying to a court of competent jurisdiction for equitable or injunctive relief. The parties shall split the cost of any mutually agreed upon mediator.

Section 27. <u>Disclaimer of Legal or Investment Advice</u>. Consultant's Services do not constitute legal or investment advice.

Section 28. <u>Counterparts & Electronic Signatures.</u> This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. Each of the parties hereto shall be entitled to rely upon a counterpart of the instrument executed by the other party and sent by



electronic mail. Each party agrees that this Agreement and any other documents to be delivered in connection herewith may be electronically signed, and that any electronic signatures appearing on this Agreement or such other documents are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.

Section 29. <u>Licenses/Taxes.</u> Consultant affirms it is licensed to do business in the State of Colorado and is in good standing. Further, Consultant shall be solely responsible for paying all applicable taxes associated with or rising out of this Agreement.

Section 30. <u>Confidentiality.</u> Consultant agrees that it shall treat as confidential all information provided by the Town regarding the Town's business and operations. All confidential information provided by the Town hereto shall be used by Consultant solely for the purposes of rendering Services pursuant to this Agreement and, except as may be required in carrying out the terms of this Agreement, shall not be disclosed to any third party without the prior consent of the Town. The foregoing shall not be applicable to any information that is publicly available when provided or which thereafter becomes publicly available or which is required to be disclosed by any regulatory authority in the lawful and appropriate exercise of its jurisdiction over a party, any auditor of the parties hereto, by judicial or administrative process or otherwise by applicable law or regulation.

Section 31. <u>Severability</u>. If any portion of this Agreement is deemed invalid or unenforceable, said finding shall not operate to invalidate the remainder of the terms set forth in this Agreement.

Section 32. <u>Priority of Provisions.</u> In the event that any terms of this Agreement and any Exhibit, attachment, or other referenced document are inconsistent, the following order of priority shall control:

- (i) This Agreement;
- (ii) Exhibit 3 Certificate of Insurance;
- (iii) Exhibit 1 Scope of Services and Terms and Conditions Addendum;
- (iv) Exhibit 2 Fee Schedule; and
- (v) Exhibit 4 Affidavit of Independent Consultant Status.



# ATTACHED EXHIBITS:

EXHIBIT 1 – SCOPE OF SERVICES AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS ADDENDUM EXHIBIT 2 – FEE SCHEDULE EXHIBIT 3 – CONSULTANT'S CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE EXHIBIT 4 – AFFIDAVIT OF INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT STATUS

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#### TOWN:

ATTEST:

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Robbie Schonher 1E6150539D7D47E

Lisa Anderson, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Mike Hyman <u>F7347F32A6794D1...</u> Michael J. Hyman, Town Attorney

# **CONSULTANT:**

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Jason Gray, Mayor

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Trish Muller, CPA, Finance Director





#### **EXHIBIT 1**

#### SCOPE OF SERVICES/TERMS AND CONDITIONS ADDENDUM

#### Scope of Services – Audit Services

For the purposes of the Scope of Services, any reference to "We," "Us," or "Our" is a reference to FORVIS, LLP, and any reference to "You" or "Your" is a reference to the TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK.

We will audit the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information and related disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements for the following entity:

The Town of Castle Rock, Colorado, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023

The audit has the following broad objectives:

- Obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- Expressing opinions on the financial statements
- Issuing a report on your internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters based on the audit of your financial statements in accordance with Government Auditing Standards
- Expressing an opinion on your compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect to each of your major federal award programs in accordance with the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)
- Issuing a report on your internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance
- Issuing a report on your schedule of expenditures of federal awards

You have informed us that the audited financial statements are expected to be presented along with management's popular annual financial report. Management is responsible for the other information included in the popular annual financial report. The other information comprises the annual popular financial report but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements will not cover the other information, and we will not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or whether the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.



We will also express an opinion on whether the supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents and including the Local Highway Finance Report and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards ("supplementary information") is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

We will complete the auditee portion of the Form SF-SAC (Data Collection Form) through the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. We will not make the submission on your behalf. You will review a draft(s) of the submission prior to transmission and agree that you are solely responsible for approving the final draft for transmission as well as for the auditee submission and certification.

