CONTRACT TO AUDIT ACCOUNTS

Of_	Chatham County, NC							
Primary Government Unit								
	N/A							
	Discretely Presented Component Unit (DPCU) if applicable							
		On this	6th	day of	March		2018	
Auc	litor:_	Martin Starnes 8	& Associates, C	PAs, P.A. A	uditor Mailing Add	lress:		
		730 13th <i>A</i>	Avenue Dr. SE,	Hickory, NC 2	28602	Hereinafter ref	erred to as T	he Auditor
and		Board of Cor	nmissioners	(Govern	ning Board(s)) of	Chatham	County, NC	
and <u></u>		N/A			fter referred to as th		overnment) nit(s), agree	
1.	The Auditor shall audit all statements and disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) and additional required legal statements and disclosures of all funds and/or divisions of the Governmental Unit (s) for the period beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018. The non-major combining, and individual fund statements and schedules shall be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and an opinion shall be rendered in relation to (as applicable) the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate DPCUs, each major governmental and enterprise fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information (non-major government and enterprise funds, the internal service fund type, and the fiduciary fund types).							

- 2. At a minimum, the Auditor shall conduct his/her audit and render his/her report in accordance with a uditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. The Auditor shall perform the audit in accordance with Government Auditing Standards if required by the State Single Audit Implementation Act, as codified in G.S. 159-34. If required by OMB Uniform Administration Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, (Uniform Guidance) and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, the Auditor shall perform a Single Audit. This audit and all associated audit documentation may be subject to review by Federal and State agencies in accordance with Federal and State laws, including the staffs of the Office of State Auditor (OSA) and the Local Government Commission (LGC). If the audit and Auditor communication are found in this review to be substandard, the results of the review may be forwarded to the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners (NC State Board). County and Multi-County Health Departments: The Office of State Auditor (OSA) will require Auditors of these Governmental Units to perform agreed upon procedures (AUPs) on eligibility determination on certain programs. Both Auditor and Governmental Unit agree that Auditor shall complete and report on these AUPs on Eligibility Determination as required by OSA and in accordance with the instructions and timeline provided by OSA.
- 3. If an entity is determined to be a component of another government as defined by the group audit standards, the entity's Auditor shall make a good faith effort to comply in a timely manner with the requests of the group auditor in accordance with AU-6 §600.41 §600.42.
- 4. This contract contemplates an unqualified opinion being rendered. If during the process of conducting the audit the Auditor determines that it will not be possible to render an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of the unit, the Auditor shall contact the SLGFD staff to discuss the circumstances leading to that conclusion as soon as is practical and before the final report is issued. The audit shall include such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as are considered by the Auditor to be necessary in the circumstances. Any limitations or restrictions in scope which would lead to a qualification should be fully explained in an attachment to this contract.

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5. If this audit engagement is subject to the standards for audit as defined in *Government Auditing Standards*, 2011 revisions, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, then by accepting this engagement, the Auditor warrants that he has met the requirements for a peer review and continuing education as specified in *Government Auditing Standards*. The Auditor agrees to provide a copy of their most recent peer review report regardless of the date of the prior peer review report to the Governmental Unit and the Secretary of the LGC prior to the execution of the audit contract. If the audit firm received a peer review rating other than pass, the Auditor shall not contract with the Governmental Unit without first contacting the Secretary of the LGC for a peer review analysis that may result in additional contractual requirements.

If the audit engagement is not subject to Government Accounting Standards or if financial statements are not prepared in accordance with GAAP and fail to include all disclosures required by GAAP, the Auditor shall provide an explanation as to why in an attachment.

- 6. It is agreed that time is of the essence in this contract. All audits are to be performed and the report of audit submitted to the SLGFD within four months of fiscal year end.

