

## Town of Paradise Valley

Proposal to Provide Audit Services (Firm and irrevocable for 90 days from date proposal is due.)

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### Letter of Transmittal

January 31, 2020

Audit Committee Town of Paradise Valley 6401 East Lincoln Drive Paradise Valley, Arizona 85253

The undersigned, Henry+Horne, hereby submits its response to your Request for Proposal #P20-105-FIN.

### UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK TO BE DONE

It is our understanding the Town of Paradise Valley requires a qualified CPA firm to express an opinion on the fair presentation of its financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, with the option of auditing the financial statements for each of the four subsequent fiscal years. These audits are to be performed in accordance with auditing principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Following the audit, Henry+Horne will issue the following reports:

- An independent auditor's report on the fair presentation of the Town of Paradise Valley's financial statements.
- · A single audit reporting package.
- A biennial report on applying agreed-upon procedures and certification of land use assumptions, infrastructure improvement plan and development impact fees.
- A statement that fulfills the declaration requirement for the expenditure of Highway User Revenue Funds.
- An independent auditor's report on the Annual Expenditure Limitation Report.
- Agreed upon procedures report on the Annual Expenditure Limitation Report prepared in compliance with State Statutes.
- Court MAS report.
- Any additional audit communication related to any of the items in the RFP.

Henry+Horne will communicate any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses found during the audit, in accordance with applicable audit standards and audit industry guidelines, in the required reports on internal controls. This includes all instances of noncompliance noted during the audit.

Henry+Horne will retain all working papers and reports at our expense, in accordance with all relevant industry standards, unless Henry+Horne is notified in writing by the Town of Paradise Valley of the need to extend the retention period. Henry+Horne will make working papers available, upon request, to the following parties or their designees, including, but not limited to, the Arizona Auditor General, and auditors of entities of which the Town is a sub-recipient of grand funds.

### COMMITMENT

Henry+Horne is committed to perform and complete the work for fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 for the Town of Paradise Valley.

### **BEST QUALIFIED**

With more than 60 years of experience in the government industry, serving local Arizona governments as the largest locally owned firm in the state, we are confident that we can meet your needs, exceed your expectation and provide you with the quality of service you desire. It is our strong belief that an audit is not a commodity to be churned out by the lowest bidder. We are very proud of our reputation as a firm that offers value along with the audit. We want to serve clients who are not just seeking an audit for compliance purposes. We want to be a partner that not only serves its clients needs, but helps identify them.

### FIRM AND IRREVOCABLE

This proposal is firm and irrevocable for 90 days from the date the proposal is due.

If you have any questions, call Brian Hemmerle at (480) 839-4900.

Sincerely,

Henry & Home, LCP

Henry & Horne, LLP

Contact Information: Brian Hemmerle, CPA, CFE 2055 E. Warner Rd, Suite 101 Tempe, AZ 85284 (480) 839-4900 BrianH@hhcap.com

### Client Testimonials

We believe the most important measure of our success is the satisfaction of our clients. We know that we are accomplishing our goal of providing exceptional client service on a daily basis when we receive comments like these from our clients.



Henry+Horne's auditors and managers are knowledgeable and experienced committed professionals. They meet all of their commitments timely and effectively helping us to ensure timely completion of our CAFR.

Robert Russell Weddigan, CPA, MPA, Finance Director Town of Cave Creek



Henry+Horne always turns our audit around in a timely fashion and keeps us updated on where we are in the audit process. I'm never wondering what the status is or when I should anticipate my CAFR being issued but, if I do have a question, my audit team is always easy to reach.

Joe Duffy, Finance Director Town of Chino Valley



Recommendations made by Henry+Horne have allowed our organization to grow and operate in a more efficient manner. Our audit team evaluates our performance in a professional, respectful and thorough manner.

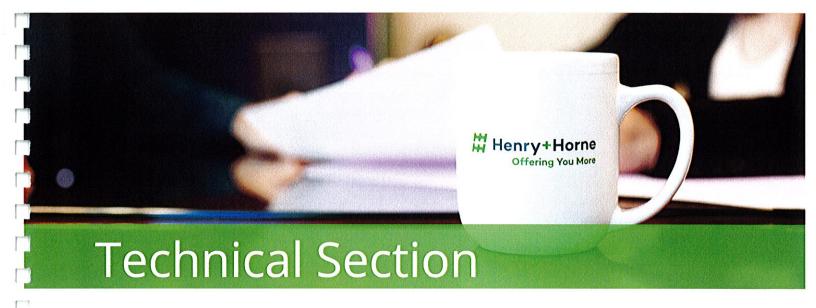
Becki Guilin, Former Finance Director Town of Florence



Henry+Horne always provides excellent and professional service. In the audit process, there is always the sense they are helping us put our best foot forward.

D. Brett Benedict, CEO & General Manager Electrical District No. 3





### INDEPENDENCE

Henry+Horne currently has no business, investment or family relationships with the Town of Paradise Valley. As such, Henry+Horne is independent of the Town of Paradise Valley as defined by generally accepted auditing standards as set forth in the United States General Accounting Office's Government Auditing Standards 2011 (revised). If Henry+Horne shall enter into any professional relationships during the period of this engagement, the firm will give the Town of Paradise Valley written notice.

### LICENSE TO PRACTICE IN ARIZONA

Henry+Horne and all key professional staff to be assigned to the Town of Paradise Valley's audits are properly licensed by the Arizona State Board of Accountancy to practice public accounting in the State of Arizona.