We will also provide you with the following nonattest services:

· Assisting with the formatting and printing of the Single Audit report

You agree to assume all management responsibilities and to oversee the non-attest services we will provide by designating an individual possessing suitable skill, knowledge and/or experience. You acknowledge that non-attest services are not covered under Government Auditing Standards. You are responsible for:

- Making all management decisions and performing all management functions;
- · Evaluating the adequacy and results of the services performed;
- · Accepting responsibility for the results of such services; and
- Designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.

Marcella Ardan is responsible for supervising the engagement and authorizing the signing of the report or reports.

We will issue a written report(s) upon completion of our audit(s), addressed to the following parties:

Entity NameParty NameTown of Castle Rock, ColoradoHonorable Mayor and members of Town Council

You are responsible to distribute our reports to other officials who have legal oversight authority or those responsible for acting on audit findings and recommendations, and to others authorized to receive such reports.

The following apply for the audit services described above:

#### **Our Responsibilities**

We will conduct our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the Uniform Guidance. Those standards require that we plan and perform:



- The audit of the financial statements to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error
- The audit of compliance to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the entity complied with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal award program

We will exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We will identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We will obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.

We will evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We will also conclude, based on audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We will identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the entity's compliance with compliance requirements subject to audit and performing such other procedures as the auditor considers necessary in the circumstances.

We will obtain an understanding of the entity's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance, regarding, among other matters, the planed scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that the auditor identified during the audit.

# Limitations & Fraud



Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit that is planned and conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement or material noncompliance with federal award programs when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users made on the basis of these financial statements. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement or material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with compliance requirements is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the entity's compliance with the requirements of the federal programs as a whole.

Our understanding of internal control is not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of your internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we identify during the audit.

We are available to perform additional procedures with regard to fraud detection and prevention at your request, subject to completion of our normal engagement acceptance procedures. The actual terms and fees of such an engagement would be documented in a separate contract to be signed by you and FORVIS, LLP.

# Opinion

Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinion, add an emphasis-of-matter paragraph or other-matter paragraph(s) to our auditor's report, or if necessary, decline to express an opinion or withdraw from the engagement.

If we discover conditions that may prohibit us from issuing a standard report, we will notify you. In such circumstances, further arrangements may be necessary to continue our engagement.

#### **Responsibilities for Outcomes**

You agree to assume full responsibility for the substantive outcomes of the contracted services and for any other services we may provide, including any findings that may result.

You also acknowledge these services are adequate for your purposes, and you will establish and monitor the performance of these services to ensure they meet management's objectives. All decisions involving management responsibilities related to these services will be made by you, and you accept full responsibility for such decisions.



We understand you have designated a management-level individual(s) to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the performance of nonattest services, and you have determined this individual is qualified to conduct such oversight.

# Your Responsibilities

Management and, if applicable, those charged with governance acknowledge and understand their responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of all information provided and for the following:

- Audit Support to provide us with:
  - o Unrestricted access to persons within the entity or within components of the entity (including management, those charged with governance and component auditors) from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence
  - Information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, including access to information relevant to disclosures
  - o Information about events occurring or facts discovered subsequent to the date of the financial statements, of which management may become aware, that may affect the financial statements
  - o Information about any known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees with significant role in internal control and others where fraud could have a material effect on the financials
  - o Identification and provision of report copies of previous audits, attestation engagements, or other studies that directly relate to the objectives of the audit, including whether related recommendations have been implemented
  - o Additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit
- Internal Control and Compliance for the:
  - o Design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to compliance with laws and regulations and the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error,
  - o Alignment of internal control to ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met, that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported and that compliance with and identification of the laws, regulations, contracts, grants or agreements (including any federal award programs) applicable to the entity's activities is achieved
  - o Remedy, through timely and appropriate steps, of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts or other agreements reported by the auditor
  - o Establishment and maintenance of processes to track the status and address findings and recommendations of auditors
- Accounting and Reporting for the:



- o Maintenance of adequate records, selection and application of accounting principles, and the safeguard of assets
- o Adjustment of the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirmation to us in the representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole
- Preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (or other basis if indicated in the contract)
- o Inclusion of the auditors' report in any document containing financial statements that indicates that such financial statements have been audited by us
- o Distribution of audit reports to any necessary parties

The results of our tests of compliance and internal control over financial reporting performed in connection with our audit of the financial statements may not fully meet the reasonable needs of report users. Management is responsible for obtaining audits, examinations, agreed-upon procedures, or other engagements that satisfy relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements or fully meet other reasonable user needs.