 Audit report is due on October 31, 2018 If it becomes necessary to amend this due date or the audit fee, an amended contract along with a written explanation of the delay shall be submitted to the Secretary of the LGC for approval.
- 7. It is agreed that generally accepted auditing standards include a review of the Governmental Unit's systems of internal control and accounting as same relate to accountability of funds and adherence to budget and law requirements applicable thereto; that the Auditor shall make a written report, which may or may not be a part of the written report of audit, to the Governing Board setting forth his findings, together with his recommendations for improvement. That written report shall include all matters defined as "significant deficiencies and material weaknesses" in AU-C 265 of the AICPA Professional Standards (Clarified). The Auditor shall file a copy of that report with the Secretary of the LGC.
- 8. All local government and public authority contracts for audit or audit-related work require the approval of the Secretary of the LGC. This includes annual or special audits, agreed upon procedures related to internal controls, bookkeeping or other assistance necessary to prepare the Governmental Unit's records for audit, financial statement preparation, any finance-related investigations, or any other audit-related work in the State of North Carolina. Invoices for services rendered under these contracts shall not be paid by the Governmental Unit until the invoice has been approved by the Secretary of the LGC. (This also includes any progress billings.) [G.S. 159-34 and 115C-447] All invoices for Audit work shall be submitted in PDF format to the Secretary of the LGC for approval. The invoices shall be sent via upload through the current portal address: http://nctreasurer.slgfd.leapfile.net Subject line should read "Invoice [Unit Name]. The PDF invoice marked 'approved' with approval date shall be returned by email to the Auditor to present to the Governmental Unit for payment. Approval is not required on contracts and invoices for system improvements and similar services of a non-auditing nature.
- 9. In consideration of the satisfactory performance of the provisions of this contract, the Primary Government shall pay to the Auditor, upon approval by the Secretary of the LGC, the fee, which includes any cost the Auditor may incur from work paper or peer reviews or any other quality assurance program required by third parties (Federal and State grantor and oversight agencies or other organizations) as required under the Federal and State Single Audit Acts. (Note: Fees listed on Fees page.). This does not include fees for any Pre-Issuance reviews that may be required by the NC Association of CPAs (NCACPA) Peer Review Committee or NC State Board of CPA Examiners (see Item #12).
- 10. If the Governmental Unit has outstanding revenue bonds, the Auditor shall submit to the SLGFD either in the notes to the audited financial statements or as a separate report, a calculation demonstrating compliance with the revenue

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bond rate covenant. Additionally, the Auditor shall submit to the SLGFD simultaneously with the Governmental Unit's audited financial statements any other bond compliance statements or additional reports required by the authorizing bond documents, unless otherwise specified in the bond documents.

- 11. After completing the audit, the Auditor shall submit to the Governing Board a written report of audit. This report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information: (a) Management's Discussion and Analysis, (b) the financial statements and notes of the Governmental Unit and all of its component units prepared in accordance with GAAP, (c) supplementary information requested by the Governmental Unit or required for full disclosure under the law, and (d) the Auditor's opinion on the material presented. The Auditor shall furnish the required number of copies of the report of audit to the Governing Board as soon as practical after the close of the fiscal year end.
- 12. If the audit firm is required by the NC State Board, the NCACPA Peer Review Committee, or the Secretary of the LGC to have a pre-issuance review of its audit work, there shall be a statement in the engagement letter indicating the pre-issuance review requirement. There also shall be a statement that the Governmental Unit shall not be billed for the pre-issuance review. The pre-issuance review shall be performed **prior** to the completed audit being submitted to the SLGFD. The pre-issuance review report shall accompany the audit report upon submission to the SLGFD.
- 13. The Auditor shall electronically submit the report of audit to the SLGFD as a text-based PDF file when (or prior to) submitting the invoice for services rendered. The report of audit, as filed with the Secretary of the LGC, becomes a matter of public record for inspection, review and copy in the offices of the SLGFD by any interested parties. Any subsequent revisions to these reports shall be sent to the Secretary of the LGC along with an Audit report Reissuance form. These audited financial statements, excluding the Auditors' opinion, may be used in the preparation of official statements for debt offerings, by municipal bond rating services to fulfill secondary market disclosure requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission and for other lawful purposes of the Governmental Unit without subsequent consent of the Auditor. If the SLGFD determines that corrections need to be made to the Governmental Unit's financial statements, those corrections shall be provided within three days of notification unless another deadline is agreed to by the SLGFD.

