



**FINANCE MEMORANDUM**  
**#13-11**

**DATE:** December 9, 2013

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Joyce Downing and City Council Members

**FROM:** John R. Pick City Manager   
Jason Loveland, Director of Finance 

**SUBJECT:** CR – 140 - Audit Services Contract – Hamblin & Associates

**BACKGROUND:**

On October 28, 2013 City Council assigned the audit services contract to Hamblin & Associates, from Johnson & Associates, to perform annual financial statement audit of the City. This assignment maintains the original contract terms dated August 26, 2010 between the City and Johnson & Associates.

**UPDATE:**

The Resolution, if approved, will authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Hamblin & Associates to perform the 2013 financial statement audit for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

**STAFF REFERENCE:**

If Council Members have any comments or questions, please contact Jason Loveland at [jloveland@northglenn.org](mailto:jloveland@northglenn.org) or at 303-450-8817.

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR DOWNING

COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-140  
Series of 2013

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A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AUDITOR'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FIRM OF HAMBLIN & ASSOCIATES AND THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreement to appoint the firm of Hamblin & Associates for examination of the City's financial statements and records for the year ending December 31, 2013. Such examination of the financial statements will be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards as promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and will also be performed within the standards for financial and compliance audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States: the provision of OMB Circular A-133 "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," and in compliance with applicable state statutes including the Colorado Local Government Audit Law, Colorado Revised Statutes 29-1-601 et seq., and single audit act amendments of 1996.

Section 2. The cost for the above referenced services shall not exceed \$25,000.00.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2013.

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JOYCE DOWNING  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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COREY Y. HOFFMANN  
City Attorney

**AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this       day of       , 20       ,  
by and between the City of Northglenn, State of Colorado (hereinafter referred to as the "City") and Hamblin & Associates (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant").

**RECITALS:**

A. The City requires professional services.

B. Consultant has held itself out to the City as having the requisite expertise and experience to perform the required work for the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed for the consideration hereinafter set forth, that Consultant shall provide to the City, professional consulting services for the Project.

**I. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Consultant shall furnish all labor and materials to perform the work and services required for the complete and prompt execution and performance of all duties, obligations, and responsibilities for the Project which are described or reasonably implied from **Exhibit A** which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

**II. THE CITY'S OBLIGATIONS/CONFIDENTIALITY**

The City shall provide Consultant with reports and such other data as may be available to the City and reasonably required by Consultant to perform hereunder. No project information shall be disclosed by Consultant to third parties without prior written consent of the City or pursuant to a lawful court order directing such disclosure. All documents provided by the City to Consultant shall be returned to the City. Consultant is authorized by the City to retain copies of such data and materials at Consultant's expense.

**III. OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT**

The City acknowledges that the Consultant's work product is an instrument of professional service. Nevertheless, the products prepared under this Agreement shall become the property of the City upon completion of the work.

**IV. COMPENSATION**

A. In consideration for the completion of the services specified herein by Consultant, the City shall pay Consultant an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00). Payment shall be made in accordance with the schedule of charges in Exhibit B which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Invoices will be itemized and include hourly breakdown for all personnel and other charges. The maximum fee specified herein shall include all fees and expenses incurred by Consultant in performing all services hereunder.

B. Consultant may submit monthly or periodic statements requesting payment. Such request shall be based upon the amount and value of the work and services performed by Consultant under this Agreement except as otherwise supplemented or accompanied by such supporting data as may be required by the City.

1. All invoices, including Consultant's verified payment request, shall be submitted by Consultant to the City no later than the twenty-fourth (24th) day of each month for payment pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. In the event Consultant fails to submit any invoice on or before the twenty-fourth (24th) day of any given month, Consultant defers its right to payment pursuant to said late invoice until the twenty-fourth (24th) day of the following month.

2. Progress payments may be claimed on a monthly basis for reimbursable costs actually incurred to date as supported by detailed statements, including hourly breakdowns for all personnel and other charges. The amounts of all such monthly payments shall be paid within thirty (30) days after the timely receipt of invoice as provided by this Agreement.