### FIRM QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Overview of Henry+Horne:

- Founded in Arizona in 1957
- Largest locally owned accounting firm
- Serving clients throughout the western United States
- Serving the government industry since 1957

You will work with the largest, locally owned and managed accounting and consulting firm in Arizona. We have more than 140 employees in three (3) offices located throughout Arizona:

Tempe	Scottsdale	Casa Grande
2055 E. Warner Rd, Suite 101	7098 E. Cochise Rd, Suite 100	1115 E. Cottonwood Ln, Suite 100
Tempe, AZ 85284	Scottsdale, AZ 85253	Casa Grande, AZ 85122
(480) 839-4900	(480) 483-1170	(520) 836-8201

Our locations are geographically centrally located in Arizona, which allows us to operate as one firm-wide audit department. The close proximity of our offices enables us to utilize all resources from our three locations. This provides our clients with the best level of services and talent available.

Henry+Horne has a dedicated government niche with team members who work exclusively on government clients and receive customized continuing professional education in these areas. With such a large group of industry specific team members they go above the minimum of 80 hours of continuing professional education every two years. In fact, they exceed the minimum by hundreds of hours every two years. Often, you will find your government auditors are the very ones presenting the various governmental CPE classes available throughout the State. This means your team members will have the knowledge to be proficient in your audit.

The Henry+Horne team has:

- Sixteen (16) partners
- One (1) principal
- Seven (7) partner emeritus
- Fifteen (15) senior managers
- Eleven (11) directors
- Twenty (20) managers
- Twelve (12) supervisors
- Eighteen (18) senior associates
- Ten (10) advanced associates
- Ten (10) associates
- Twenty-one (21) other professionals

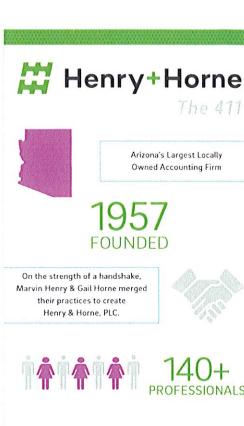
Your engagement team will consist of two (2) government partners, one (1) government manager, one (1) government supervisor and one (1) government associate auditor.

By choosing Henry+Horne as your auditors, your fees stay local, helping the local economy and tax revenue in your County and State.

Henry+Horne is currently an active member of:

- GFOAz (Government Finance Officers of Arizona)
- AGA (Association of Government Accountants Phoenix Chapter)
- AASBO (Arizona Association of School Business Officials)
- GAQC (Government Audit Quality Center of the AICPA)

Henry+Horne is not a joint venture or consortium.









- ·Cost Segregation ·Employee Benefit Plan Audits
- ·Estate, Gift + Trust
  - •International Tax

·Audit + Accounting

- ·Litigation + Valuation
- - ·Real Estate Appraisal ·Research + Development
  - · Tax Consulting + Compliance
  - ·Wealth Management
  - ·Plus more!
- ·Construction
- ·Government ·Not-for-Profit
- · Restaurant
- ·Plus more!









WE ARE SOCIAL



Henry+Horne is a member of the Private Companies Practice Section (PCPS) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, (AICPA). Membership in the PCPS is significant because it is an acknowledgment that Henry+Horne is dedicated to the implementation and maintenance of high professional standards. It also means that all professional staff must meet minimum professional continuing education requirements. Qualifications for membership in PCPS require that member firms be subject to internal review by the governing authorities of the section. The internal reviews are designed to examine compliance with professional standards by the members and are performed by selected peers within the membership.

Our quality control procedures requires audit review by two partners with extensive government accounting knowledge, which exceeds minimum AICPA audit standards requirements.

Henry+Horne's most recent examination was completed in September 2019, and the firm again received the highest possible rating as to compliance with membership standards. This quality control review included governmental engagements.

Henry+Horne's most recent peer review report can be found in Appendix A.

Henry+Horne has had no federal or state desk reviews or field reviews of its audits during the past three (3) years. There has been no disciplinary action taken or pending against the firm during the past three (3) years with state regulatory bodies or professional organizations.



Henry+Horne has performed several audits of our annual financial statements, and each year they have submitted the reports on or before the deadline. All members of the engagement team are very knowledgeable, extremely responsive and professional.

Gergana Kovatcheva FormerFinance Consulting Manager First Things First

### PARTNER, SUPERVISORY AND STAFF QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The audit team for the Town of Paradise Valley consists entirely of high level, experienced personnel. A differentiator of our firm is that we:

- Send highly experienced staff level accountants to work on behalf of our audit clients.
- All supervisory members of your team are CPAs.
- Extremely high level of direct partner involvement throughout the engagement.
- Your audit team has years of industry and/or audit experience.

AUDIT TEAM	TITLE	ROLE	EXPERIENCE
Brian Hemmerle, CPA, CFE	Government Partner	Lead Engagement Partner	12+ Years
Chuck Goodmiller, CPA, CGMA	Co-Managing Partner	Engagement & Quality Control Review	27+ Years
Cailee Lewis, CPA	Government Manager	Engagement-in-Charge	7+ Years
Nick Baldelli, CPA	Government Supervisor		6+ Years

Part of Henry+Horne's commitment to providing the Town of Paradise Valley with top-quality service includes:

- Assigning the most competent audit professionals to the job.
- Your engagement team have performed numerous engagements and have more than 50 years combined experience in governmental accounting.
- Your engagement team are members of local and national organizations.
- Your engagement team stays current on the the latest changes to the government finance world, which means you will stay current as well.