If the OSA designates certain programs to be audited as major programs, as discussed in item #2, a turnaround document and a representation letter addressed to the OSA shall be submitted to the SLGFD.

The SLGFD's process for submitting contracts, audit reports and invoices is subject to change. Auditors shall use the submission process in effect at the time of submission. The most current instructions will be found on our website: https://www.nctreasurer.com/slg/Pages/Audit-Forms-and-Resources.aspx

- 14. Should circumstances disclosed by the audit call for a more detailed investigation by the Auditor than necessary under ordinary circumstances, the Auditor shall inform the Governing Board in writing of the need for such additional investigation and the additional compensation required therefore. Upon approval by the Secretary of the LGC, this contract may be varied or changed to include the increased time, compensation, or both as may be agreed upon by the Governing Board and the Auditor.
- 15. If an approved contract needs to be amended for any reason, the change shall be made in writing, on the Amended LGC-205 contract form and pre-audited if the change includes a change in audit fee. This amended contract shall be completed in full, including a written explanation of the change, signed and dated by all original parties to the contract. It shall then be submitted through the audit contract portal to the Secretary of the LGC for approval. The portal address to upload the amended contract is http://nctreasurer.slgfd.leapfile.net No change to the audit contract shall be effective unless approved by the Secretary of the LGC, the Governing Board, and the Auditor.

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16.	be attached to the contract, and by referer the engagement letter and the terms of thi terms that conflict with the contract are d	y the Auditor and signed by both the Auditor and the Governmental Unit shall not here becomes part of the contract. In case of conflict between the terms of scontract, the terms of this contract shall take precedence. Engagement letter leemed to be void unless the conflicting terms of this contract are specifically agement letters containing indemnification clauses shall not be accepted by the			
17.	7. Special provisions should be limited. Ple	ase list any special provisions in an attachment.			
18.	subject to the audit requirements detaile audit report is issued, a separate audit co included in the primary government audi	e for each division to be audited or report to be submitted. If a DPCU is d in the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act and a separate entract is required. If a separate report is not to be issued and the DPCU is t, the DPCU shall be named along with the parent government on this audit gnatures from the DPCU Board chairman and finance officer also shall be			
19.	the Auditor and then submitted in PD the contractual documents is				

SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW FEES PAGE

N/A

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FEES – PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

AUDIT: \$ See fee section of engagement letter	
WRITING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: \$ N/A	
WRITING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. 5 IVA	

For all non-attest services the Auditor shall adhere to the independence rules of the AICPA Professional Code of Conduct and Governmental Auditing Standards (as applicable). Bookkeeping and other non-attest services necessary to perform the audit shall be included under this contract. However, bookkeeping assistance shall be limited to the extent that the Auditor is not auditing his or her own work or making management decisions. The Governmental Unit shall designate an individual with the suitable skills, knowledge, and/or experience necessary to oversee the services and accept responsibility for the results of the services. Financial statement preparation assistance shall be deemed a "significant threat" requiring the Auditor to apply safeguards sufficient to reduce the threat to an acceptable level. The Auditor shall maintain written documentation of his or her compliance with these standards in the audit work papers.

Prior to submission of the completed audited financial report, applicable compliance reports and amended contract (if required) the Auditor may submit invoices for approval for services rendered, not to exceed 75% of the total of the stated fees above. If the current contracted fee is not fixed in total, invoices for services rendered may be approved for up to 75% of the prior year audit fee.

The 75% cap for interim invoice approval for this audit contract is \$\ 43,350 \\
** NA if there is to be no interim billing

FEES - DPCU (IF APPLICABLE)

AUDIT: \$ N/A

WRITING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: \$ N/A

ALL OTHER NON-ATTEST SERVICES: \$ N/A

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The 75% cap for interim invoice approval for this audit contract is \$\ \bigc\ N/A \\ ** NA if there is to be no interim billing