C. The City has the right to ask for clarification on any Consultant invoice after receipt of the invoice by the City.

D. In the event payment for services rendered has not been made within forty-five (45) days from the receipt of the invoice for any uncontested billing, interest will accrue at the legal rate of interest. In the event payment has not been made within ninety (90) days from the receipt of the invoice for any uncontested billing, Consultant may, after giving seven (7) days written notice and without penalty or liability of any nature, suspend all work on all authorized services specified herein. In the event payment in full is not received within thirty (30) days of giving the seven (7) days written notice, Consultant may terminate this Agreement. Upon receipt of payment in full for services rendered, Consultant will continue with all authorized services.

E. Final payment shall be made within sixty (60) calendar days after all data and reports (which are suitable for reproduction and distribution by the City) required by this Agreement have been turned over to and approved by the City and upon receipt by the City of Consultant's certification that services required herein by Consultant have been fully completed in accordance with this Agreement and all data and reports for the Project.

## **V. COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION OF WORK**

Within seven (7) days of receipt from the City of a Notice to Proceed, Consultant shall commence work on all its obligations as set forth in the Scope of Services or that portion of such obligations as is specified in said Notice. Except as may be changed in writing by the City, the Project shall be complete and Consultant shall furnish the City the specified deliverables as provided in Exhibit A.

## **VI. CHANGES IN SCOPE OF SERVICES**

A change in the Scope of Services shall constitute any material change or amendment of services or work which is different from or additional to the Scope of Services specified in Section I of this Agreement. No such change, including any additional compensation, shall be effective, or paid unless authorized by written amendment executed by the City. If Consultant proceeds without such written authorization, then Consultant shall be deemed to have waived any claim for additional compensation, including a claim based on the theory of unjust enrichment, quantum merit or implied contract. Except as expressly provided herein, no agent, employee, or representative of the City shall have the authority to enter into any changes or modifications, either directly or implied by a course of action, relating to the terms and scope of this Agreement.

## **VII. PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

A. Consultant hereby warrants that it is qualified to assume the responsibilities and render the services described herein and has all requisite corporate authority and professional licenses in good standing, required by law.

B. The work performed by Consultant shall be in accordance with generally accepted professional practices and the level of competency presently maintained by other practicing professional firms in the same or similar type of work in the applicable community.

C. Consultant shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, timely completion, and the coordination of all designs, drawings, specifications, reports, and other services furnished by Consultant under this Agreement. Consultant shall, without additional compensation, correct or resolve any errors or deficiencies in his designs, drawings, specifications, reports, and other services, which fall below the standard of professional practice, and reimburse the City for construction costs caused by errors and omissions which fall below the standard of professional practice.

D. Approval by the City of drawings, designs, specifications, reports, and incidental work or materials furnished hereunder shall not in any way relieve Consultant of responsibility for technical adequacy of the work. Neither the City's review, approval or acceptance of, nor payment for, any of the services shall be construed to operate as a waiver of any rights under this Agreement or of any cause of action arising out of the performance of this Agreement, and Consultant shall be and remain liable in accordance with applicable performance of any of the services furnished under this Agreement.

E. The rights and remedies of the City provided for under this Agreement are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law.

## **VIII. ILLEGAL ALIENS**

A. Certification. By entering into this Agreement, Consultant hereby certifies that, at the time of this certification, it does not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien who will perform work under the Agreement and that Consultant will participate in either the E-Verify Program administered by the United States Department of Homeland Security and Social Security Administration or the Department Program administered by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment in order to confirm the employment eligibility of all employees who are newly hired for employment to perform work under the Agreement.

B. Prohibited Acts. Consultant shall not:

1. Knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under this Agreement; or
2. Enter into a contract with a subcontractor that fails to certify to Consultant that the subcontractor shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under this Agreement.

C. Verification.

1. Consultant has confirmed the employment eligibility of all employees who are newly hired for employment to perform work under this Agreement through participation in either the E-Verify Program or the Department Program.

2. Consultant shall not use the E-Verify Program or the Department Program procedures to undertake pre-employment screening of job applicants while this Agreement is being performed.