Members of your engagement team are also involved with the following organizations.

GFOA	GFOAZ	ASCPA	
Brian Hemmerle, CPA, CFE*	Brian Hemmerle, CPA, CFE	Brian Hemmerle, CPA, CFE	
Chuck Goodmiller, CPA, CGMA	Cailee Lewis, CPA	Chuck Goodmiller, CPA, CGMA	
Cailee Lewis, CPA*		Cailee Lewis, CPA	
		Nick Baldelli, CPA	

<sup>\*</sup>On the special review committee for the GFOA reviewing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports for national government entities.

### **Brian Hemmerle**

- The partner who is ultimately responsible for all aspects of Henry+Horne's services for the Town of Paradise Valley.
- Brian will oversee the audit and will be assigning the work to the in-charge person for each segment.
- Brian will be on site along with the audit team.
- Brian will be the partner-in-charge of your engagement as long as you are a client.

### Lead Engagement Partner

- Ensures accurate, timely and efficient audit procedures.
- Staffs job with quality audit professionals.
- Reviews audit in its entirety for a level of assurance that is of the utmost quality.

### **Chuck Goodmiller**

• Ensure compliance with our firm's quality control.

### Engagement & Quality Control Review Partner

- Trains audit team professionals.
- Evaluates team members to ensure audit process is done correctly and professionally.
- Reviews audit as part of our quality control assurance.

### **Cailee Lewis**

- Primary client services coordinator for the audit.
- On site 100% of the time.
- Will only be assigned to the Town of Paradise Valley during fieldwork and no other client.
- Supervise the work in the field, manage the day-to-day activities and issues related to the audit, oversee the reporting process and ensure that all work is performed in compliance with the required standards and on a timely basis.

### Engagement Manager and Engagement-in-Charge

- Coordinates audit from start to finish.
- Oversees complex auditing.
- Ensures job is progressing at a reasonable pace.
- Reviews audit for technical quality.

All professionals who will be associated with your audit exceed the continuing education requirements of the Government Auditing Standards and the Single Audit Act which state that auditors responsible for planning, directing, conducting and reporting on government audits should complete, every 2 years, 80 hours of continuing education and training which contributes to the auditor's professional proficiency; 24 or more of the 80 hours should be in subjects directly related to the government and not-for-profit environment and to government and not-for-profit auditing.

Senior members of your government team have acquired the following CPE requirements:

- ASCPA Governmental Accounting Conference
- GAQC Annual Update
- GASB Update: What's New This Year
- GFOA Annual Governmental GAAP Update
- GFOAz Winter Conference
- GFOAz Summer Conference
- Government Cash Flows
- Single Audit Reporting Issues
- Uniform Guidance Year 3: A Deeper Dive into Challenging Audit Areas

Resumes, including relevant experience and continuing education, may be found in Appendix B.

We understand our clients' concerns about continuity of staff on your engagements. While no firm can guarantee 100% staff continuity, we do have a track record of exceptionally low turnover. We have a history of low turnover, as our turnover rate for our government auditors for the past three fiscal years has been less than 17% each year. That is below the industry average of 27%. With the low turnover, it allows for our in-charge people to remain the same from year to year. The breakdown for our government auditors for the past three fiscal years is as follows:

FY 2016/2017	14.28%
FY 2017/2018	0.0%
FY 2018/2019	16.67%

If there is a change, for any reason, in firm specialists in regards to your engagement, Henry+Horne will express this in writing to the Town of Paradise Valley as it is the Town of Paradise Valley's right to approve or reject the replacements. If there is a change in other audit personnel we will provide replacements with the same or better qualifications or experience.

At Henry+Horne our primary marketable assets are skills, abilities and expertise, and our working capital is people. As in any business, we must improve our assets in order to increase the effectiveness of our working capital. Unlike people, skills do not come in assorted colors, abilities do not have gender and expertise is ageless. To that end, Henry+Horne subscribes to the philosophy that all of our team members, or potential team members, will receive equal consideration in regard to recruitment, hiring, training, promotion, compensation, benefits, discipline, transfers, education, leave of absence, and participation in company-administered activities. Such consideration will be based upon each individual's abilities, achievements and experience without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, Veteran's status, or any other factor unrelated to the performance of job duties.

### SIMILAR ENGAGEMENTS

City of Safford

Scope of Work: Audit Date: 2017 - Current

Engagement Partner: Brian Hemmerle

Total Hours: 255

Contact: Alma Flores, Finance Officer Client Phone: (928) 432-4000

Beginning and End of fieldwork: September 23 - 27

Town of Chino Valley

Scope of Work: Audit Date: 2015 - Current

Engagement Partner: Brian Hemmerle

Total Hours: 205

Contact: Joe Duffy, Finance Director Client Phone: (928) 636-2646

Beginning and End of fieldwork: September 30 - October 4

City of Tolleson

Scope of Work: Audit Date: 2016 - Current

Engagement Partner: Brian Hemmerle

Total Hours: 180

Contact: Vicky Juvet, CFO Client Phone: (623) 936-2778

Beginning and End of fieldwork: September 16 - 20

### SPECIFIC AUDIT APPROACH

Henry+Horne believes an audit is a necessary and valuable tool to help the Town of Paradise Valley function efficiently and successfully. It is more than just identifying what is working and what is inoperative in order to be compliant. Our audit team will take an in-depth look at the Town of Paradise Valley's needs to formulate a plan that will help to streamline financial reporting procedures and recordkeeping along with improve operations, identify areas vulnerable to fraud and more.