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information ("RSI") to accompany the basic financial statements. We understand the following RSI will accompany the basic financial statements:

- 1. Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A")
- 2. Budgetary comparison
- 3. Pension and Other Postemployment Benefit information

Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

Management is responsible for the fair presentation of the RSI. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the RSI in GAAS. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements.

We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Supplementary Information



With regard to any supplementary information that we are engaged to report on:

- Management is responsible for its preparation in accordance with applicable criteria
- Management will provide certain written representations regarding the supplementary information at the conclusion of our engagement
- Management will include our report on this supplementary information in any document that contains this supplementary information and indicates we have reported on the supplementary information
- Management will make the supplementary information readily available to intended users if it is not presented with the audited financial statements

Such information is:

- Presented for the purpose of additional analysis of the financial statements
- Not a required part of the financial statements
- · The responsibility of management
- Subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS

#### Written Confirmations Required

As part of our audit process, we will request from management and, if applicable, those charged with governance written confirmation acknowledging certain responsibilities outlined in this contract and confirming:

- The availability of this information
- Certain representations made during the audit for all periods presented
- The effects of any uncorrected misstatements, if any, resulting from errors or fraud aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole

#### Peer Review Report

Government Auditing Standards require that we provide you with a copy of our most recent external peer review report and any letter of comment, and any subsequent peer review reports and letters of comment received during the period of the contract. Our most recent peer review report accompanies this contract.



# FORVIS, LLP Terms and Conditions Addendum

#### GENERAL

1. **Overview**. This addendum describes FORVIS LLP's standard terms and conditions ("Terms and Conditions") applicable to Our provision of services to the Client ("You"). The Terms and Conditions are a part of the contract between You and FORVIS, LLP. For the purposes of the Terms and Conditions, any reference to "Firm," "We," "Us," or "Our" is a reference to FORVIS, LLP ("FORVIS"), and any reference to "You" or "Your" is a reference to the party or parties that have engaged Us to provide services and the party or parties ultimately responsible for payment of Our fees and costs.

### **BILLING, PAYMENT, & TERMINATION**

2. **Billing and Payment Terms.** We will bill You for Our professional fees and costs as outlined in Our contract. Unless otherwise provided in Our contract, payment is due within 30 days of receipt of Our billing statement. If, after notice of default is given and such default remains uncured for more than 10 days, interest will be charged on any unpaid balance at the rate of 10 percent per annum, or as allowed by law at the earliest date thereafter, and highest applicable rate if less than 10 percent. All fees, charges, and other amounts payable to FORVIS hereunder do not include any sales, use, excise, value-added, or other applicable taxes, tariffs, or duties, payment of which shall be Your sole responsibility, and do not include any applicable taxes based on FORVIS' net income or taxes arising from the employment or independent contractor relationship between FORVIS and FORVIS' personnel.

We reserve the right to suspend or terminate Our work for this engagement or any other engagement for nonpayment of fees. If Our work is suspended or terminated, You agree that We will not be responsible for Your failure to meet governmental and other deadlines, for any penalties or interest that may be assessed against You resulting from Your failure to meet such deadlines, and for any other damages (including but not limited to consequential, indirect, lost profits, or punitive damages) incurred as a result of the suspension or termination of Our services.

Our fees may increase if Our duties or responsibilities are increased by rulemaking of any regulatory body or any additional new accounting or auditing standards. Our engagement fees do not include any time for post-engagement consultation with Your personnel or third parties, consent letters and related procedures for the use of Our reports in offering documents, inquiries from regulators, or testimony or deposition regarding any subpoena. Charges for such services will be billed separately.

3. **Billing Records.** If these services are determined to be within the scope and authority of Section 1861(v)(1)(I) of the Social Security Act, We agree to make available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or to the U.S. Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, such of Our books, documents, and records that are necessary to certify the nature and extent of Our services, until the expiration of four (4)



years after the furnishing of these services. This contract allows access to contracts of a similar nature between subcontractors and related organizations of the subcontractor, and to their books, documents, and records.

4. **Termination**. You may terminate these services at any time for any reason with 30 days written notice to FORVIS. We may terminate these services for any uncured breach of Our contract or just cause, as We determine professional standards require. Both parties must agree, in writing, to any future modifications or extensions. If services are terminated, You agree to pay FORVIS for time expended to date, including costs and fees for services from subcontractors, if any. Unless terminated sooner in accordance with its terms, this engagement shall terminate upon the completion of FORVIS' services hereunder.

