

March 21, 2016

Board of Aldermen
Town of Carrboro
301 West Main Street
Carrboro, North Carolina 27510

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide for Town of Carrboro, (the "Town") for the year ended June 30, 2016. This attachment to item 17, "Contract to Audit Accounts" (LGC-205) is intended to further clarify certain provisions of the Contract.

AUDIT SERVICES

We will audit the financial statements of the governmental 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 Town as of and for the year ending June 30, 2016.

AUDIT OBJECTIVES

The objective of our audit is the expression of opinions as to whether the Town's financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The objective also includes reporting on:

- Internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

The *Government Auditing Standards* report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters will include a paragraph that states that (1) the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance, and (2) the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. The Uniform Guidance report on internal control over compliance will include a paragraph that states that the purpose of the report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. The reports will state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose. If during our audit we become aware that the Town is subject to an audit requirement that is not encompassed in the terms of this engagement, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance that an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* may not satisfy the relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements.

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; and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. We will issue written reports upon completion of our audits. Our reports will be addressed to the governing board of the Town. 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 Audits are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with the governing board and/or the appropriate members of management. 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 issue reports, or may withdraw from this engagement.

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 errors, fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, or 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 an unavoidable 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 comes 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. 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 may include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, creditors, and financial institutions. We may request written representations from the Town's attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill the Town for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from management about management's responsibilities for the financial statements; compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and other responsibilities required by generally accepted auditing standards. Because of the importance of management's written or verbal representations to an effective audit, management agrees to release and indemnify Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP and its personnel from any liability and costs relating to our services under this letter attributable to any knowing misrepresentations by management.

In providing our audit services we are required by law and our professional standards to maintain our independence from the Town. We take this mandate very seriously and thus guard against impermissible relationships which may impair the very independence which management and the users of our report require. As such management should not place upon us special confidence that in the performance of our audit services we will act solely in management's interest. Therefore, management acknowledges and agrees we are not in a fiduciary relationship with management and we have no fiduciary responsibilities to management in the performance of our services described herein.

AUDIT PROCEDURES - INTERNAL CONTROLS

Our audit includes 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, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly we will express no such opinion. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies in internal control. 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*.

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 Town'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*.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Management is responsible for (1) establishing and maintaining effective internal controls, including internal controls over federal awards, and for evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities, to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; (2) following laws and regulations; (3) ensuring that there is reasonable assurance that government programs are administered in compliance with compliance requirements; and (4) ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. Management is also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles; for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, and all accompanying information in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations (including federal statutes) and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements (including award agreements).

Management is responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. Management is also responsible for providing us with access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation and other matters. Management also agrees to provide us with any additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit as well as unrestricted access to any person within the Town from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Management's responsibilities also include identifying significant contractor relationships in which the contractor has responsibility for program compliance and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. Management's responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management 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.

Management is responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud or illegal acts affecting the Town involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud or illegal acts could have a material effect on the financial statements. Management's responsibilities include informing us of its knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Town received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, management is responsible for identifying and ensuring that the Town complies with applicable laws and regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy any fraud, illegal acts, violations of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that we may report.

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. Management is also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as management's planned corrective actions, for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

Management is responsible for identifying all federal awards received and understanding and complying with the compliance requirements and for the preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (including notes and noncash assistance received) in conformity with the Uniform Guidance and the *State Single Audit Implementation Act*. Management's responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) management is responsible for presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and the *State Single Audit Implementation Act*; (2) management believes the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, including its form and content, is stated fairly in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and the *State Single Audit Implementation Act*; (3) 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) management has disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

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

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Our audit is for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP") provide for certain required supplementary information ("RSI") to accompany the basic financial statements. We understand the following RSI will accompany the basic financial statements:

1. Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A")
2. Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance - Schedule of Funding Progress
3. Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance - Schedule of Employer Contributions
4. Notes to the Required Schedules for the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance
5. Other Postemployment Benefits - Schedule of Funding Progress

6. Other Postemployment Benefits - Schedule of Employer Contributions
7. Notes to the Required Schedules for Other Postemployment Benefits
8. Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Project Authorization and Actual - Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund
9. Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Project Authorization and Actual - Business Loan Fund

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.

