

## EXHIBIT D

### AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES

THIS IS THE GENERAL FORM AND CONTENT OF THE CONTRACT LACERA INTENDS TO USE. IN SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL WITHOUT COMMENT ON THE CONTRACT, THE PROPOSER WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE AGREED TO EACH CLAUSE IN THE AGREEMENT BELOW (AND TO NOT SEEK ANY MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGREEMENT), UNLESS PROPOSER'S PROPOSAL IDENTIFIES AN OBJECTION OR INCLUSION, SETS FORTH THE BASIS FOR THE OBJECTION OR INCLUSION, AND PROVIDES SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE TO MAKE THE CLAUSE ACCEPTABLE TO PROPOSER. LACERA RESERVES THE UNILATERAL RIGHT IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT PRIOR TO EXECUTION, WHICH CHANGES WILL NOT PROVIDE PROPOSER WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE FURTHER CHANGES TO THE OTHER TERMS OF THE CONTRACT.

This Contract for Audit Services ("Contract") is made and entered into by and between Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association ("LACERA") and [NAME] ("Consultant") and is effective as of the date shown in Section 5.

#### Recitals

LACERA seeks the services of a company that offers annual attestation audits for LACERS's financial statements.

Consultant represents that they offer annual attestation audits services that LACERA seeks.

Additionally:

A. LACERA is a duly established and existing public retirement system created under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937, California Government Code Section 31450 et seq.; and

B. Government Code Section 7504 requires LACERA to secure the services of a qualified accounting firm to perform an annual attest audit of LACERA's financial statements; and

C. LACERA desires to engage an auditor to perform the annual attest audit of LACERA's financial statement, and issued a request for proposals ("RFP") for such services;

D. AUDITOR submitted a proposal in response to the RFP, and

desires to perform the annual attest audits of LACERA's financial statements, and has represented to LACERA that it is qualified to perform the aforesaid services; and

E. LACERA has determined, based upon AUDITOR's proposal submitted in response to the RFP and LACERA's due diligence, that AUDITOR is qualified to perform the audit services and desires to retain AUDITOR for that purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions hereinafter set forth, and intending to be legally bound, the parties hereto agree as follows:

### **Contract**

#### **1. Services to be Provided.**

1.1 Consultant agrees to perform the services ("Services") described in the Statement of Work ("Statement of Work") attached to this Contract as Attachment A.

1.2 Consultant agrees to perform the Services at LACERA's offices, and with LACERA's consent, via telephone or email, and when appropriate, at a location of Consultant's choice.

1.3 All writings prepared or furnished by Consultant to LACERA in the performance of this Contract shall be the exclusive property of LACERA and may be used by LACERA, as LACERA deems appropriate.

1.4 Consultant's quality of service will be at least equivalent to that which Consultant provides to other clients it serves in the same capacity. Consultant will be held to the same standard of care, skill, prudence, and diligence that applies to other experts practicing in a like enterprise.

#### **2 Independent Contractor.**

2.1 Consultant agrees to perform the Services as an independent contractor and agrees they will be always acting as such. Neither party intends, and this Contract may not be construed, to create any relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association between Consultant and LACERA. Consultant is not and will not be deemed to be for any purpose (including, without limitation, Workers' Compensation) an employee of Los Angeles County (the "County"). Consultant is not entitled to any rights, benefits, or privileges of County employees. Consultant is not eligible to participate in any insurance, savings, pension or deferred compensation offered by LACERA or the County.

2.2 Consultant has no power or authority to assume or create any obligation or responsibility, express or implied, on behalf of LACERA or the County, or to bind LACERA or the County in any way whatsoever.

2.3 Consultant accepts full and complete responsibility for filing all tax returns and paying all taxes, which may be required, or due for payments received from LACERA under this Contract. LACERA will memorialize payments for Consultant's services on a Form 1099.

2.4 Consultant represents and warrants that it will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, including without limitation, those laws respecting business licenses, withholding, reporting, and payment of taxes. Consultant further represents and warrants that it will report any income accruing to it from this Contract to the appropriate taxing authorities.

3. LACERA's Project Director.

LACERA's Project Director, or designee, has responsibility for determining whether the Services are performed to LACERA's satisfaction. LACERA's Project Director is Nathan K. Amick

4. Indemnification and Insurance.

4.1 Consultant shall indemnify, defend and save harmless LACERA, its agents, officers and employees from and against any and all liability, damage, suit, cost of suit, or expense, including defense costs and attorney's fees, arising out of or connected with claims for damages of any nature whatsoever arising from or connected with Consultant's operations or its services, including, without limitation, claims for bodily injury, death, personal injury, or property damage, including damage to Consultant's property.