A simple transition. We realize changing accounting firms is a decision with major impact on the Town of Paradise Valley. With the challenge of adjusting to change comes the opportunity to cultivate a new and beneficial working relationship that brings value to all of the parties involved. Through our workflow and audit process, we strive to make the transition as smooth and effective as possible for the Town of Paradise Valley.

**Your time is valuable.** Running an organization is an enormous task. That's why your auditors will maintain constant communication with the Town of Paradise Valley. We will follow through on every step of the audit to minimize the amount of time key Town of Paradise Valley personnel need to take out of their already busy schedules when responding to requests for information or attending necessary meetings.

**An experienced team.** We only send experienced auditors to your engagement. The team of experienced professionals assigned to the Town of Paradise Valley boasts more than 50 years combined experience serving the governmental accounting industry. Our turnover rate at Henry+Horne is nearly 20% lower than the industry average, ensuring a qualified audit team. Our professionals have the years of hands-on experience and knowledge to meet and possibly exceed the Town of Paradise Valley's expectations in the audit process and results.

**Faster, better quality results.** Your auditors will work to address any issues and problems that may arise during fieldwork as they come up. This ensures faster audit results and better quality results because new ideas and solutions are fresh on the team's mind. Some CPA firms issue the audit reports months after the financial statements, but we issue them at the same time.

**A plan tailored to your needs.** At Henry+Horne we believe that an audit is more than just a one size fits all commodity to be purchased from the lowest bidder. We will put together a plan that is customized to fit the specific needs of the Town of Paradise Valley.

### **Proposed Segmentation of the Engagement**

### Initial Audit Year: Performed In May or June

Initial year conference - Henry+Horne will send a team of experienced auditors to meet with the Town of Paradise Valley key personnel to discuss issues relating to the audit and work to be performed. We will go over the audit in detail to help the Town of Paradise Valley gain a complete understanding of the process as well as the information we will need from the Town of Paradise Valley.

- During this conference Henry+Horne would like to discuss any and all concerns the Town of Paradise Valley may have in the transition process from their previous auditors.
- Prior to our initial audit of the Town of Paradise Valley, we will review previous period auditor work papers.
- We will complete our internal client acceptance evaluation form for quality control purposes.
- A dedicated secure client portal will be made available.

### Preliminary Risk Assessment Segment: Performed In May or June

Entrance conference - Your dedicated government audit team will meet with the Town of Paradise Valley's audit liaison to discuss changes to personnel, membership, funding sources, etc. in order to better assess the Town of Paradise Valley's situation and start accounting for the role these changes will play in moving forward with the audit:

- Have there been any changes to the intended use of the financials?
- Have there been any changes in management and key staff?
- Have there been any significant or unusual transactions or changes in structure?
- Have you received any notices/communication from regulatory agencies?
- Are there any significant litigation issues or covenant violations?
- · What went on during the year with the operations?
  - Changes in debt issues
  - Changes in funding sources
  - If applicable, changes in federal programs for Single Audit determination
  - Change in number of employees
  - Changes in banking relationships/financing
  - Significant asset purchases
- Timing for risk assessment and substantive.
- Timing for the draft and final reports.
- Timing for exit conference with management and/or governance.

### Risk Assessment Procedures:

- We will prepare and discuss with the Town of Paradise Valley a list of risk assessment related items.
- Audit team pre-planning meeting to assign tasks to staff regarding risk assessment audit areas, single audit, compliance and etc.
- An experienced member of the audit team will document a detailed understanding of the Town of Paradise Valley including:
  - Regulatory and external factors affecting the Town of Paradise Valley
  - The impact, if any, of changes in accounting pronouncements affecting the Town of Paradise Valley since the prior year.
  - Status of prior-period findings, including findings and questioned costs in compliance audits.
  - Management's strategies for the Town of Paradise Valley's growth.
  - The process management uses to measure its financial performance.
  - Other considerations and risks.
- The audit team members will gain an understanding of the Town of Paradise Valley's design and implementation of internal controls.
- Walk-through observations performed one-on-one with Town of Paradise Valley staff related to key financial processes and controls.
- Narrative and flowchart documentation of our evaluation of key controls and assessing the controls to be tested for their
  effectiveness.
  - Federal regulated controls for major programs as required by the Compliance Supplement for Single Audits.
- Testing the controls identified during our evaluation to determine their effectiveness and the control risk.
- Evaluation of the Town of Paradise Valley's IT environment through interviews with Town of Paradise Valley IT personnel and review of user roles related to segregation of duties.
- Subsequent to the Town of Paradise Valley's fiscal year-end, we will obtain a preliminary trial balance and perform extensive analytical procedures to aid in the planning stage of our audit.
- We will prepare and discuss with the Town of Paradise Valley a list of substantive items to be prepared by the Town.

Planning and communication with those charged with governance, to be done by supervisor or above:

- The primary partner on your audit is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) who will perform one-on-one interviews with a member of your governance (mayor or council member), key personnel and other selected Town of Paradise Valley personnel to gauge the general environment of the Town of Paradise Valley and their understanding of fraud.
- Your dedicated CFE will assess the risk of fraud on various areas of the audit.

We will also provide the Town of Paradise Valley with confirmation letters for the Town of Paradise Valley's financial institutions.