3. If Consultant obtains actual knowledge that a subcontractor performing work under this Agreement knowingly employs or contracts with an illegal alien who is performing work under the Agreement, Consultant shall:

a. Notify the subcontractor and the City within three (3) days that Consultant has actual knowledge that the subcontractor is employing or contracting with an illegal alien who is performing work under the Agreement; and

b. Terminate the subcontract with the subcontractor if within three (3) days of receiving the notice required pursuant to subparagraph (a) hereof, the subcontractor does not stop employing or contracting with the illegal alien who is performing work under the Agreement; except that Consultant shall not terminate the contract with the subcontractor if during such three (3) days the subcontractor provides information to establish that the subcontractor has not knowingly employed or contracted with an illegal alien who is performing work under the Agreement.

D. Duty to Comply with Investigations. Consultant shall comply with any reasonable request by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment made in the course of an investigation conducted pursuant to C.R.S. § 8-17.5-102(5)(a) to ensure that Consultant is complying with the terms of this Agreement.

E. If Consultant does not currently employ any employees, Consultant shall sign the NO Employee Affidavit attached hereto.

F. If Consultant wishes to verify the lawful presence of newly hired employees who perform work under the Agreement via the Department Program, Consultant shall sign the Department Program Affidavit attached hereto.

## **IX. INDEMNIFICATION**

A. INDEMNIFICATION – GENERAL: The City cannot and by this Agreement does not agree to indemnify, hold harmless, exonerate or assume the defense of the Consultant or any other person or entity whatsoever, for any purpose whatsoever. Provided that the claims, demands, suits, actions or proceedings of any kind are not the result of professional negligence, the Consultant, to the fullest extent permitted by law, shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, its Council members, officials, officers, directors, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, suits, actions or proceedings of any kind or nature whatsoever, including worker's compensation claims, in any way resulting from or arising from the services rendered by Consultant, its employees, agents or subconsultants, or others for whom the Consultant is legally liable, under this Agreement; provided, however, that the Consultant need not indemnify or save harmless the City, its Council members, its officers, agents and employees from damages resulting from the negligence of the Council members, officials, officers, directors, agents and employees.

B. **INDEMNIFICATION FOR PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE:** The Consultant shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, its Council members, and any of its officials, officers, directors, and employees from and against damages, liability, losses, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys fees, but only to the extent caused by or arising out of the negligent acts, errors or omissions of the Consultant, its employees, agents or subconsultants, or others for whom the Consultant is legally liable, in the performance of professional services under this Agreement. The Consultant is not obligated under this subparagraph IX.B. to indemnify the City for the negligent acts of the City, its Council members, or any of its officials, officers, directors, agents and employees.

C. **INDEMNIFICATION – COSTS:** Consultant shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, defend, investigate, handle, respond to, and provide defense for and defend against, any such liability, claims or demands at the sole expense of Consultant or, at the option of the City, agrees to pay the City or reimburse the City for the defense costs incurred by the City in connection with any such liability, claims or demands. Consultant shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, defend and bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, including court costs and attorney fees, whether or not any such liability, claims or demands alleged are groundless, false or fraudulent. If it is determined by the final judgment of a court of any competent jurisdiction that such injury, loss or damage was caused in whole or in part by the act, omission or other fault of the City, its Council members, officials, officers, directors, agents and employees, the City shall reimburse Consultant for the portion of the judgment attributable to such act, omission or other fault of the City, its Council members, officials, officers, directors, agents and employees.

## **X. INSURANCE**

A. Consultant agrees to procure and maintain, at its own cost, a policy or policies of insurance sufficient to insure against all liability, claims, demands, and other obligations assumed by Consultant pursuant to Section IX, above. Such insurance shall be in addition to any other insurance requirements imposed by this Agreement or by law. Consultant shall not be relieved of any liability, claims, demands, or other obligations assumed pursuant to Section IX, above, by reason of its failure to procure or maintain insurance, or by reason of its failure to procure or maintain insurance in sufficient amounts, durations, or types.

B. Consultant shall procure and maintain, and shall cause any subcontractor of Consultant to procure and maintain, the minimum insurance coverages listed below. Such coverages shall be procured and maintained with forms and insurers acceptable to the City. All coverages shall be continuously maintained to cover all liability, claims, demands, and other obligations assumed by Consultant pursuant to Section IX, above. In the case of any claims-made policy, the necessary retroactive dates and extended reporting periods shall be procured to maintain such continuous coverage.

