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**PUBLIC NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSALS**

**FOR
PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICES**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The Board of Supervisors of San Carlos Estates Water Control District (the "District") hereby requests responses/proposals from qualified individuals or companies for the provision of professional audit services to the District. The District is a drainage and water control district governed by Chapter 298, Florida Statutes.

The scope of the professional audit services sought by the District involves an independent certified public accounting firm providing annual external independent financial auditing services to the District for a period of up to five (5) years, with possible extensions, beginning with an audit of the financial statements of the District for its fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, to satisfy the District's annual financial audit requirements. The District desires the auditor to express an opinion on the fair presentation of the District's basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and as required by Florida law.

Interested responders may obtain a packet of information specifying details regarding the response and selection process at the office of the General Counsel for the District, Richard W. Pringle, Esquire, 2125 First St., Suite 200, Fort Myers, FL 33901 between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. When requesting a packet of information, the request should refer to the "Request for Qualifications for Professional Audit Services." A complete packet of information is also located on the District's website at www.scewcd.blogspot.com.

All responses must be sealed and received by the District at the office of the General Counsel for the District, Richard W. Pringle, Esquire, 2125 First St., Suite 200, Fort Myers, FL 33901 on or before 2:00 P.M., September 15, 2021. Any response received after this time will not be accepted. Responses delayed for any reason shall not be considered. Late responses will be returned to the respondent unopened. Facsimile responses and electronically mailed responses will not be accepted.

The District intends to use the District's Audit Selection Committee to evaluate the responses and rank the qualified responders in compliance with the auditor selection procedure requirements described by Florida law, especially §218.391, Florida Statutes.

It is prohibited for a responder or its representative to contact the District's personnel or Audit Selection Committee members or Board of Supervisors members. Any contact referenced above will result in the rejection and disqualification of the subject responder by the District. The term "contact" is defined as any action taken by a responder or any representative of a res-

ponder, or third parties, related to this Request for Qualifications/Proposals, after the initial publication of the Notice of the District's Request for Qualifications/Proposals, and through the time that a final selection decision is made by the District's Board of Supervisors. The exception is that interested responders can submit written questions regarding the Request for Qualifications/Proposals to Richard W. Pringle, Esquire, or his designee, as provided in the Request for Qualifications/Proposals documents. The District reserves the right to reject any or all responses in its sole discretion. The District also reserves the right to waive irregularities and technicalities and to re-advertise for additional responses. All costs and expenses related to preparation and submission of a response are the responsibility of the responder. Questions related to the submission of a response should be in writing and directed to the office of General Counsel for the District, Richard W. Pringle, Esquire by email: richard@strayhornandstrayhornlaw.com no later than 5:00 p.m. September 10, 2021.

The District does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability or marital status.

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