### Fieldwork Audit Procedures: Performed In September

Prior to substantive fieldwork, the audit team will meet to discuss and document a detailed plan of work to be performed based on the following:

- Risk assessment
- Any test of controls and walk-throughs
- Preliminary analytical
- Federal major program determination (if applicable)
- Opinion unit materiality

Our detailed plan will include using governmental audit programs customized to the Town of Paradise Valley based on our understanding and assessment of your processes and controls.

Fieldwork will include audit procedures in significant areas such as:

- Journal entry testing
- Receivables and payables
- Payroll
- Debt
- · Capital assets
- · Revenues and expenditures
- Subsequent review

An exit conference will conclude fieldwork. The audit team and the Town of Paradise Valley key personnel will meet to:

- Summarize the results of fieldwork
- Review any findings and discuss unresolved issues

Preliminary recommendations, suggestions and revisions will be made for both the financial statement audit and the Single audit.

Because of the commitment we will make to the Town of Paradise Valley, we believe in working closely with your staff to help them understand and implement all recommendations that are made. We strive to maintain open and constant communication during the course of the year for times when issues may arise and concerns can be addressed. We maintain that communication to ensure there are no loose ends as the audit process nears completion and to make sure the Town of Paradise Valley is not swamped with any last minute tasks or requirements.

### **Audit Conclusion: Performed In October**

Auditors' reports, as outlined in the RFP, will be drafted for the Town of Paradise Valley's review. Because Henry+Horne employs a one-way workflow, the Town of Paradise Valley can expect to receive faster audit results. As previously mentioned, our team members will be in constant contact with key personnel while conducting fieldwork. This speeds up the work flow because your auditors will work on their findings as they gather them, rather than collecting information to come up with a plan later.

For quality control, Henry+Horne will perform a dual partner review on the Town of Paradise Valley's financial statements, auditors' reports and Single Audit. We will issue the final reports to the Town of Paradise Valley and submit the required filings to the Federal Clearinghouse.

### **Proposed Level of Staff and Hours**

**Total** 

Based off the information we have gathered, we put together the following proposed segmentation of the audit. It includes the Preliminary Segment, Fieldwork Segment and the Conclusion.

AUDIT APPROACH	PARTNER	MANAGER	SUPERVISORY STAFF	STAFF	TOTAL
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PRELIMINARY SEGMENT					
Perform Risk Assessment/Assessment of Internal Controls	_	1	3	6	10
Preliminary Analytical procedures	2		2	-	4
Staff Planning & Discussion-Specific Procedures	2	2	2	2	8
Materiality & Major Fund Determination	- L	1	1		2
FIELDWORK SEGMENT			L		
Substantive audit procedures will be used throughout budget and prior year balance comparisons, test of det requirements.					
Cash & Investments	1	1	-	4	6
Receivables	1	-	8	-	9
Other Assets	-	-	-	2	2
Capital Assets	3	8	-	-	11
Accounts Payable/Deposits	1	=	-	4	5
Accrued Liabilities/Interest	=	1	=	2	3
Unearned Revenues/Deferred Revenues	1	=	2	* E	3
Long-term Debt and Other Liabilities	3		8	=	11
Pension / OPEB	2	2	=	4	8
Equity	1	=	2		3
Revenues	1	2	8	10	21
Expenditures	1	2	8	12	23
Other Compliance	1		4	2	7
Annual Expenditure Limitation Report	1	-	×=1	4	5
HURF Compliance	1	=	1	2	4
Compliance-Single Audit Procedures - Data Collection Submission	5	-	10	4	19
Court MAS Audit	2	=	12	10	24
Biennial Cert. of Land Use Improvement Plan AUP	2	10	-	12	24
CONCLUSION SEGMENT					
Staff Addressing Review Comments	<u> </u>	-	4	4	8
CAFR Review and Disclosure Checklist	8	8	55	-	16

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### **Statistical Sampling**

It is difficult to determine the extent to which statistical sampling is to be used in the engagement before the planning process takes place. In general, we will use sampling in our tests of transactions, test of controls, compliance and certain areas involving substantive tests. Sample sizes vary from entity to entity. Sample size typically range from 5 to 60 items for each sample. Sampling is commonly used in the accounts receivable, capital assets, accounts payable, expenditures, revenues, payroll, single audit/compliance and journal entry audit areas. We will select the appropriate sample size to support our conclusions based on the proper opinion unit materiality.

### **EDP Software**

The method and analysis of all electronic data processes are critical to any audit in today's environment for both the auditor and the client. Henry+Horne's audit software allows us to provide timely and cost effective reporting and communication to our clients. The software uses Excel and Word programs to prepare financial statements and work paper documentation, thus allowing us to request and exchange information with you on a "user friendly" basis. We have clients who have obtained a license for the software at a minimal fee in order to prepare financial statements in house. These clients have been very impressed with the effectiveness of the software and the efficiencies gained by implementing this system. They have found it makes CAFR preparation much more streamlined.

The Town of Paradise Valley's electronic data processing (EDP) will be evaluated during the audit due to the system's relationship with financial reporting through accounting transactions and recording. The EDP system will be evaluated and documented through a series of inquiries, questionnaires and observations. After acquiring an understanding of the internal control structure and the processing of data, audit procedures will be applied to evaluate the integrity of the system.

Henry+Horne recognizes the importance of information technology and uses technology to enhance our productivity and efficiency in the audit process. Through the use of one of the leading paperless software programs for audits, we are able to download and analyze your financial data in order to effectively plan and perform the audit.

