

May 10, 2023

Mrs. Alison Smith  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Livonia, MI 48154

Dear Alison:

Thank you for selecting Plante & Moran, PLLC ("PM") to assist you. We are sending this letter and the accompanying Professional Services Agreement, the terms of which are incorporated into this engagement letter, to confirm the nature, limitations, and terms of the services we will provide to Livonia Public Schools ("Client").

### Scope of Services

We will audit Client's basic financial statements and federal awards as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023.

In connection with our audit engagement, we will assist you in drafting your financial statements, supplementary information, and related notes including preparation of adjustments to present governmental activities on a full accrual basis. We will also assist you in drafting the Data Collection Form (DCF) and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA). This assistance is considered a non-audit service and you agree to the contemporaneous provision of these audit and non-audit services.

Lisa Vargo is the engagement partner for the services specified in this letter and is responsible for supervising PM's services performed as part of this engagement.

If you determine that you need additional services, including accounting, consulting, or tax assistance, PM may be available to provide them under the terms of separate engagement letters and for additional fees.

### Timing of Services

We expect to begin fieldwork for this engagement in June 2023. We anticipate that our audit work will end in September 2023 and that our report will be issued by November 1, 2023.

### Fees and Payment Terms

Our fee for this engagement will be based on the value of the services provided, which is primarily a function of the time that PM staff expend at our current hourly rates. We estimate that our fee for this engagement will be \$52,950, plus all reasonable and necessary travel and out-of-pocket costs incurred. Payments are due as follows:

June 30, 2023	\$14,000
August 31, 2023	\$28,000
Upon issuance of report adjustments	Remaining balance, plus any necessary final

The fees for the federal program audit are based on testing two major programs under Uniform Guidance Rules. If an additional major program is required to be tested, our fees would increase by approximately \$5,500 for each additional major program.

Due to significant changes to federal grant programs as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, any fee estimates for auditing new or existing federal grants, where final changes, interpretations or regulations from federal grantor authorities or pass through agencies have not been issued or clarified, may require additional audit time above the quoted fee to be incurred. In the event this arises, we will discuss these additional fee estimates with you.

Any fee estimate for the engagement does not include time related to the first year implementation of GASB 96. Our fee for any such services will be based on the value of the services provided, which is primarily a function of the time that PM staff expend at our current hourly rates. We estimate that our fee for this engagement will be approximately \$1,500.

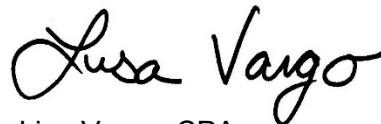
Invoices for audit services will be rendered to reflect this payment schedule. Invoices for other services and out-of-pocket costs will be rendered as services are provided and are due when received. In the event an invoice is not paid timely, a late charge in the amount of 1.25 percent per month will be added, beginning 30 days after the date of the invoice.

If you agree with our understanding of this engagement, as set forth in this engagement letter and the accompanying Professional Services Agreement, please sign the enclosed copy of this letter and return it to us with the accompanying Professional Services Agreement.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Very truly yours,

**Plante & Moran, PLLC**



Lisa Vargo, CPA  
Partner

**Agreed and Accepted**

**We accept this engagement letter and the accompanying Professional Services Agreement (collectively, "Agreement"), which set forth the entire agreement between Livonia Public Schools and Plante & Moran, PLLC with respect to the services specified in the Scope of Services section of this engagement letter.**

Livonia Public Schools

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Mrs. Alison Smith

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Date

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Title

## **Professional Services Agreement – Audit Services Addendum to Plante & Moran, PLLC Engagement Letter**

This Professional Services Agreement is part of the engagement letter (collectively, “Agreement”) for audit services dated May 10, 2023 between Plante & Moran, PLLC (referred to herein as “PM”) and Livonia Public Schools (referred to herein as “Client”). Any work performed in connection with the engagement before the date of this letter will also be governed by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

- 1. Financial Statements** – The financial statements of Client being audited by PM are to be presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).
- 2. Management Responsibilities** – Client management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements, the schedule of federal awards, and the data collection form in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework, including compliance with the requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America when required and the completeness and accuracy of the information presented and disclosed therein. Management is also responsible for the capability and integrity of Client personnel responsible for Client’s underlying accounting and financial records.