1. Workmen's compensation insurance to cover obligations imposed by applicable laws for any employee engaged in the performance of work under this Agreement, and Employer's Liability insurance with minimum limits of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) each accident, one million dollars (\$1,000,000) disease - policy limit, and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) disease - each employee. Evidence of qualified self-insured status may be substituted for the workmen's compensation requirements of this paragraph.

2. Commercial general liability insurance with minimum combined single limits of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) each occurrence and two million dollars (\$2,000,000) general aggregate. The policy shall be applicable to all premises and operations. The policy shall include

coverage for bodily injury, broad form property damage (including completed operations), personal injury (including coverage for contractual and employee acts), blanket contractual, products, and completed operations. The policy shall contain a severability of interests provision.

3. Professional liability insurance with minimum limits of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) each claim and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) general aggregate.

C. The policy required by paragraph 2. above shall be endorsed to include the City and the City's officers, employees, and consultants as additional insureds. Every policy required above shall be primary insurance, and any insurance carried by the City, its officers, its employees, or its consultants shall be excess and not contributory insurance to that provided by Consultant. No additional insured endorsement to the policy required by paragraph 1. above shall contain any exclusion for bodily injury or property damage arising from completed operations. Consultant shall be solely responsible for any deductible losses under any policy required above.

D. The certificate of insurance provided for the City shall be completed by Consultant's insurance agent as evidence that policies providing the required coverages, conditions, and minimum limits are in full force and effect, and shall be reviewed and approved by the City prior to commencement of the Agreement. No other form of certificate shall be used. If the City is named as an additional insured on any policy which does not allow for the automatic addition of additional insureds, the Consultant's insurance agent shall also provide a copy of all accompanying endorsements recognizing the City as an additional insured. The certificate shall identify this Agreement and shall provide that the coverages afforded under the policies shall not be cancelled, terminated or materially changed until at least thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the City. The completed certificate of insurance shall be sent to:

City of Northglenn  
Attn: Jessica Clanton  
11701 Community Center Drive  
Northglenn, Colorado 80233-8061

E. Failure on the part of Consultant to procure or maintain policies providing the required coverages, conditions, and minimum limits shall constitute a material breach of agreement upon which the City may immediately terminate this Agreement, or at its discretion, the City may procure or renew any such policy or any extended reporting period thereto and may pay any and all premiums in connection therewith, and all monies so paid by the City shall be repaid by Consultant to the City upon demand, or the City may offset the cost of the premiums against any monies due to Consultant from the City.

F. The City reserves the right to request and receive a certified copy of any policy and any endorsement thereto.

G. The parties hereto understand and agree that the City, its officers, and its employees, are relying on, and do not waive or intend to waive by any provision of this Agreement, the monetary limitations (presently three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) per person and nine hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$990,000) per occurrence) or any other rights, immunities, and protections provided by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, Colo. Rev. Stat., §§ 24-10-101, et seq., as from time to time amended, or otherwise available to the City, its officers, or its employees.



**XI. NON-ASSIGNABILITY**

Neither this Agreement, nor any of the rights or obligations of the parties hereto, shall be assigned by either party without the written consent of the other.

**XII. TERMINATION**

This Agreement shall terminate at such time as the work in Section I is completed and the requirements of this Agreement are satisfied, or upon the City's providing Consultant with seven (7) days advance written notice, whichever occurs first. In the event the Agreement is terminated by the City's issuance of said written notice of intent to terminate, the City shall pay Consultant for all work previously authorized and completed prior to the date of termination. If, however, Consultant has substantially or materially breached the standards and terms of this Agreement, the City shall have any remedy or right of set-off available at law and equity. If the Agreement is terminated for any reason other than cause prior to completion of the Project, any use of documents by the City thereafter shall be at the City's sole risk, unless otherwise consented to by Consultant.

**XIII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Consultant shall disclose any personal or private interest related to property or business within the City. Upon disclosure of any such personal or private interest, the City shall determine if the interest constitutes a conflict of interest. If the City determines that a conflict of interest exists, the City may treat such conflict of interest as a default and terminate this Agreement.

**XIV. VENUE**

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado, and any legal action concerning the provisions hereof shall be brought in the County of Adams, State of Colorado.