4.2. Without limiting Consultant's obligations to indemnify LACERA, Consultant will provide and maintain at its own expense during the term of this Contract the programs of insurance programs specified in this Contract. Such insurance will be primary and not contributing with any other insurance of self-insurance programs maintained by LACERA, and Consultant agrees to provide and maintain such insurance at its own cost and expense.

4.2.1 Certificate(s) or other evidence of coverage satisfactory to LACERA shall be delivered to prior to commencing services under this Contract and annually thereafter to:

Nathan K. Amick  
LACERA  
300 N. Lake Avenue, Suite 840  
Pasadena, CA 91101-4199

4.3 Such certificates or other evidence shall:

4.3.1 Specifically identify this Contract.

4.3.2 Clearly evidence all coverage's required in this Contract.

4.3.3. Contain the express condition that LACERA is to be given written notice by mail at least 45 days in advance of cancellation for all policies, or, alternatively, in the event the insurers that otherwise provide satisfactory insurance hereunder do not assume third-party notification provisions, Consultant hereby agrees to notify LACERA at least 45 days in advance of any cancellation of any of the policies provided for herein.

4.3.4 Include copies of the additional insured endorsement to the commercial general liability policy, adding that LACERA, its trustees, officers and employees as insureds for all activities arising from this Contract.

4.3.5 Self-Insured Retentions must be declared to and approved by the LACERA. LACERA may require Consultant to purchase coverage with no retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention. The policy language shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention will be satisfied by the named Consultant

4.3.6 LACERA reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

4.4 Insurer Financial Ratings. Insurance is to be provided by an insurance company acceptable to LACERA with an A.M. Best rating of not less than A-, X, unless otherwise approved by LACERA.

4.5 Failure to Maintain Coverage. Consultant's failure to maintain the required insurance, or to provide evidence of insurance coverage acceptable to LACERA, shall constitute a material breach of the contract upon which LACERA may immediately terminate or suspend this Contract. LACERA, at its sole option, may obtain damages from Consultant resulting from said breach.

4.6 Compensation for LACERA Costs. In the event that Consultant fails to comply with any of the indemnification or insurance requirements of this Contract, and such failure to comply results in any costs to LACERA, Consultant shall pay full compensation for all costs incurred by LACERA.

4.7 Cooperation Regarding Insurance. LACERA may elect to procure insurance against loss or damage it may sustain in connection with Consultant's performance under this Contract. Consultant will promptly cooperate with any reasonable request for information regarding Consultant which is required to obtain such insurance.

4.8 Survival of Obligations. Consultant's obligations under this Section 4 shall survive expiration or termination of this Contract.

4.9 Commercial General Liability. Consultant shall provide and maintain a Commercial General Liability insurance policy, which names LACERA as additional insured. Such policy shall cover legal liability for bodily injury and property damage arising out of Consultant's business operations and services that Consultant provides pursuant to this Contract. Such policy shall include, without limitation, endorsements for Property Damage, Premises-Operations, Products/Completed Operations, Contractual, and Personal/Advertising Injury with a limit of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence and an annual aggregate of at least 2,000,000. If such insurance is written on a Claims Made Form, such insurance shall be endorsed providing an extended reporting period of not less than five (5) years following termination or expiration of this Contract.

4.10 Auto Liability. Consultant shall provide and maintain a comprehensive auto liability insurance policy endorsed for all "owned", "non-owned", and "hired" vehicles, or coverage for any "auto", with a combined single limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident.

4.11 Workers' Compensation. Consultant shall bear sole responsibility and liability for furnishing Workers' Compensation benefits to Consultant's employees for injuries arising from or connected with any services provided to LACERA under this Contract. Consultant shall provide and maintain a program of Workers' Compensation, in an amount and form to meet all applicable statutory requirements. In all cases, worker's compensation insurance also shall include Employer's Liability Insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000, each accident, and \$1,000,000, disease, covering all of Consultant's employees.

4.12 Errors and Omissions. Consultant shall provide and maintain insurance covering liability arising from any error, omission, negligent or wrongful act of the Consultant, its officers, employees or Agents, with limits of at least \$1,000,000 per claim and an annual aggregate of at least \$2,000,000. The coverage also shall provide an extended one-year reporting period commencing upon termination or cancellation of this Contract.

4.13 Cyber Liability Insurance. Without limiting any of the obligations or liabilities of Consultant, Consultant shall carry and maintain, at its own expense including any applicable deductibles or retention, Cyber Liability insurance with limits of not less than \$2,000,000 for each occurrence and an annual aggregate of \$5,000,000 covering claims involving privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, intentional and/or unintentional release of private information, alteration of electronic information, extortion and network security. The policy coverage shall include, but not be limited to:

4.13.1 Privacy Liability Coverage. This coverage shall include LACERA and its members for breaches of their private information in the case of a data breach.