Our use of data analysis software (IDEA) gives us the ability to analyze, sort, extrapolate and compare your information with prior years, projected results and industry standards. By making use of this software, we are able to provide extra value to our clients by performing high level analysis and unpredictable tests. An example of this is the ability to compare HR records to vendor records to help analyze whether employees have set themselves up as false vendors in order to misappropriate funds.

### **Analytical Procedures**

Generally accepted auditing standards require that analytical procedures be used in audit planning and in the overall review stage of the audit. In the planning stage, analytical procedures will be used to identify unusual changes in account balances. Comparisons will be made between the (a) current year and prior year's activity and (b) current year's activity and budget. In the overall review stage, analytical procedures will be designed to assist the auditor in assessing that (a) all significant fluctuations and other unusual items have been adequately explained and (b) the overall financial statement presentation makes sense based on the audit results and the auditor's knowledge of the Town of Paradise Valley. Other analytical procedures may be developed when deemed necessary in the audit process. It is our policy to take an analytical approach to every test we perform. In other words, we do not just churn out audit program testing and checklists. We look for appropriate relationships and develop expectations for every audit area and significant account balance. This is a benefit of having an experienced audit team.

### **Internal Control Structure**

Accounting standards require auditors to obtain a sufficient understanding of internal control to plan the audit and to determine the nature, timing, and extent of tests to be performed. An understanding of the Town of Paradise Valley's internal control will be gained through extensive questionnaires and observations. Our procedures have been professionally developed and comply with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. We will compare information gained through inquiries and observations to the Town of Paradise Valley's policies. We will also include fraud testing in order to comply with auditing standards. When deemed necessary, a management letter will be issued regarding significant deficiencies, material weaknesses and other management comments. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combinations of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Town of Paradise Valley's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Town of Paradise Valley's financial statements is more than inconsequential and will not be prevented or detected by the Town of Paradise Valley's internal control. A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented, or detected, by the Town of Paradise Valley's internal control.

### **Laws and Regulations**

During the course of our audit, we will request certain items such as grant documents, contracts, leases, debt covenants, etc. and make inquiries of management in order to determine any laws and regulations which would be specific to the Town of Paradise Valley. We will also make any appropriate inquiries that may arise during our audit procedures relating to compliance. Of course, we will expect corroboration related to any answers made to our inquiries.

### **Audit Samples**

Audit sampling can be performed on account balances, transaction classes or for test of compliance in any audit area. The level of sampling depends upon the account balance or compliance requirement. Sample sizes can vary from year to year, but often range anywhere from 5 to 60 selected items depending on auditor requirements and judgment.

### **Department Sampling**

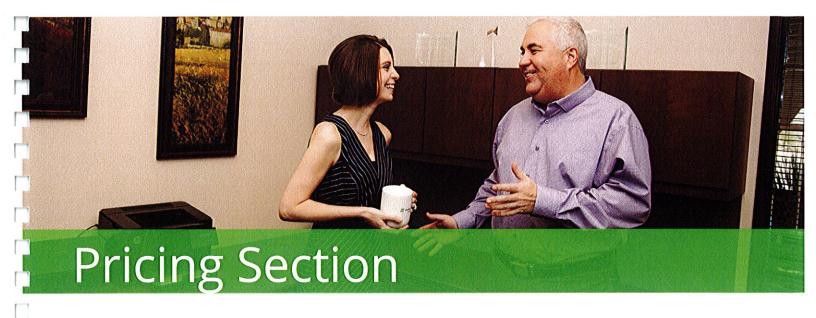
All areas/departments of the Town of Paradise Valley will be subjected to compliance and substantive sampling.

### IDENTIFICATION OF ANTICIPATED POTENTIAL AUDIT PROBLEMS

We do not anticipate any audit problems. However, if we encounter any problems, it is our policy to immediately discuss these problems with management and to agree to a course of action before proceeding.

### REPORT FORMATS

You can find the sample formats for the required reports in Appendix C.



### **ALL-INCLUSIVE MAXIMUM PRICE**

Henry+Horne has included all costs for travel, lodging and subsistence in the total maximum price. In addition, Henry+Horne will accept reimbursement for travel, lodging and subsistence at the prevailing Town of Paradise Valley rates for its employees. A summary of the all-inclusive maximum price for fiscal years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 is as follows:

	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	Total
Comprehensive Annual Financial Report	\$26,200	\$26,855	\$27,526	\$28,215	\$28,920	\$137,716
Single Audit Report	\$3,250	\$3,250	\$3,250	\$3,250	\$3,250	\$16,250
Annual Expenditure Limitation Report	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$3,750
HURF Report	\$650	\$650	\$650	\$650	\$650	\$3,250
Court MAS	N/A	N/A	\$3,550	N/A	N/A	\$3,550
Biennial certified audit of the municipality's land use assumptions, infrastructure improvements plan and development fees	N/A	\$3,750	N/A	\$3,750	N/A	\$7,500
Total	\$30,850	\$35,255	\$35,726	\$36,615	\$33,570	\$172,016

Schedule of Professional Fees and Expenses for the 2019-2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report:

Description	Number of Hours	Hourly Rate(s)	Total (\$)
Partners	28	\$250	\$7,000
Managers	28	\$175	\$4,900
Supervisory Staff	52	\$150	\$7,800
Staff	52	\$125	\$6,500
Other			
Total	160	N/A	\$26,200