### **DISPUTES & DISCLAIMERS**

- 5. Mediation. Any dispute arising out of or related to this engagement will, prior to resorting to litigation, be submitted for nonbinding mediation upon written request by either party. Both parties agree to try in good faith to settle the dispute in mediation. The mediator will be selected by agreement of the parties. The mediation proceeding shall be confidential. Each party will bear its own costs in the mediation, but the fees and expenses of the mediator will be shared equally.
- 6. Indemnification. Unless, and except to the extent disallowed by Colorado law or applicable professional standards, You agree to hold FORVIS harmless from any and all claims which arise from knowing misrepresentations to FORVIS, or the intentional withholding or concealment of information from FORVIS by Your management or any partner, principal, shareholder, officer, director, member, employee, agent, or assign of Yours. You also agree to indemnify FORVIS for any claims made against FORVIS by third parties, which arise from any wrongful actions of Your management or any partner, principal, shareholder, officer, director, member, employee, agent, or assign of Yours. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply regardless of the nature of the claim.
- 7. Statute of Limitations. You agree that any claim or legal action arising out of or related to this contract and the services provided hereunder shall be commenced no more than one (1) year from the date of delivery of the work product to You or the termination of the services described herein (whichever is earlier), regardless of any statute of limitations prescribing a longer period of time for commencing such a claim under law. This time limitation shall apply regardless of whether FORVIS performs other or subsequent services for You. A claim is understood to be a demand for money or services, demand for mediation, or the service of suit based on a breach of this contract or the acts or omissions of FORVIS in performing the services provided herein. This provision shall not apply if enforcement is disallowed by applicable law or professional standards.
- 8. Limitation of Liability. You agree that FORVIS' liability, if any, arising out of or related to this contract and the services provided hereunder, shall be limited to the amount of the fees paid by You for services rendered under this contract. This limitation shall not apply to the extent it is finally, judicially determined that the liability resulted from the intentional



or willful misconduct of FORVIS or if enforcement of this provision is disallowed by applicable law or professional standards.

- 9. Waiver of Certain Damages. In no event shall FORVIS be liable to You or a third party for any indirect, special, consequential, punitive, or exemplary damages, including but not limited to lost profits, loss of revenue, interruption, loss of use, damage to goodwill or reputation, regardless of whether You were advised of the possibility of such damages, regardless of whether such damages were reasonably foreseeable, and regardless of whether such damages arise under a theory of contract, tort, strict liability, or otherwise.
- 10. **Choice of Law.** You acknowledge and agree that any dispute arising out of or related to this contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado, without regard to its conflict of laws principles.
- 11. WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE NOT TO ELECT A TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY ISSUE TRIABLE OF RIGHT BY JURY, AND WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY FULLY TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY SUCH RIGHT SHALL NOW OR HEREAFTER EXIST WITH REGARD TO THIS AGREEMENT, OR ANY CLAIM, COUNTERCLAIM, OR OTHER ACTION ARISING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. THIS WAIVER OF RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IS GIVEN KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY BY THE PARTIES, AND IS INTENDED TO ENCOMPASS INDIVIDUALLY EACH INSTANCE AND EACH ISSUE AS TO WHICH THE RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY WOULD OTHERWISE ACCRUE.
- 12. Severability. In the event that any term or provision of this agreement shall be held to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, then the remainder of this agreement shall not be affected, and each such term and provision of this agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 13. Assignment. You acknowledge and agree that the terms and conditions of this contract shall be binding upon and inure to the parties' successors and assigns, subject to applicable laws and regulations; provided, however, that this contract shall not be assigned by FORVIS without Your written consent.
- Disclaimer of Legal or Investment Advice. Our services do not constitute legal or investment advice.

#### **RECORDS, WORKPAPERS, DELIVERABLES, & PROPRIETARY INFORMATION**

15. Maintenance of Records. You agree to assume full responsibility for maintaining Your original data and records and that FORVIS has no responsibility to maintain this information. You agree You will not rely on FORVIS to provide hosting, electronic security, or backup services, e.g., business continuity or disaster recovery services, to You unless separately engaged to do so. You understand that Your access to data, records, and information from FORVIS' servers, i.e., FORVIS portals used to exchange information,



can be terminated at any time and You will not rely on using this to host Your data and records.