4.13.2 Notification Costs. This coverage shall cover the costs of notifying third parties and LACERA members potentially affected by a data breach.

4.13.3 Crisis Management. This coverage shall include the costs of managing the public relations outfall from most data breach scenarios.

4.13.4 Credit/Identity Monitoring. This coverage shall include coverage for affected members for at least 24 months or the minimum legally required period, whichever is longer.

4.13.5 Theft and Fraud Coverage. This coverage shall include the costs of theft or destruction of the LACERA's data and theft of funds.

4.13.6 Network and Business Interruption. This coverage shall include any expense due to an intentional interruption of the LACERA's computer systems.

4.13.7 Data Loss and Restoration. This coverage shall include the costs of diagnosing and repairing the cause of the loss and restoring all data.

## 5. Term.

The term of this Contract begins on [DATE] (the "Start Date"), and unless terminated for convenience, ends on the earlier of (i) full performance of the Services by Consultant and acceptance by LACERA or [ONE YEAR] after the Start Date. This Contract automatically renews up to four times for subsequent and successive one year periods under the same terms, conditions and compensation, unless either party delivers its written request for changes not less than ninety (90) days prior to the end of the then current term of the Contract. Neither party is required to renew or extend this Contract.

## 6. Non-Exclusive Services.

This Contract is not exclusive. Consultant has the right to perform services for others during the term of this Contract, but Consultant agrees not to engage in any business, work or services of any kind under contract, or otherwise, for any person, organization or agency, which in the opinion of LACERA is detrimental to the interests of LACERA or that would materially interfere with the performance of the Services. Consultant agrees to disclose such information regarding business, work or services they perform on behalf of any person, organization or agency as LACERA may reasonably require verifying Consultant's compliance with this Section.

7. Compensation.

LACERA agrees to pay Consultant according to the Fee Schedule attached as Attachment B for performing the Services. Consultant's expenses are included in the compensation described in Attachment B and therefore Consultant is not entitled to any separate reimbursement for any expenses incurred by it in discharging its duties under this Contract, unless otherwise agreed by LACERA.

8. Invoices.

Consultant agrees to submit invoices to LACERA's Project Director, in arrears, by the tenth day of each calendar month for Services performed during the previous calendar month. Each invoice must (a) describe in detail the Services performed and expenses incurred by Consultant during the invoice period, (b) show the cumulative charges year-to-date (based on a fiscal year beginning July 1) for all Services and expenses, and (c) include such other information as LACERA may reasonably request. Each invoice will be payable within thirty days of receipt by LACERA. If LACERA's Project Director disputes any portion of an invoice, however, LACERA will pay the undisputed portion only and notify Consultant in writing of the disputed portion. Consultant and LACERA agree to act in good faith to resolve such disputes.

9. Contract Not Assignable.

Consultant may not assign any of its rights, duties, or obligations under this Contract without the prior written consent of LACERA, which LACERA may grant or withhold in its sole discretion.

10. Confidentiality.

10.1 Confidential Information. Consultant understands that, during the performance of this Contract, it will have access to confidential and proprietary LACERA information, policies and procedures, benefits, business practices, and technology concerning LACERA's operations, as well as sensitive confidential member information and business critical non-member information (collectively, "Confidential Information"). For clarity, Confidential Information includes all information of any and every kind provided to Consultant, regardless of whether it may previously have been disclosed by LACERA or others in other contexts, in that LACERA needs to know to whom, when, where, and how all of its information has been disseminated and reserves to itself the right to determine to whom, when, where, and how such information is released. Confidential Information further includes all information related in any way to LACERA provided to Consultant.

Confidential Information may be provided to Consultant or generated or stored by Consultant in written, electronic, verbal, and all others forms. Consultant understands and agrees that:

10.1.1 Consultant shall not disclose Confidential Information to any person within its organization except those persons required to perform the services of the Contract.

10.1.2 Consultant shall not disclose Confidential Information to any third party without LACERA's advance written approval.

10.1.3 Consultant's agreement not to disclose Confidential Information includes an agreement not to disclose information even on a no-names basis.

10.1.4 Consultant will use best efforts, including but not limited to the highest level of care Consultant accords to its own most sensitive information and the most sensitive information of its other clients, to secure and maintain the confidential nature of the Confidential Information.

10.1.5 Consultant will not use the Confidential Information for any purpose other than to perform the services required by this Contract. This confidentiality provision will survive the termination of the Contract.

## 11. Nondiscrimination.

Consultant hereby promises and agrees that it will comply with Subchapter VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 43USC Section 2000e through 2000e (17), to the end that no person shall, on grounds of race, creed, color, sex, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract, or under any project, program or activity supported by this Contract.