The Town's management is responsible for the fair presentation of the RSI. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

We understand that the following supplementary information other than RSI will accompany the basic financial statements:

1. Combining non-major and fiduciary fund statements
2. Budgetary schedules for all funds required to adopt a budget other than the General Fund and annually adopted major special revenue funds
3. Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable
4. Analysis of Current Tax Levy - Town-Wide Levy
5. Financial Data Schedule

Such information is presented for the purpose of additional analysis of the financial statements and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Town's management is responsible for the fair presentation of the supplementary information. We will subject the supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management's responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (a) management is responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (b) that management believes the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (c) 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 (d) management has disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Our responsibility is to report whether such information is fairly stated in all material aspects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. Management agrees to include our report on the supplementary information other than RSI in any document that contains, and indicates that we have reported on, the supplementary information other than RSI. Management also agrees to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information other than RSI that includes our report thereon OR make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information other than RSI no later than the date the supplementary information other than RSI is issued with our report thereon.

OTHER INFORMATION

Our audit is for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. We understand the Town will prepare an introductory section and a statistical section. Such information is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Town's management is responsible for such information. We will not subject such information to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR NONATTEST SERVICES

Management agrees to assume all management responsibilities and to oversee the nonattest services we will provide by designating an individual possessing suitable skill, knowledge and/or experience. Management is responsible for evaluating the adequacy and results of the services performed and accepting responsibility for the results of such services. Management is responsible for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls.

We will provide the following nonattest services:

- We will assist with preparation of the Town's financial statements, and related notes.
- We will advise management about appropriate accounting principles and their application and will assist in preparation of the Town's basic financial statements. The responsibility for the basic financial statements and all representations contained therein remains with management, which includes members of the governing board.
- At the conclusion of the engagement, we will upload the audited financial statements and compliance reports on the North Carolina State Treasurer's website.
- We will compile financial statement data for inclusion in the Annual Financial Information Report (AFIR).

Management is responsible for evaluating the adequacy and results of the above nonattest services performed and accepting responsibility for the results of such services. This includes management's review and approval of all adjustments we may propose to the accounting records of the Town or its financial statements as a result of these services.

USE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

If the Town's financial statements are to be included in a client prepared document, other than the Town's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*, which includes other information, the Town should notify us of the nature of the document and allow us to read such document prior to submitting the document to others. An example of another document would be an official statement in connection with a public debt offering.

AUDIT ADMINISTRATION, FEES AND OTHER

In connection with providing our professional services, we may engage the assistance of outside service providers for non-substantive services. We may share confidential information about the Town with these service providers, but remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of the Town's information. Accordingly, we maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of the Town's information. In addition, we will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of the Town's information and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of the Town's confidential information to others. In the event that we are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, management will be asked to provide its consent prior to the sharing of the Town's confidential information with the third-party service provider. Furthermore, we are responsible for the adequate oversight of all services provided by the third-party service provider and for ensuring that all services are performed with competence and due professional care.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP and constitutes confidential information. However, we may be requested to make certain audit documentation available to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office or North Carolina Office of the State Auditor pursuant to authority given to it by law or regulation. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP 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.

This engagement is limited to the services outlined above. We will perform all services in accordance with applicable professional standards.

John Frank is the engagement member and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign. We plan to begin our audit work in August, 2016.

Our fees for these services will be \$51,490 for the audit and \$3,100 for preparation of the financial statements. This estimate is based on the assumption there will be no significant bookkeeping assistance required or significant changes in the Town's operations including (but not limited to): issuance of new debt; new construction projects; creation of new funds; new or "State Mandated" major programs required to be tested for Single Audit; or additional procedures required in response to the discovery of fraud. We will issue contract addendums for additional fees related to any bookkeeping or changes mentioned above. The additional fees will be billed at our standard hourly rates depending on the experience level of the individuals performing the work.

Progress billings will be submitted to the North Carolina Office of the State Treasurer for approval and then mailed to the Town. All invoices are payable upon presentation.

Should management require additional services incidental to those specified herein which are not the subject of a separate engagement letter, upon management's request for the performance of those services we will confirm to management in writing or by electronic mail the requested services we will provide. Such services, including our fees, shall be rendered subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this letter.