**XV. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

Consultant is an independent contractor. Notwithstanding any provision appearing in this Agreement, all personnel assigned by Consultant to perform work under the terms of this Agreement shall be, and remain at all times, employees or agents of Consultant for all purposes. Consultant shall make no representation that it is the employee of the City for any purposes.

**XVI. NO WAIVER**

Delays in enforcement or the waiver of any one or more defaults or breaches of this Agreement by the City shall not constitute a waiver of any of the other terms or obligation of this Agreement.

**XVII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement and the attached Exhibits A and B is the entire Agreement between Consultant and the City, superseding all prior oral or written communications. None of the provisions of this Agreement may be amended, modified, or changed, except as specified herein.

**XVIII. SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION**

Consistent with Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, any financial obligations of the City not to be performed during the current fiscal year are subject to annual appropriation, and thus any obligations of the City hereunder shall extend only to monies currently appropriated.

**XIX. NOTICE**

Any notice or communication between Consultant and the City which may be required, or which may be given, under the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing, and shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given when directly presented or sent pre-paid, first class United States Mail, addressed as follows:

The City: City of Northglenn  
11701 Community Center Drive  
Northglenn, Colorado 80233-8061

Consultant: Hamblin and Associates  
3082 Evergreen Pkwy, #2  
Evergreen, CO 80439

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto each herewith subscribe the same in duplicate.

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Johanna Small, CMC  
City Clerk

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Corey Y. Hoffmann  
City Attorney

Date

**CONSULTANT:**

By: Lyman D. Hamblin

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

ATTEST:

By: Tracy Saraduke  
Tracy Saraduke  
Print Name

Title Principal Date 12/2/2013

Member Dec 3 2013  
Title Date

Name of City's Project Manager

Jessica Clanton

# HAMBLIN AND ASSOCIATES, LLC

**Certified Public Accountants**

Member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

3082 Evergreen Parkway, Suite 2  
Evergreen, CO 80439  
(303) 694-2727

November 25, 2013

To: Director of Finance Jason Loveland  
City of Northglenn  
11701 Community Center Drive  
Northglenn, CO 80233

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide the City of Northglenn for the year ended December 31, 2013. We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, including the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements, of the City of Northglenn as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement the City of Northglenn's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the City of Northglenn's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by generally accepted accounting principles and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

- 1) Management's Discussion and Analysis
- 2) Schedule of funding progress
- 3) Budgetary comparison information

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies the City of Northglenn's financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole:

- 1) Schedule of expenditures of federal awards
- 2) Combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules

The following other information accompanying the financial statements will not be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements, and our auditor's report will not provide an opinion or any assurance on that other information.

- 1) Introductory Section
- 2) Statistical Section

## Audit Objectives

The objective of our audit is the expression of opinions as to whether your basic financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and to report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. The objective also includes reporting on—

- Internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
- Internal control related to major programs and an opinion (or disclaimer of opinion) on compliance with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements that could have a direct and material effect on each major program in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*.

The reports on internal control and compliance will each include a paragraph that states that the purpose of the report is solely to describe (1) the scope of testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the result of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, (2) the scope of testing internal control over compliance for major programs and major program compliance and the result of that testing and to provide an opinion on compliance but not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance, and (3) that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering internal control over financial reporting and compliance and OMB Circular A-133 in considering internal control over compliance and major program compliance. The paragraph will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; and the provisions of OMB Circular A-133, and will include tests of accounting records, a determination of major program(s) in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions and to render the required reports. We cannot provide assurance that unmodified opinions will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinions or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If our opinions on the financial statements or the Single Audit compliance opinions are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or to issue a report as a result of this engagement.

## Management Responsibilities

Management is responsible for the basic financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and all accompanying information as well as all representations contained therein. Management is also responsible for identifying government award programs and understanding and complying with the compliance requirements, and for preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. As part of the audit, we will assist with preparation of your financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes. You will be required to acknowledge in the written representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements and schedule of expenditures of federal awards and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. You agree to assume all management responsibilities for any nonaudit services we provide; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls, including internal controls over compliance, and for evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities, to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met and that there is reasonable assurance that government programs are administered in compliance with compliance requirements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles; for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements.