Consultant shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants and employees are treated in an unbiased manner without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, age, ancestry, or national origin, physical or mental handicap, marital status, or political affiliation. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

## 12. Compliance with Laws.

Consultant shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and directives, and all provisions required to be included in this Contract are incorporated by this reference. Consultant shall indemnify and hold LACERA harmless from any loss, damage or liability resulting from a violation by Consultant of any such laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and directives.



13. Conflict of Interest.

No officer or employee of LACERA whose position enables them to influence the award of this Contract or any competing agreement, and no spouse or economic dependent of such officer or employee shall be employed in any capacity or in any way remunerated by Consultant or have any direct or indirect financial interest in this Contract or in Consultant.

14. Modifications.

Any modification to this Contract must be in writing, signed by Consultant and LACERA, to be effective.

15. Termination for Default.

Services performed under this Contract may be terminated in whole or in part by LACERA providing to Consultant a written Notice of Default if (1) Consultant fails to perform the services within the time specified in this Contract or any extension approved by LACERA, or (2) Consultant fails to perform any other covenant or condition of this Contract, or (3) Consultant fails to make progress so as to endanger its performance under this Contract.

Consultant shall have ten (10) calendar days from the date of the Notice of Default in which to cure the Default(s), however, in its sole discretion, LACERA may extend this period or authorize a longer period for cure.

Without limitation of any additional rights or remedies to which it may be entitled, if LACERA terminates all or part of the services for Consultant's Default, LACERA, in its sole discretion, may procure replacement services and Consultant shall be liable for all excess costs incurred by LACERA in connection with those replacement services, as determined by LACERA in its sole discretion.

If it is determined that Consultant was not in Default under the provisions of this Contract, or that the Default was excusable, then the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the Notice of Termination had been issued under Section 16. Termination for Convenience.

16. Termination for Convenience.

Services performed under this Contract may be terminated in whole or in part at any time LACERA or Consultant deems that termination is in its best interest. LACERA or Consultant shall terminate services by delivering a written Termination Notice which specifies the extent to which services are terminated and the effective termination date.

After receiving a Termination Notice under this section, and unless otherwise expressly directed by LACERA, Consultant shall take all necessary steps and shall stop

services on the date and to the extent specified in the Termination Notice and shall complete services not so terminated.

## 17 SOC-2

SOC-2 Report. The Consultant shall have an annual audit performed by an independent audit firm. The audits shall include the Consultant's and any subcontractor's handling of Confidential Information and shall address all areas relating to information technology security and operational processes to provide such security. The audits shall be performed in accordance with the guidance set forth in Reporting on Controls at a Service Organization Relevant to Security, Availability, Processing Integrity, Confidentiality, or Privacy (SOC 2), as published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and as updated from time to time, or according to the most current audit guidance promulgated by the AICPA or similarly recognized professional organization, as agreed to in writing by LACERA. The audit shall assess the security of information technology security and operational process to provide such security as follows:

17.1 The type of audit to be performed in accordance with the Guidance is a SOC 2 Type 2 Audit (referred to as the "SOC 2 Audit" or "SOC 2 Report"). The initial SOC 2 Audit shall be scheduled and completed within six months of executing the Contract. All subsequent SOC 2 Audits that are arranged after this first audit shall be performed and submitted annually.

17.2 The SOC 2 Audit shall report in writing on the Consultant's and any subcontractor's system(s) and the suitability of the design and operating effectiveness of controls of the information functions and/or processes to meet the requirements of the Contract, including the security requirements.

17.3 The scope of the SOC 2 Report shall include work performed by any subcontractors that provide essential support to the Consultant for the information functions or processes for the services offered to LACERA under the Contract. The Consultant shall ensure the audit includes all subcontractors operating in the performance of the Contract.

17.4 All SOC 2 Audits, including those of the Consultant and any subcontractors, shall be performed at no additional expense to LACERA.

17.5 The Consultant and all relevant subcontractors shall promptly provide a complete copy of the final SOC 2 Report(s) to the Project Director upon completion of each SOC 2 Audit engagement.

17.6 The Consultant shall provide to LACERA, within 30 calendar days of the issuance of each SOC 2 Report, a documented corrective action plan that addresses each audit finding or exception contained in a SOC 2 Report. The corrective action plan shall

identify in detail the required remedial action by the Consultant or subcontractor(s) along with the implementation date(s) for each remedial action.

17.7 If the Consultant or any subcontractor fails to obtain an annual SOC 2 Report, LACERA shall have the right to retain an independent audit firm to perform an audit engagement of a SOC 2 Report. The audit will include the information functions and processes utilized or provided by the Consultant and any relevant subcontractor under the Contract. The Consultant and any subcontractor agree to allow the independent audit firm to access its facilities for purposes of conducting this audit engagement. They will provide the necessary support and cooperation to the independent audit firm that is required to perform the audit engagement of the SOC 2 Report. LACERA will invoice the Consultant for the expense of the SOC 2 Report(s), or deduct the cost from future payments to the Consultant.

