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Exit Conference: City of Tacoma

About our Office

The Washington State Auditor's Office's vision is government that works for citizens. Our goal is for government that works better, costs less and earns greater public trust.

The purpose of this meeting is to share our audit results and draft reporting. We value and appreciate your participation.

Audit Highlights

- Implementation and documentation of GASB 68, the new pension standard was very well done.
- We appreciate the responsiveness and professionalism of the City's Finance staff members.

Audit Scope

We performed the following audits for the City of Tacoma:

- **Financial statement audit for 2015** See report.
- **Federal grant compliance audit for 2015** See report.

Financial Statement required communications

In relation to our report, we would like to bring to your attention:

- Uncorrected misstatements in the audited financial statements are summarized and provided to management. We agree with management's representation that these misstatements are immaterial to the fair presentation of the financial statements.
- There were no material misstatements in the financial statements corrected by management during the audit.

Recommendations not included in the Audit Reports

Management Letters

Management letters communicate control deficiencies, non-compliance or abuse with a less-than-material effect on the financial statements or other items significant to our audit objectives. Management letters are referenced, but not included, in the audit report. We noted certain matters that we are communicating in a letter to management related to work in progress and capital asset classification.

Exit Items

We have provided exit recommendations for management's consideration. Exit items address control deficiencies or non-compliance with laws or regulation that have an insignificant or immaterial effect on the entity, or errors with an immaterial effect on the financial statements. Exit items are not referenced in the audit report.

Concluding Comments

Report Publication

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Audit Cost

We estimated the cost of the audit to be \$350,000 and actual audit costs will approximate that amount.

Audit Survey

When your report is released you will receive an audit survey from us. We value your opinions on our audit services and hope you provide feedback.

Your Next Scheduled Audit

Your next audit is scheduled to be conducted in February 2017 and will cover the following general areas:

- Accountability for Public Resources
- Financial Statement
- Federal Programs

The estimated cost for the next audit based on current rates is \$350,000 plus travel expenses. This preliminary estimate is provided as a budgeting tool and not a guarantee of final cost.