- 16. **FORVIS Workpapers**. Our workpapers and documentation retained in any form of media for this engagement are the property of FORVIS. We can be compelled to provide information under legal process. In addition, We may be requested by regulatory or enforcement bodies (including any State Board) to make certain workpapers available to them pursuant to authority granted by law or regulation. Unless We are prohibited from doing so by law or regulation, FORVIS will inform You of any such legal process or request. You agree We have no legal responsibility to You in the event We determine We are obligated to provide such documents or information.
- 17. Subpoenas or Other Legal Process. In the event FORVIS is required to respond to any such subpoena, court order, or any government regulatory inquiry or other legal process relating to You or Your management for the production of documents and/or testimony relative to information We obtained or prepared incident to this or any other engagement in a matter in which FORVIS is not a party, You shall compensate FORVIS for all time We expend in connection with such response at normal and customary hourly rates and to reimburse Us for all out-of-pocket expenses incurred in regard to such response.
- 18. Use of Deliverables and Drafts. You agree You will not modify any deliverables or drafts prepared by Us for internal use or for distribution to third parties. You also understand that We may on occasion send You documents marked as draft and understand that those are for Your review purpose only, should not be distributed in any way, and should be destroyed as soon as possible.

Our report on any financial statements must be associated only with the financial statements that were the subject of Our engagement. You may make copies of Our report, but only if the entire financial statements (exactly as attached to Our report, including related footnotes) and any supplementary information, as appropriate, are reproduced and distributed with Our report. You agree not to reproduce or associate Our report with any other financial statements, or portions thereof, that are not the subject of Our engagement.

19. **Proprietary Information**. You acknowledge that proprietary information, documents, materials, management techniques, and other intellectual property are a material source of the services We perform and were developed prior to Our association with You. Any new forms, software, documents, or intellectual property We develop during this engagement for Your use shall belong to Us, and You shall have the limited right to use them solely within Your business. All reports, templates, manuals, forms, checklists, questionnaires, letters, agreements, and other documents which We make available to You are confidential and proprietary to Us. Neither You, nor any of Your agents, will copy, electronically store, reproduce, or make any such documents available to anyone other than Your personnel. This provision will apply to all materials whether in digital, "hard copy" format, or other medium.



Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in these Terms and Conditions shall be construed to prevent You from complying with the Colorado Open Records Act, § 24-72-201, et seq., C.R.S., regardless of the confidentiality of such information.

# REGULATORY

- 20. U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and other Regulatory Bodies. Where We are providing services either for (a) an entity that is registered with the SEC, (b) an affiliate of such registrant, or (c) an entity or affiliate that is subject to rules, regulations, or standards beyond those of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA"), any term of this contract that would be prohibited by or impair Our independence under applicable law or regulation shall not apply to the extent necessary only to avoid such prohibition or impairment.
- 21. Offering Document. You may wish to include Our report(s) on financial statements in an exempt offering document. You agree that any report, including any auditor's report, or reference to Our firm, will not be included in any such offering document without notifying Us. Any agreement to perform work in connection with an exempt offering document, including providing agreement for the use of the auditor's report in the exempt offering document, will be a separate engagement.

Any exempt offering document issued by You with which We are not involved will clearly indicate that We are not involved by including a disclosure such as, "FORVIS, LLP, our independent auditor, has not been engaged to perform and has not performed, since the date of its report included herein, any procedures on the financial statements addressed in that report. FORVIS, LLP also has not performed any procedures relating to this offering document."

- 22. FORVIS Not a Municipal Advisor. FORVIS is not acting as Your municipal advisor under Section 15B of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. As such, FORVIS is not recommending any action to You and does not owe You a fiduciary duty with respect to any information or communications regarding municipal financial products or the issuance of municipal securities. You should discuss such matters with internal or external advisors and experts You deem appropriate before acting on any such information or material provided by FORVIS.
- 23. FORVIS Not a Fiduciary. In providing Our attest services, We are required by law and our professional standards to maintain our independence from You. We take this mandate very seriously and thus guard against impermissible relationships which may impair the very independence which You and the users of Our report require. As such, You should not place upon Us special confidence that in the performance of Our attest services We will act solely in Your interest. Therefore, You acknowledge and agree We are not in a fiduciary relationship with You and We have no fiduciary responsibilities to You in the performance of Our services described herein.