#### 18. Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity

Consultant will implement and maintain disaster recovery and business continuity procedures that are reasonably designed to recover data processing systems, data communications facilities, information, data and other business related functions of LACERA in a manner and time frame consistent with legal, regulatory and business requirements applicable to LACERA.

#### 19. Data Breach Verification

19.1 Consultant shall provide an annual written, signed attestation that to the best of its knowledge, no data breach, hacking, or incidental divulging of Member Records has occurred and that no Member Record has been compromised. The attestation shall verify that adequate internal policies and procedures exist to prevent data theft and unauthorized access.

19.2 Consultant shall provide an annual system penetration test in support of the attestation made in item A above. Consultant shall provide the results of penetration tests to LACERA.

19.3 Consultant shall comply with California Civil Code §1798.29(e) and California Civ. Code §1798.82(f). In the event of a security breach of more than 500 records, the Consultant shall electronically submit a single sample copy of that security breach notification, excluding any personally identifiable information, to the Attorney General.

19.4 Consultant shall notify any California resident whose unencrypted personal information, as defined, was acquired, or reasonably believed to have been acquired, by an unauthorized person as required by California Civil Code §1798.29(a) and California Civ. Code §1798.82(a).

19.5 Notwithstanding the legal notification requirements in the preceding paragraphs, Consultant will immediately notify LACERA upon its discovery of any incident or data breach.

20. Entire Contract and Severability.

This document (including Attachments A and B) constitutes the final, complete, and exclusive statement of the terms of the Contract between LACERA and Consultant for the services to be performed and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings or Contracts of the parties. The provisions of this Contract are severable, and if any one or more provisions may be determined to be illegal or otherwise unenforceable, in whole or in part, the remaining provisions or parts thereof shall nevertheless be binding and enforceable and the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision shall be replaced by a mutually acceptable valid, legal and enforceable provision which comes closest to the intent of the parties.

21. Governing Law and Venue.

21.1 This Contract shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of California without regard to principles of conflicts of laws.

21.2 Any party bringing a legal action or proceeding against any other party arising out of or relating to this Contract or the transactions it contemplates (whether in contract, tort, equity, or otherwise), shall bring the legal action or proceeding in either the United States District Court or in any court of the State of California sitting in Los Angeles County.

21.3 Each party to this Contract consents to the exclusive personal and subject matter jurisdiction of any United States District Court sitting in the County of Los Angeles and any court of the State of California sitting in the County of Los Angeles, and their appellate courts for the purpose of all legal actions and proceedings arising out of or relating to this Contract or the transactions it contemplates, including all claims of any nature or type, whether in contract, tort, statutory, equitable, legal, or otherwise.

22. Attorney's Fees.

In the event of litigation between the parties concerning this Contract, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable costs and expenses incurred therein, including without limitation attorney's fees. These expenses shall be in addition to any other relief to which the prevailing party may be entitled and shall be included in and as part of the judgment or decision rendered in such proceeding.

23. Interpretation.

Consultant acknowledges they have been given the opportunity to have counsel of their own choosing to participate fully and equally in the review and negotiation of this Contract. The language in all parts of this Contract shall be construed in all cases according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against any party hereto. Any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not apply in interpreting this Contract.

24. Waiver.

No waiver of a breach, failure of any condition, or any right or remedy contained in or granted by the provisions of this Contract shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the party waiving the breach, failure, right, or remedy. No waiver of any breach, failure, right or remedy shall be deemed a waiver of any other breach, failure, right or remedy, whether or not similar, or preceding or subsequent, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver unless the writing so specifies.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Consultant has signed this Contract, and the [SIGNATORY TITLE] of LACERA has signed this Contract, effective as of the date indicated in Section 5.

LACERA:

[Consultant Name]:

Los Angeles County Employees  
Retirement Association

By:

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[TITLE]

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[Authorized Signatory Title]

Address for notices:

Address for notices:

[NAME]  
LACERA  
300 N. Lake Avenue, Suite [XXX]  
Pasadena, CA 91101

[NAME]  
[STREET]  
[CITY, STATE, ZIP]

Approved as to form:

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John Harrington  
LACERA Staff Counsel

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**STATEMENT OF WORK**

Consultant scope of services shall be as follows:

1.1. **Primary Work**

The selected Financial Auditor (AUDITOR) would provide the following services:

- Perform an audit and express an opinion on the fair presentation of LACERA's annual financial statements, which include the following:
  - Pension Trust
  - OPEB Trust
  - OPEB Custodial Fund
- Prepare a report on LACERA's internal control over financial reporting.
- Perform an audit and express an opinion on the fair presentation of LACERA's GASB 68 schedule.
- Perform an audit and express an opinion on the fair presentation of the schedule of changes in fiduciary net position by employer for Los Angeles County's portion of the OPEB Trust.
- Review the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report against the guidelines for the Government Financial Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.
- Perform special projects as requested and defined by LACERA.

