

Sharon Williams, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Annaka Whiting, Chief Financial Officer
Date: January 13, 2026
Re: Auditing Services

The District issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for audit services as part of its due diligence and commitment to best practices in governance. The RFP process helps ensure compliance with state and federal requirements, including Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) reporting, while promoting transparency, accountability, and the receipt of high-quality services at a fair and reasonable cost.

Proposals were evaluated using established criteria, including experience with Illinois school districts, qualifications of assigned personnel, audit approach, cost, references, and staff support requirements. Two proposals were received - from Lauterbach & Amen, LLP and Bohnsack & Frommelt, LLP. Each proposal was independently scored by committee members using an evaluation rubric. Scores were compiled, and the committee discussed the relative strengths and considerations of each firm to support an objective comparison.

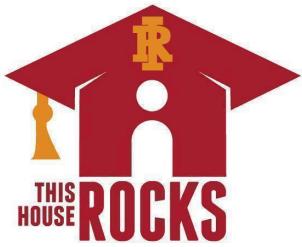
Based on the evaluation results, and average score, the committee recommends awarding the audit services contract to Lauterbach & Amen, LLP for a three-year term, with the option to extend for up to two additional years upon mutual agreement. Lauterbach & Amen demonstrated strong experience with Illinois public schools, comprehensive knowledge of ISBE requirements, highly qualified staff, a clear audit methodology, reasonable pricing, and positive references.

Total Cost:

| Firm | FY2026 | FY2027 | FY2028 | FY2029 | FY2030 |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Lauterbach & Amen | \$51,000* | \$53,500* | \$56,100* | \$58,800* | \$61,600* |
| Bohnack & Frommelt | \$55,000 | \$57,000 | \$59,000 | Not included | Not Included |

Fees are inclusive of travel and all standard expenses related to the audit.

*Cost could be \$1,500 less depending on the number of major programs in the single audit.



Sharon Williams, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve staff to engage services from Lauterbach & Amen, LLP 668 N River Road, Naperville, IL 60563 for auditing services for FY2026, FY2027, FY2028, with the option to extend for additional years.

Investment Period: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2031

Total Investment: Approximately \$281,000 over a five year period

Funding Source: District Funds