Schedule of Professional Fees and Expenses for the Single Audit Report:

Description	Number of Hours	Hourly Rate(s)	Total (\$)
Partners	5	\$250	\$1,250
Managers	·	\$175	-
Supervisory Staff	10	\$150	\$1,500
Staff	4	\$125	\$500
Other			
Total	19	N/A	\$3,250

Schedule of Professional Fees and Expenses for the Annual Expenditure Limitation Report (AELR):

Description	Number of Hours	Hourly Rate(s)	Total (\$)
Partners	1	\$250	\$250
Managers	1-	\$175	-
Supervisory Staff	12	\$150	=
Staff	4	\$125	\$500
Other			
Total	5	N/A	\$750

### Schedule of Professional Fees and Expenses for the Preparation of Highway User Revenue (HURF) Funds Letter:

Description	Number of Hours	Hourly Rate(s)	Total (\$)
Partners	1	\$250	\$250
Managers	-	\$175	*
Supervisory Staff	1	\$150	\$150
Staff	2	\$125	\$250
Other			
Total	4	N/A	\$650

Schedule of Professional Fees and Expenses for Court (MAS) audit:

Description	Number of Hours	Hourly Rate(s)	Total (\$)
Partners	2	\$250	\$500
Managers	=	\$175	3
Supervisory Staff	12	\$150	\$1,800
Staff	10	\$125	\$1,250
Other			
Total	24	N/A	\$3,550

Report on Agreed-Upon Procedures, Biennial Certification of Land Use Assumption, Infrastructure Improvement Plan and Development Impact Fees:

Description	Number of Hours	Hourly Rate(s)	Total (\$)
Partner	2	\$250	\$500
Manager	10	\$175	\$1,750
Supervisory Staff	-	\$150	=
Staff	12	\$125	\$1,500
Other			
Total	24	N/A	\$3,750

### **OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES**

Henry+Horne has included all costs for travel, lodging and subsistence in the total maximum price.

### MANNER OF PAYMENT

A progress payment will be made upon the completion of fieldwork based on the total hours of work performed and out-of-pocket expenses incurred compared to the total maximum price in accordance with the firm's pricing section of the proposal. The second payment will cover the final fieldwork and the third payment will cover the drafting and preparation of reports, schedules and financial statements due in November as requested in the RFP. The final payment will cover work on any other items to complete the annual work requested in the RFP. The Town of Paradise Valley will withhold the final bill payment until pending delivery of all final reports, schedules and financial statements. Henry+Horne will provide a detailed schedule indicating the charges by report, hours by report and charges per major grant.

The pricing listed is guaranteed not to exceed the quoted price and includes all fees for travel, insurance, reimbursables and any other applicable costs.

Henry+Horne has never charged additional fees above the proposed amount for services as listed in the RFP. Henry+Horne does stand behind our price estimate in all proposals as well as our quoted hours. All professionals work at a different pace and Henry+Horne knows the pace our certified public accountants work. They are experienced professionals who are efficient at performing audits of financial statements.

The number of hours does change from year to year depending upon our risk assessments but those variations are included in the estimated hours. Additional fees would only be charged if there is a change in the scope of work by you, the client. Any change in the scope the Town of Paradise Valley requested would be discussed with Henry+Horne and the Finance Director prior to performing the work.

### **RATES FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

Fees for other services will be arranged with you in advance based upon our level of involvement. Currently, our hourly billing rates, by staff level are:

LEVEL	RATE PER HOUR
Partner	\$250
Manager	\$175
Supervisory Staff	\$150
Staff	\$125

### Conclusion

Thank you for your consideration of Henry+Horne as a provider of professional services. We hope we have addressed your needs and captured what your organization is all about.

We are excited about the possibility of our two organizations working together. We are similar in our philosophies, our willingness to provide exceptional service, and our desire to do the right thing for those that we work with, our customers and the community.

We would be honored to have Town of Paradise Valley as a client and if selected, we will exceed your expectations. We are confident we can provide you with a level of service that is unparalleled to anything your organization has experienced.

We look forward to serving you and having you as a part of the Henry+Horne family.



# Appendix A - Peer Review Brown Edwards

### Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

To the Partners of Henry & Horne, LLP and the California Society of Certified Public Accountants

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Henry & Horne, LLP (the "firm") in effect for the year ended May, 31, 2019. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at <a href="https://www.aicpa.org/prsummary">www.aicpa.org/prsummary</a>. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

### Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

#### Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review.

#### Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included, (engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards*, including compliance audits under the Single Audit Act, audits of employee benefit plans, an audit performed under FDICIA, and examinations of service organizations [Service Organizations (SOC 1 and 2 engagements].

As part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Henry & Horne, LLP in effect for the year ended May 31, 2019, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiency(ies) or fail. Henry & Horne, LLP has received a peer review rating of pass.

Brown, Edwards & Company, S. L. P.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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Roanoke, Virginia September 18, 2019



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I endeavor to provide you with a timely audit that is of the highest quality and diligence. You will find that I am a reliable resource to you throughout the year, not just during your audit.

# Appendix B - Bios

### BRIAN HEMMERLE, CPA, CFE

### Areas of Expertise

Brian is in-charge of the government niche at Henry+Horne. his primary focus is working in the Audit Department, performing audits for government, non-profit and small business entities as well as reviews and compilations for a wide variety of clientele. Brian is also a special reviewer for the Government Finance Officers Association's CAFR award.