AUDITOR will coordinate with the external, financial auditors of the County and with LACERA's actuary to provide the County the information and data needed for accurate and timely completion of the County's annual financial statements. AUDITOR will comply fully with SAS No. 122, *Statements on Auditing Standards: Clarification and Recodification*, AU-C section 600, *Audits of Group Financial Statements*.

## 1.2. Professional Standards

AUDITOR understands that promulgating bodies may revise or change the professional standards, laws, regulations, and rules from time to time. AUDITOR will utilize all applicable components of professional standards in auditing, preparing, and reporting on the financial statements of LACERA, including but not limited to, the following:

- U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS),
- Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (GAGAS),
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) standards included in its *"2021 Employee Benefit Plans: Audit and Accounting Guide"*
- U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP),
- California State Controller's *"Minimum Audit Requirements and Reporting Guidelines for Public Retirement Systems"*,
- Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Pronouncements, as applicable to LACERA.

## 1.3. Reports and Due Dates

The table below includes a list of reports LACERA believes AUDITOR is required to issue at the completion of the Financial Audit and LACERA's mandatory due dates. AUDITOR will prepare all reports required by applicable professional standards and applicable federal and State laws, regulations, and rules in effect for the engagement period and meet all due dates specified by LACERA.

Report Title	Due Date (approximate)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Statements – Draft (electronic submission)</li> <li>2. Independent Auditor's Report re GASB Pronouncements 68– Draft (electronic submission)</li> </ol>	October 5
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Independent Auditor's Report re GASB 68– Final</li> <li>2. Independent Auditor's Report re Fair presentation of the schedule of changes in fiduciary net position by employer for Los Angeles County's portion of the OPEB Trust</li> </ol>	May 15
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Independent Auditor Report - Financial Statements – Final</li> <li>2. Report on Internal Control and Compliance</li> <li>3. Required Communication to the Audit Committee Report</li> <li>4. Report to Management</li> </ol>	October 15



Reports must be delivered to the Project Manager indicated below. Unless otherwise specified by the Project Manager, AUDITOR shall deliver thirty-one (31) copies and an electronic version of each report.

Project Manager  
Nathan Amick, Senior Internal Auditor LACERA  
300 N. Lake Avenue, Suite 840  
Pasadena, CA 91101-4199  
Ph: 626-831-9963  
Email: [namick@lacera.com](mailto:namick@lacera.com)

#### 1.4. Meetings with LACERA Staff and Boards

##### 1. Entrance Conference

Prior to commencing fieldwork for each Financial Audit, AUDITOR will attend an entrance conference (either virtually or at LACERA's offices) with LACERA's Project Manager, Financial and Accounting Services Division (FASD) management and other LACERA staff. The purpose of this meeting will be to establish and discuss the following:

- The liaisons appointed by LACERA and the AUDITOR for the audit;
- LACERA's critical deadlines and AUDITOR's plans to ensure they are met;
- AUDITOR'S critical deadlines and LACERA's plans to ensure they are met;
- Overview, timeline, information requests, and logistics for interim and year-end work to be performed by AUDITOR;
- Prior, current and/or anticipated audit issues including the implementation of new GASB Statements, auditing standards, legal or regulatory requirements;
- Arrangements for Workspace, access to electronic files, and other needs of AUDITOR.

##### 2. Weekly Status Meetings

During the time the AUDITOR is performing its fieldwork for each Financial Audit, AUDITOR shall conduct bi-weekly status meetings (either virtually or at LACERA's offices) with LACERA's Project Manager, FASD management and other LACERA staff as necessary, to review and discuss the progress of the Financial Audit, substantive testing, and other issues pertaining to the audit work and any potential findings.

### 3. Exit Conference(s)

AUDITOR shall attend one or more exit conference(s) annually, as determined by LACERA, with LACERA's Project Manager, LACERA management and other LACERA staff to describe the audit process and review the final audit reports (listed above).

### 4. Presentations to Audit Committee

All presentations to the LACERA Audit Committee are expected to be performed in person at LACERA's offices.

At each February/March Audit Committee meeting, AUDITOR shall present to LACERA's Audit Committee the timing, planning, scope and objectives of the upcoming audit, and any other communication required per audit standards.

At each November/December Audit Committee meeting, AUDITOR shall present to LACERA's Audit Committee the audit process and conclusions, and findings and recommendations from each report, and any other communication required per audit standards. If requested LACERA Boards may attend this meeting.

AUDITOR will make additional presentations deemed necessary by LACERA to the Boards and/or the Boards' Committees.