Communication regarding audit contract requests for modification or official approvals will be sent to the email addresses provided in the spaces below.	PRE-AUDIT CERTIFICATE: Required by G.S. 159-28 (a)
Audit Firm Signature:	This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner
Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A.	required by The Local Government Budget and Fiscal
Name of Audit Firm	Control Act or by the School Budget and Fiscal Control
By Amber Y. McGhinnis, Senior Audit Manager	Act.
Authorized Audit firm representative name: Type or print WWW YWWW Signature of authorized audit firm representative	By Vicki McConnell, Deputy County Manager/Finance Director Primary Government Unit Finance Officer:
Date March 6, 2018	Type or print name
amcghinnis@martinstarnes.com	
Email Address of Audit Firm	
	Primary Government Finance Officer Signature
	Date
	(Pre-audit Certificate must be dated.)
Governmental Unit Signatures:	
Chatham County, NC	
Name of Primary Government By Diana Hales, Chair	viski masannall@shathamna ara
Mayor / Chairperson: Type or print name and title	vicki.mcconnell@chathamnc.org Email Address of Finance Officer
	Email Address of Finance Officer
Signature of Mayor/Chairperson of governing board	
Date	
By N/A	Date Primary Government Governing Body
Chair of Audit Committee - Type or print name	Approved Audit Contract - G.S. 159-34(a)
N/A **	``
Signature of Audit Committee Chairperson	
Date N/A	
** If Governmental Unit has no audit committee, mark this section "N/A"	

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Please provide us the most current email addresses available as we use this information to update our contact database

Communication regarding audit contract requests for modification or official approvals will be sent to the email addresses provided in the spaces below. DPCU Governmental Unit Signatures:	PRE-AUDIT CERTIFICATE: Required by G.S. 159-28 (a) This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by The Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act or by the School Budget and Fiscal Control Act.		
N/A Name of Discreetly Presented Component Unit			
By N/A DPCU Board Chairperson: Type or print name and title			
	By N/A		
Signature of Chairperson of DPCU governing board Date N/A	DPCU Finance Officer: Type or print name		
	N/A		
	DPCU Finance Officer Signature		
By N/A Chair of Audit <u>Committee</u> - Type or print name	Date N/A (Pre-audit Certificate must be dated.)		
N/A **	N/A		
Signature of Audit Committee Chairperson	Email Address of Finance Officer		
Date N/A ** If Governmental Unit has no audit committee, mark this section "N/A"	Date DPCU Governing Body Approved Audit Contract - G.S. 159-34(a)		
	N/A		

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Steps to Completing the Audit Contract

- 1. Complete the header information If a DPCU is subject to the audit requirements found in the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act and a separate report is being issued for that DPCU, a separate audit contract for the DPCU is required. If a separate report is not being issued for the DPCU it is being included in the Primary Government's audit the DPCU shall be named with the Primary Government on the audit contract for the Primary Government. The Board Chairperson of the DPCU shall sign the audit contract in addition to the elected leader of the Primary Government.
- 2. Item No. 1 Complete the period covered by the audit
- 3. Item No. 6 Fill in the audit due date. For Governmental Unit (s), the contract due date can be no later than 4 months after the end of the fiscal year, even though amended contracts may not be required until a later date.
- 4. Item No. 8 If the process for invoice approval instructions changed, the Auditor should make sure he and his administrative staff are familiar with the current process. Instructions for each process can be found at the following link. https://www.nctreasurer.com/slg/Pages/Audit-Forms-and-Resources.aspx
- 5. Item No. 9 Please note that the new fee section has been moved to page 5.
- 6. Item No. 16 Has the engagement letter been attached to the contract that is being submitted to SLGFD?
 - a. Do the terms and fees specified in the engagement letter agree with the Audit contract? "In case of conflict between the terms of the engagement letter and the terms of this contract, the terms of this contract shall take precedence."
 - b. Does the engagement letter contain an indemnification clause? The audit contract shall not be approved if there is an indemnification clause refer to LGC Memo # 986.
- 7. Complete the fee section for BOTH the Primary Government and the DPCU (if applicable) on the fees page; please note:
 - The cap on interim payments is 75% of the current audit fee for services rendered if the contracted fee amount is a fixed amount. If any part of the fee is variable, interim payments are limited to 75% of the prior year's total audit fee. If the contract fee is partially variable, we shall compare the authorized interim payment on the contract to 75% of last year's actual approved total audit fee amount according to our records. There is a report of audit fees paid by each governmental unit on our web site:

 https://www.nctreasurer.com/slg/lfm/audit_acct/Pages/default.aspx select "audit fees"

Please call or email Lorna Hodge at 919-814-4299 <u>lorna.hodge@nctreasurer.com</u> if you have any questions about the fees on this list.