### **Professional Certifications**

- Certified Public Accountant- Arizona
- · Certified Fraud Examiner

### Education

• University of Arizona (B.S. in Accountancy)

### **Affiliations**

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Arizona Association of School Business Officials
- Arizona Society of Certified Public Accountants
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- · Government Finance Officers Association
- Girl Scouts Arizona Cactus Pine Council (Board Treasurer)

### Continuing Professional Education - A full list is available upon request

- ASCPA Government Conference
- Developing and Reporting Audit Findings
- GAQC Annual Update
- GASB Update: What's new this year?
- GFOA Annual Government GAAP Update
- GFOA Quarterly Training
- GFOAz Winter Conference
- Professional Liability Insurance Update
- Revenue Recognition: GASB Style
- Single Audit Reporting Issues

### Speaking Engagements

- · Fraud in Government
- GASB Update 2019
- In Depth Look at the CAFR



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I thrive on finding new solutions to old problems and strategizing new ways of doing things to benefit my clients and team members. My greatest accomplishment is anytime I know that I helped a client achieve a goal or helped a team member learn and grow professionally.

### CHARLES (CHUCK) H. GOODMILLER, CPA, CGMA

### Areas of Expertise

Chuck is Co-Managing Partner of Henry+Horne and serves on the firm's Executive Committee and Audit and Accounting Committee. Chuck specializes in providing his clients with professional and personalized service. He provides detailed knowledge of the procedures for audits, reviews and compilations. His extensive experience includes specialty areas such as audits of federally funded entities including municipalities, Native American Indian entities, not-for-profit organizations and special districts.

### **Professional Certifications**

- Certified Public Accountant- Arizona
- Chartered Global Management Accountant

### Education

Arizona State University (B.S. in Accountancy)

### **Affiliations**

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- · Arizona Society of Certified Public Accountants
- Casa Grande Rotary Scholarship Foundation (Board Treasurer)
- Casa Grande Regional Hospital Foundation (Board Member)
- Governmental Finance Officers Association
- Rotary International in the Casa Grande Club
- Seeds of Hope, Inc. (Past Board Treasurer)

### **Continuing Professional Education** - A full list is available upon request

- AICPA Annual Audit & Accounting Update
- AICPA Government Training Program
- AICPA Sampling and Analytical Procedures
- Developing and Reporting Audit Findings
- Government Re-engineering
- Professional Liability Insurance Update
- Revenue Recognition: GASB Style
- Single Audit Reporting Issues



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I enjoy the challenge and rapid pace of my work. I'm driven to stay focused and get work done for my clients quickly, efficiently and correctly. I strive to stay on top of tasks and deadlines to ensure my clients are getting a quality of service that far exceeds their expectations.

### CAILEE J. LEWIS, CPA

### Areas of Expertise

Cailee specializes in audit, review and compilations services for clients in the government industry including special districts, state and local governments and more. She is currently a CAFR reviewer for the Government Finance Officers Association. Prior to joining Henry+Horne in 2013, Cailee worked as a Corporate Accountant as well as a Staff Accountant at a small CPA firm.

### **Professional Certifications**

Certified Public Accountant- Arizona

### Education

University of San Diego (B.S. in Accountancy)

### **Affiliations**

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Arizona Society of Certified Public Accountants
- Government Finance Officers Association

### Continuing Professional Education - A full list is available upon request

- AICPA Audit & Accounting Update
- ASCPA Government Accounting Conference
- Developing and Reporting Audit Findings
- GASB Update: What's new this year?
- GFOAz Summer Conference
- GFOAz Winter Conference
- Generally Accepted Governmental Auditing Standards for Attestation Engagements
- Government Re-engineering
- Governmental GAAP: Fund Financial Statements
- Revenue Recognition: GASB Style

### Speaking Engagements

• GASB Update 2019 (Henry+Horne Government and Not-for-Profit Conference)



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I like to develop meaningful relationships.

It's not just about the numbers but what and who those numbers impact. It's about solving problems and growth.

### **NICK BALDELLI, CPA**

### **Areas of Expertise**

Nick is an audit supervisor in the Government and Nonprofit niches where he uses data to go above and beyond to help his clients increase efficiency and effectiveness from an audit perspective. He is known for the ability to work with his clients as a team to find a solution to the problem.

### **Professional Certifications**

- Certified Public Accountant- Arizona
- · Certified Public Accountant North Carolina

### Education

University of North Carolina Asheville (B.S. in Accountancy)

### **Affiliations**

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Arizona Society of Certified Public Accountants
- Government Finance Officers Association

### Continuing Professional Education - A full list is available upon request

- AICPA Uniform Guidance Procurement
- North Carolina GFOA Ethics
- North Carolina GFOA Uniform Guidance: Compliance and Internal Controls
- · North Carolina LGC Auditing, Reporting & Review
- North Carolina LGC Auditor Independence
- North Carolina LCG Audit Sampling, Financial Reporting & Compliance Auditing
- North Carolina LGC Internal Control Evaluation and Opportunities
- North Carolina LGC Single Audit: Uniform Guidance Requirements
- North Carolina LGC Various GASB Updates
- North Carolina LGC Managing Fraud Risk and Public Corruption
- North Carolina LGC Audit Documentation, Supervision and Review
- North Carolina LGC Yellow Book Requirements
- Thompson Reuters Audit Watch Experienced In-charge Intensive Training
- Thompson Reuters Audit Watch Audit Senior Intensive Training
- Thompson Reuters Governmental Accounting and Auditing