### 1.5. Engagement Support

LACERA will prepare year-end closing entries, draft financial statements, notes, and all required supplementary schedules and statistical data.

Throughout the Financial Audit engagement, LACERA will make available clerical support personnel to provide assistance for tasks such as identifying locations of required records and documentation, obtaining listings, and other tasks that will serve to expedite completion of the Financial Audit.

### 1.6. Reporting Irregularities and Illegal Acts

AUDITOR will adhere to all professional standards, laws, regulations, and rules regarding reporting irregularities and illegal acts.

**ATTACHMENT B**

**FEEES**

Consultant Fees for providing the scope of services shall be as follows:

**AUDITOR'S FEE SCHEDULE FOR PENSION TRUST – PART 1  
SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES**

<b>A. <u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>END 2023</u></b>	<b>Audit Hours (A)</b>	<b>Standard Hourly Rates (B)</b>	<b>Quoted Hourly Rates (C)</b>	<b>Total (A x C)</b>
Partners				
Managers				
Seniors / Supervisory				
Staff				
Administrative				
Other – Professional Standards Review				
Total Expected Hours				
Estimated Out of Pocket Expenses -- None				
Total Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fees for 2023				

<b>B. <u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>END 2024</u></b>	<b>Audit Hours (A)</b>	<b>Standard Hourly Rates (B)</b>	<b>Quoted Hourly Rates (C)</b>	<b>Total (A x C)</b>
Partners				
Managers				
Seniors / Supervisory				
Staff				
Administrative				
Other – Professional Standards Review				
Total Expected Hours				
Estimated Out of Pocket Expenses -- None				
Total Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fees for 2024				

**AUDITOR'S FEE SCHEDULE FOR PENSION TRUST – PART 1**  
**SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES**

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<b>C. <u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>END 2025</u></b>	<b>Audit Hours (A)</b>	<b>Standard Hourly Rates (B)</b>	<b>Quoted Hourly Rates (C)</b>	<b>Total (A x C)</b>
Partners				
Managers				
Seniors / Supervisory				
Staff				
Administrative				
Other – Professional Standards Review				
Total Expected Hours				
Estimated Out of Pocket Expenses -- None				
Total Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fees for 2025				

<b>D. <u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>END 2026</u></b>	<b>Audit Hours (A)</b>	<b>Standard Hourly Rates (B)</b>	<b>Quoted Hourly Rates (C)</b>	<b>Total (A x C)</b>
Partners				
Managers				
Seniors / Supervisory				
Staff				
Administrative				
Other – Professional Standards Review				
Total Expected Hours				
Estimated Out of Pocket Expenses -- None				
Total Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fees for 2026				

**AUDITOR'S FEE SCHEDULE FOR PENSION TRUST – PART 1  
SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES**

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E. <u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>END 2027</u>	Audit Hours (A)	Standard Hourly Rates (B)	Quoted Hourly Rates (C)	Total (A x C)
Partners				
Managers				
Seniors / Supervisory				
Staff				
Administrative				
Other – Professional Standards Review				
Total Expected Hours				
Estimated Out of Pocket Expenses -- None				
Total Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fees for 2027				

**AUDITOR'S FEE SCHEDULE FOR PENSION TRUST – PART 2  
NOT-TO-EXCEED MAXIMUM FEE**

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	Year 1 - FYE 2023	Year 2 - FYE 2024	Year 3 - FYE 2025	Year 4 - FYE 2026	Year 5 - FYE 2027
Total Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fee*					
Total (Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fee for 5 Years)*					

\*To perform LACERA's Pension Trust Annual Financial Statement Audit.

**AUDITOR'S FEE SCHEDULE FOR  
OPEB TRUST – PART 1  
SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES**

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<b>F. <u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>END 2023</u></b>	<b>Audit Hours (A)</b>	<b>Standard Hourly Rates (B)</b>	<b>Quoted Hourly Rates (C)</b>	<b>Total (A x C)</b>
Partners				
Managers				
Seniors / Supervisory				
Staff				
Administrative				
Other – Professional Standards Review				
Total Expected Hours				
Estimated Out of Pocket Expenses -- None				
Total Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fees for 2023				

<b>G. <u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>END 2024</u></b>	<b>Audit Hours (A)</b>	<b>Standard Hourly Rates (B)</b>	<b>Quoted Hourly Rates (C)</b>	<b>Total (A x C)</b>
Partners				
Managers				
Seniors / Supervisory				
Staff				
Administrative				
Other – Professional Standards Review				
Total Expected Hours				
Estimated Out of Pocket Expenses -- None				
Total Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fees for 2024				