• For variable fees for services, are the hourly rates or other rates clearly stated in detail? If issued separately in an addendum, has the separate page been acknowledged in writing by the Governmental Unit?

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- For fees for services that are a combination of fixed and variable fees, are the services to be provided for the fixed portion of the fee clearly stated? Are the hourly rates or other rates clearly stated for the variable portion of the fee? (Note: See previous bullet point regarding variable fees.)
- If there is to be no interim billing, please indicate N/A instead of leaving the line blank.
- 8. Signature Area There are now 2 Signature Pages: one for the Primary Government and one for the DPCU. Please only send the page(s) that are applicable to your Unit of Government and do not include the instructions pages. Make sure all signatures have been obtained, and properly dated. The contract shall be approved by Governing Boards pursuant to G.S. 159-34(a). If this contract includes the audit for a DPCU that is a Public Authority that falls under the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, it shall be named in this contract and the Board Chairperson of the DPCU also shall sign the contract in the area indicated. If the DPCU is filing a separate audit, a separate audit contract is required for that DPCU.
- 9. Please place the date the Primary Government's Governing Board and the DPCU's Governing Board (if applicable) approved the audit contract in the space provided.
 - a. Please make sure that you provide email addresses for the audit firm and finance officer as these will be used to communicate official approval of the contract.
 - b. Has the pre-audit certificate for the Primary Government (and the DPCU if applicable) been signed and dated by the appropriate party?
 - c. Has the name and title of the Mayor or Chairperson of the Unit's Governing Board and the DPCU's Chairperson (if applicable) been typed or printed on the contract and has he/she signed in the correct area directly under the Auditor's signature?
- 10. If the Auditor is performing an audit under the yellow book or single audit rules, has year-end bookkeeping assistance been limited to those areas permitted under the revised GAO Independence Standards? Although not required, we encourage Governmental Units and Auditors to disclose the nature of these services in the contract or an engagement letter. Fees for these services should be shown in the space indicated on the fees page.
- 11. Has the most recently issued peer review report for the audit firm been included with the contract? This is required if the audit firm has received a new peer review report that has not yet been forwarded to us. The audit firm is only required to send the most current Peer Review report to us once not multiple times.
- 12. After all the signatures have been obtained and the contract is complete, please convert the contract and all other supporting documentation to PDF. When submitting for approval combine and send the documents as one PDF file to include the Audit contract, any applicable addendums, the engagement letter and Peer Review Report. Submit these documents using the most current submission process which can be obtained at the NC Treasurer's web site

 $\frac{https://www.nctreasurer.com/slg/Audit\%20Forms\%20and\%20Resources/Instructions\%20for\%20Contract\%20Submission.pdf}{}$

13. If an audit cannot be completed by the due date, the Auditor or Governmental Unit shall file an Amended Contract form (Amended LGC-205). This form shall be signed by the Governmental Unit representative and the Auditor. The explanation for the delay in completing the audit is part of this contract amendment form and shall be provided. The parties that signed the original audit contract shall sign the amended contract form as well. If the signing representatives are unable to sign the amended contract, please include an explanation for this in the submitted amended contract form.



SYSTEM REVIEW REPORT

To the Partners of Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A. and the Peer Review Committee of the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A. (the firm) in effect for the year ended December 31, 2014. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures. The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review. The nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review are described in the standards at www.aicpa.org/prsummary.

As required by the standards, engagements selected for review included engagements performed under Government Auditing Standards and audits of employee benefit plans.

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A. in effect for the year ended December 31, 2014, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiency(ies) or fail. Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A. has received a peer review rating of pass.

Koonce, Worden + Haywood, LLP

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May 21, 2015