Management is also responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for ensuring that management is reliable and financial information is reliable and properly recorded. You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit, and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Your responsibilities also include identifying significant vendor relationships in which the vendor has responsibility for program compliance and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the written representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the entity complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. Additionally, as required by OMB Circular A-133, it is management's responsibility to follow up and take corrective action on reported audit findings and to prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings and a corrective action plan. The summary schedule of prior audit findings should be available for our review on December 11, 2013.

You are responsible for preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in conformity with OMB Circular A-133. You agree to include our report on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in any document that contains and indicates that we have reported on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. You also agree to [include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards that includes our report thereon OR make the audited financial statements readily available to intended users of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards no later than the date the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is issued with our report thereon]. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in accordance with OMB Circular A-133; (2) that you believe the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with OMB Circular A-133; (3) that the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

You are also responsible for the preparation of the other supplementary information, which we have been engaged to report on, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains and indicates that we have reported on the supplementary information. You also agree to [include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes our report thereon OR make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with our report thereon]. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) that you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) that the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying for us previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions, for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

### **Audit Procedures—General**

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entity. Because the determination of abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements or noncompliance may exist and not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements or major programs. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, any fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that come to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential, and of any material abuse that comes to our attention. We will include such matters in the reports required for a Single Audit. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and may include tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about the financial statements and related matters.

### **Audit Procedures—Internal Control**

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

As required by OMB Circular A-133, we will perform tests of controls over compliance to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of controls that we consider relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with compliance requirements applicable to each major federal award program. However, our tests will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on those controls and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to OMB Circular A-133.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and OMB Circular A-133.

### **Audit Procedures—Compliance**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the City of Northglenn's compliance with provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements, including grant agreements. However, the objective of those procedures will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

OMB Circular A-133 requires that we also plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the auditee has complied with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to major programs. Our procedures will consist of tests of transactions and other applicable procedures described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* for the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City of Northglenn's major programs. The purpose of these procedures will be to express an opinion on the City of Northglenn's compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major programs in our report on compliance issued pursuant to OMB Circular A-133.

### **Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other**

We may from time to time, and depending on the circumstances, use third-party service providers in serving your account. We may share confidential information about you with these service providers, but remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, we maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, we will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In the event that we are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your confidential information with the third-party service provider. Furthermore, we will remain responsible for the work provided by any such third-party service providers.

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash, accounts receivable, or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

At the conclusion of the engagement, we will complete the appropriate sections of the Data Collection Form that summarizes our audit findings. It is management's responsibility to submit the reporting package (including financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, summary schedule of prior audit findings, auditors' reports, and corrective action plan) along with the Data Collection Form to the federal audit clearinghouse. We will coordinate with you the electronic submission and certification. If applicable, we will provide copies of our report for you to include with the reporting package you will submit to pass-through entities. The Data Collection Form and the reporting package must be submitted within the earlier of 30 days after receipt of the auditors' reports or nine months after the end of the audit period, unless a longer period is agreed to in advance by the cognizant or oversight agency for audits.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Hamblin and Associates and constitutes confidential information. However, pursuant to authority given by law or regulation, we may be requested to make certain audit documentation available to the cognizant or oversight agency or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Hamblin and Associates personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by the Cognizant Agency or Pass-through Entity. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency, pass-through entity, or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

We expect to begin our audit on approximately December 11, 2013 and to issue our reports no later than May 15, 2013. Lyman Hamblin is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports or authorizing another individual to sign them. Our fee for these services will be at our standard hourly rates plus out-of-pocket costs (such as report reproduction, word processing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, etc.) except that we agree that our gross fee, including expenses, will not exceed \$25,000. Our standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to your audit. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 30 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report(s). You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of termination. The above fee is based on anticipated

cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the City of Northglenn and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign a copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

*Hamblin and Associates*

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the City of Northglenn.

Management signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## **SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES**

Audit of the 2013 Financial Statements

### Combining Schedule - All Services

#### Nature of Services To Be Provided

Audit of the 2013 Financial Statements (all inclusive)	<u>\$25,000</u>
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