**AUDITOR'S FEE SCHEDULE FOR  
OPEB TRUST – PART 1  
SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES**

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<b>H. <u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>END 2025</u></b>	<b>Audit Hours (A)</b>	<b>Standard Hourly Rates (B)</b>	<b>Quoted Hourly Rates (C)</b>	<b>Total (A x C)</b>
Partners				
Managers				
Seniors / Supervisory				
Staff				
Administrative				
Other – Professional Standards Review				
Total Expected Hours				
Estimated Out of Pocket Expenses -- None				
Total Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fees for 2025				

<b>I. <u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>END 2026</u></b>	<b>Audit Hours (A)</b>	<b>Standard Hourly Rates (B)</b>	<b>Quoted Hourly Rates (C)</b>	<b>Total (A x C)</b>
Partners				
Managers				
Seniors / Supervisory				
Staff				
Administrative				
Other – Professional Standards Review				
Total Expected Hours				
Estimated Out of Pocket Expenses -- None				
Total Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fees for 2026				

**AUDITOR'S FEE SCHEDULE FOR  
OPEB TRUST – PART 1  
SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES**

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J. <u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>END 2027</u>	Audit Hours (A)	Standard Hourly Rates (B)	Quoted Hourly Rates (C)	Total (A x C)
Partners				
Managers				
Seniors / Supervisory				
Staff				
Administrative				
Other – Professional Standards Review				
Total Expected Hours				
Estimated Out of Pocket Expenses -- None				
Total Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fees for 2027				

**AUDITOR'S FEE SCHEDULE FOR  
OPEB TRUST – PART 2  
SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES**

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	Year 1 - FYE 2023	Year 2 - FYE 2024	Year 3 - FYE 2025	Year 4 - FYE 2026	Year 5 - FYE 2027
Total Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fee*					
Total (Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fee for 5 Years) *					

\*To perform LACERA's OPEB Trust Annual Financial Statement Audit.



**AUDITOR'S FEE SCHEDULE FOR  
OPEB CUSTODIAL FUND- PART 1  
SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES**

<b>K. FISCAL YEAR END 2023</b>	<b>Audit Hours (A)</b>	<b>Standard Hourly Rates (B)</b>	<b>Quoted Hourly Rates (C)</b>	<b>Total (A x C)</b>
Partners				
Managers				
Seniors / Supervisory				
Staff				
Administrative				
Other – Professional Standards Review				
Total Expected Hours				
Estimated Out of Pocket Expenses -- None				
Total Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fees for 2023				

<b>L. <u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>END 2024</u></b>	<b>Audit Hours (A)</b>	<b>Standard Hourly Rates (B)</b>	<b>Quoted Hourly Rates (C)</b>	<b>Total (A x C)</b>
Partners				
Managers				
Seniors / Supervisory				
Staff				
Administrative				
Other – Professional Standards Review				
Total Expected Hours				
Estimated Out of Pocket Expenses -- None				
Total Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fees for 2024				

**AUDITOR'S FEE SCHEDULE FOR  
OPEB CUSTODIAL FUND- PART 1  
SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES**

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<b>M. <u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>END 2025</u></b>	<b>Audit Hours (A)</b>	<b>Standard Hourly Rates (B)</b>	<b>Quoted Hourly Rates (C)</b>	<b>Total (A x C)</b>
Partners				
Managers				
Seniors / Supervisory				
Staff				
Administrative				
Other – Professional Standards Review				
Total Expected Hours				
Estimated Out of Pocket Expenses -- None				
Total Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fees for 2025				

<b>N. <u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>END 2026</u></b>	<b>Audit Hours (A)</b>	<b>Standard Hourly Rates (B)</b>	<b>Quoted Hourly Rates (C)</b>	<b>Total (A x C)</b>
Partners				
Managers				
Seniors / Supervisory				
Staff				
Administrative				
Other – Professional Standards Review				
Total Expected Hours				
Estimated Out of Pocket Expenses -- None				
Total Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fees for 2026				

**AUDITOR'S FEE SCHEDULE  
FOR OPEB CUSTODIAL FUND--  
PART 1  
SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES**

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O. <u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>END 2027</u>	Audit Hours (A)	Standard Hourly Rates (B)	Quoted Hourly Rates (C)	Total (A x C)
Partners				
Managers				
Seniors / Supervisory				
Staff				
Administrative				
Other – Professional Standards Review				
Total Expected Hours				
Estimated Out of Pocket Expenses -- None				
Total Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fees for 2027				

**AUDITOR'S FEE SCHEDULE  
FOR OPEB CUSTODIAL FUND –  
PART 2  
SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES**

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	<b>Year 1 - FYE 2023</b>	<b>Year 2 - FYE 2024</b>	<b>Year 3 - FYE 2025</b>	<b>Year 4 - FYE 2026</b>	<b>Year 5 - FYE 2027</b>
Total Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fee*					
Total (Not-To-Exceed Maximum Fee for 5 Years)*					

\*To perform LACERA's OPEB Custodial Fund Annual Financial Statement Audits combined.