#### TECHNOLOGY

- 24. Electronic Sites. You agree to notify Us if You desire to place Our report(s), including any reports on Your financial statements, along with other information, such as a report by management or those charged with governance on operations, financial summaries or highlights, financial ratios, etc., on an electronic site. You recognize that We have no responsibility to review information contained in electronic sites.
- 25. Electronic Signatures and Counterparts. This contract and other documents to be delivered pursuant to this contract may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy and all of which, when taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement or document, and will be effective when counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered to the other parties. Each party agrees that the electronic signatures, whether digital or encrypted, of the parties included in this contract are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Delivery of a copy of this contract or any other document contemplated hereby, bearing an original manual or electronic signature by facsimile transmission (including a facsimile delivered via the internet), by electronic mail in "portable document format" (",pdf") or similar format intended to preserve the original graphic and pictorial appearance of a document, or through the use of electronic signature software, will have the same effect as physical delivery of the paper document bearing an original signature.
- 26. Electronic Data Communication and Storage. In the interest of facilitating Our services to You, We may send data over the internet, temporarily store electronic data via computer software applications hosted remotely on the internet, or utilize cloud-based storage. Your confidential electronic data may be transmitted or stored using these methods. In using these data communication and storage methods, We employ measures designed to maintain data security. We use reasonable efforts to keep such communications and electronic data secure in accordance with Our obligations under applicable laws, regulations, and professional standards.

You recognize and accept that We have no control over the unauthorized interception or breach of any communications or electronic data once it has been transmitted or if it has been subject to unauthorized access while stored, notwithstanding all reasonable security measures employed by Us. You consent to Our use of these electronic devices and applications during this engagement.

# OTHER MATTERS

27. **Cooperation.** You agree to cooperate with FORVIS in the performance of FORVIS' services to You, including the provision to FORVIS of reasonable facilities and timely access to Your data, information, and personnel. You shall be responsible for the performance of Your employees and agents.



- 28. **Third-Party Service Providers.** FORVIS may from time to time utilize third-party service providers, including but not limited to domestic software processors or legal counsel, or disclose confidential information about You to third-party service providers in serving Your account. FORVIS maintains, however, internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality and security of Your information. In addition, FORVIS will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of Your information. If We are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, You will be asked to consent prior to FORVIS sharing Your confidential information with the third-party service provider.
- 29. Independent Contractor. When providing services to You, We will be functioning as an independent contractor; and in no event will We or any of Our employees be an officer of You, nor will Our relationship be that of joint venturers, partners, employer and employee, principal and agent, or any similar relationship giving rise to a fiduciary duty to You. Decisions regarding management of Your business remain the responsibility of Your personnel at all times. Neither You nor FORVIS shall act or represent itself, directly or by implication, as an agent of the other or in any manner assume or create any obligation on behalf of, or in the name of, the other.
- 30. Use of FORVIS Name. Any time You intend to reference FORVIS' firm name in any manner in any published materials, including on an electronic site, You agree to provide Us with draft materials for review and approval before publishing or posting such information.
- 31. **Praxity**. FORVIS is an independent accounting firm allowed to use the name "Praxity" in relation to its practice. FORVIS is not connected, however, by ownership with any other firm using the name "Praxity." FORVIS will be solely responsible for all work carried out on Your behalf. In deciding to engage FORVIS, You acknowledge that We have not represented to You that any other firm using the name "Praxity" will in any way be responsible for Our work.
- 32. Entire Agreement. The contract, including this Terms and Conditions Addendum and any other attachments or addenda, encompasses the entire agreement between You and FORVIS and supersedes all previous understandings and agreements between the parties, whether oral or written. Any modification to the terms of this contract must be made in writing and signed by both You and FORVIS.
- 33. **Force Majeure**. We shall not be held responsible for any failure to fulfill Our obligations if such failure was caused by circumstances beyond Our control, including, without limitation, fire or other casualty, act of God, act of terrorism, strike or labor dispute, war or other violence, explosion, flood or other natural catastrophe, epidemic or pandemic, or any law, order, or requirement of any governmental agency or authority affecting either party, including without limitation orders incident to any such epidemic or pandemic, lockdown orders, stay-at-home orders, and curfews.