In providing our services we may direct management to provide the Town's information to us through a separate web based client portal in an effort to provide greater security with respect to the information. In the event we request management provide the Town's information to us through such a client portal, to the extent management fails to do so or in using the client portal management fails to monitor and restrict

access only to the Town's authorized personnel (any such failure being referred to herein as a "Portal Failure") we disclaim, and management releases us from, any and all liability for loss and damage, including direct, indirect, consequential, incidental, and special damages such as loss of revenue or anticipated profits, arising from any interception, unintentional disclosure or communication or unauthorized use of such information incident to a Portal Failure. In addition, management agrees not to provide access to the client portal for use by any third party with whom the Town or management is affiliated by contract or otherwise without our express prior written consent, and management shall indemnify and hold us harmless from and against any and all claims by any such third party for all damages whatsoever, including direct or indirect damages, consequential, exemplary, incidental, special or punitive damages including lost profits or lost data, arising from such third party's use of materials on, accessed through, or downloaded from the client portal even if we are aware or have been advised of the use of or the access to, the client portal by such third party in contravention of the restrictions set forth herein.

Many of our clients choose to communicate with us by email, and we may use email in connection with this engagement unless management directs us otherwise. We will use reasonable precautions to protect the Town's confidential information, but we have no obligation to employ any measures that the Town does not regularly employ in protecting its confidential information. As emails can be intercepted and read, disclosed, or otherwise used or communicated by an unintended third party, or may not be delivered to each of the parties to whom they are directed, we cannot guarantee or warrant that email from us will be properly delivered and read only by the addressee. Therefore, we specifically disclaim any liability or responsibility whatsoever for interception or unintentional disclosure or communication of email transmissions, or for the unauthorized use or failed delivery of emails transmitted by us in connection with the performance of this engagement, or the disclosure or communication of confidential or proprietary information arising therefrom (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Email Interruption"). Management agrees that we shall have no liability for any loss or damage to any person or entity resulting from or related to any Email Interruption, including any consequential, incidental, direct, indirect, or special damages, such as loss of revenues or anticipated profits, and management hereby forever releases us from any such liability and shall indemnify us from any claim related thereto.

This agreement and any claim arising out of the services provided shall be governed by the laws of the state of North Carolina, exclusive of its conflict of laws rules. The parties agree that any action between them related to or arising out of this engagement shall be brought only in the state or federal courts of North Carolina.

Whenever possible, each provision of this agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision hereof shall be ineffective, or invalid, such ineffectiveness or invalidity shall be only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of the provision or the remaining provisions of this agreement, which shall otherwise remain in full force and effect. The agreements of Town of Carrboro and Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP contained in the Contract to Audit Accounts and this attachment shall survive the completion or termination of this engagement.

Government Auditing Standards require that we provide management with a copy of our most recent external peer review report and any letter of comment, and any subsequent peer review reports and letters of comment received during the period of the contract. Our 2014 peer review report accompanies this letter.

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We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Town of Carrboro and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If management has any questions, please let us know. If management agrees with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and the Contract to Audit Accounts and return it to us. Please retain a copy for the Town's records.

Very truly yours,

Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP

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Enclosures

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:

**SIGN
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This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the **Town of Carrboro**.

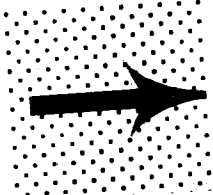
By: _____
Lydia Lavelle, Mayor

Date: _____

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Arche McAdoo, Finance Office

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Peer Review Program

Administered by the National Peer Review Committee

American Institute of CPAs
220 Leigh Farm Road
Durham, NC 27707-8110

October 31, 2014

Kenneth Max Hughes, CPA
Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP
6525 Morrison Blvd Ste 500
Charlotte, NC 28211

Dear Mr. Hughes:

It is my pleasure to notify you that on October 31, 2014 the National Peer Review Committee accepted the report on the most recent system peer review of your firm. The due date for your next review is August 31, 2017. This is the date by which all review documents should be completed and submitted to the administering entity.

As you know, the report had a peer review rating of pass. The Committee asked me to convey its congratulations to the firm.

Sincerely,

Larry Gray
Chair, National Peer Review Committee
nprc@aicpa.org 919 402.4502

cc: Candace E Wright; David W Hinshaw

Firm Number: 10017108

Review Number 359179

Letter ID: 935009

System Review Report

To the Partners of Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP
and the National Peer Review Committee

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP (the firm) applicable to engagements not subject to PCAOB permanent inspection in effect for the year ended February 28, 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*; audits of employee benefit plans, audits performed under FDICIA, and examinations of service organizations Service Organizations Control (SOC) 1 and 2 engagements.

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP applicable to engagements not subject to PCAOB permanent inspection in effect for the year ended February 28, 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*. Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

Postlethwaite & Netterville

Baton Rouge, Louisiana
August 15, 2014