# EXHIBIT 2 FEE SCHEDULE



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October 4, 2023

Ms. Trish Muller Finance Director Town of Castle Rock 100 North Wilcox Street Castle Rock, CO 80104

Dear Ms. Muller:

We are honored you consider **FORVIS** to be the type of CPA and advisory firm equipped to serve you, and we are pleased to provide the following fee quote to continue to provide the Town of Castle Rock with auditing services for the year ended December 31, 2023.

# **Proposed Fees**

Our goal is to be candid, timely, answer your questions about fees upfront, and avoid fee surprises. We determine our fees by evaluating a number of variables: the complexity of the work, the project's scope, the time we will spend, and the level of professional staff needed. In addition to our quoted fee, you will be billed an administrative fee of 5 percent. This fee covers items such as copies, postage and other delivery charges, supplies, technology-related costs, such as computer processing, software licensing, research and library databases, and similar expense items.

Our fees may increase if our duties or responsibilities change because of new rules, regulations, and accounting or auditing standards. We will consult with you should this happen.

The fees above do not include time related to the adoption of new standards as it is not possible to estimate how the new standards will impact the Town. Any time incurred related to new standards will be billed based on time expended.

Services	Estimated Fees
Financial Statement Audit in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards	\$85,665.00
Compliance Audit in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance (price per major program)	\$10,250.00
Second Compliance Audit in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance (if needed)	\$10,250.00
Administrative Fee (5%)	\$5,308.25
TOTAL	\$111,473.25



# EXHIBIT 3 CONSULTANT'S CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE (see attached)

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# EXHIBIT 4 AFFIDAVIT OF INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT STATUS

In accordance with Section 8-70-115, C.R.S., I certify the following:

- With respect to the Agreement, FORVIS, LLP ("Entity") represents and warrants that it is the Entity's express intention to be employed as an independent Consultant of the Town of Castle Rock (the "Town") for purposes of performing the work or services which are the subject of the Agreement, to include all employees and agents of the above-named entity. Entity understands and confirm that the Town reasonably relied on this intention in entering into the Agreement.
- The Town does not require Entity work exclusively for the Town, except that Entity may choose to work exclusively for the Town for a finite period of time specified in the document.
- The Town does not establish a quality standard for the work or services performed pursuant to the Agreement, except that the Town may provide plans and specifications regarding the work but cannot oversee the actual work or provide instruction as to how the work is performed.
- The Town does not pay a salary or hourly rate but rather a fixed or contract rate, as noted in the terms and conditions of the Agreement, and any Exhibits made part of the Agreement.
- The Town cannot terminate the work or services performed during the contract period unless otherwise agreed to in the terms and conditions of the Agreement.
- Entity is not provided with anything, if at all, more than minimal training from the Town.
- The Town does not provide Entity with tools or benefits for the performance of the work or services which are the subject of the Agreement, except materials and equipment may be supplied.
- The Town does not dictate the time of performance, except that a completion schedule and a range of mutually agreeable work hours may be established in the Agreement.
- The Town does not pay Entity personally but rather makes checks payable to the trade or business name of the Entity, who is a party to the Agreement; and the Town does not combine their business operations in any way with the entity's business, but instead maintains such operations as separate and distinct.
- Entity understands that if a professional license to practice a particular occupation under the laws of the State of Colorado requires the exercise of a supervisory function with regard to the work of services performed under this Agreement, such supervisory role shall not affect the independent Consultant relationship with the Town.



- ENTITY UNDERSTANDS THAT NEITHER ENTITY NOR ITS EMPLOYEES ARE ENTITLED TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS OF THE TOWN. THE ONLY AVAILABLE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION COVERAGE IS THAT PROVIDED BY THE ENTITY.
- ENTITY UNDERSTANDS THAT IT IS OBLIGATED TO PAY FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX ON MONEYS PAID PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT.

CONSULTANT

FORVIS, LLP

By: Name: marcell STATE OF COLORADO ) ) ss.

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The foregoing instrument as acknowledged before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of <u>November</u> 2023, by <u>Marcella</u> as <u>Signer</u> of the abovementioned Entity.

Witness my official hand and seal. My commission expires: <u>8 - 27 - 2024</u>

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Notary Public

Lori Anne Ernst NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID# 20044030657 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES August 27, 2024