Client personnel will provide PM, in a timely and orderly manner, with access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, the schedule of federal awards, and the data collection form, such as records, documentation, and other matters and additional information that the auditor may request from management for the purpose of the audit.

This includes providing assistance and information PM requests during the course of its audit, including retrieval of records and preparation of schedules, analyses of accounts, and confirmations. A written request for information to be provided will be submitted under separate cover and supplemented by additional written and oral requests as necessary during the course of PM’s audit. In addition, Client will provide PM with all information in its possession that has a material impact on any material transaction and that information will be complete, truthful, and accurate. Client will allow PM unrestricted access to personnel within Client from whom PM determines it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Client represents and warrants that any and all information that it transmits, or otherwise makes available, to PM will be done so in full compliance with all applicable federal, state, local, and foreign privacy and data protection laws, as well as all other applicable regulations and directives, as may be amended from time to time (collectively, “Data Privacy Laws”). Client shall not disclose personal data of data subjects (“Personal Data”) who are entitled to certain rights and protections afforded by Data Privacy Laws to PM without prior notification to PM. Client shall make reasonable efforts to limit the disclosure of Personal Data to PM to the minimum necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of the disclosure to PM.

Management is responsible for making all management decisions and performing all management functions relating to the financial statements, full accrual (GASB 34) entries, supplementary financial information, related notes, schedule of federal awards, and the data collection form. Management accepts full responsibility for such decisions, even if PM provides advice as to the application of accounting principles or assists in drafting the financial statements, full accrual (GASB 34) entries, supplementary financial information, related notes, schedule of federal awards, or data collection form. Management is also ultimately responsible for the submission of the data collection form to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. Client has designated Alison Smith to oversee financial statement and federal awards reporting related services PM provides. Management will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter that it has reviewed and approved the financial statements, full accrual (GASB 34) entries, supplementary financial information, and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for the adequacy of the financial statements.

Management is responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing PM about all known or suspected fraud affecting Client involving (a) management, (b) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (c) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Management’s responsibilities include informing PM of its knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting Client received in communications from employees, former employees, regulators, or others. In addition, management is responsible for identifying and ensuring that the entity complies with applicable laws and regulations.

Management is responsible for providing PM with complete, accurate, and timely information that could bear on PM’s independence under applicable professional standards, including, but not limited to, information and representations regarding affiliates of Client, business or personal relationships between Client and PM, and business, personal and employment relationships between those in a financial reporting oversight role, including members of governance, and PM (collectively, Independence Information).

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Client represents and warrants (a) that it has provided PM any and all Independence Information existing as of the date of this Agreement; (b) that such Independence Information is accurate and complete as of the date of this Agreement; (c) that it will notify PM of any changes to Independence Information that has been provided as of the date of this Agreement; and (d) that, after the date of this Agreement, it will provide any new Independence Information to PM as soon as it becomes known to Client.

- 3. Objective of an Audit of Financial Statements** – The objective of PM's audit is the expression of an opinion on the Client's financial statements specified in the accompanying engagement letter. PM offers no guarantee, express or implied, that its opinion will be unmodified or that it will be able to form an opinion about these financial statements in the event that Client's internal controls or accounting and financial records prove to be unreliable or otherwise not auditable. If PM's opinion is to be modified, PM will discuss the reasons with Client management in advance of the issuance of its audit report. If, for any reason, PM is prevented from completing its audit or is unable to form an opinion on these financial statements, PM may terminate the engagement and decline to issue a report.
- 4. Supplementary Information** – In any document that contains supplementary information to the basic financial statements that indicates that the auditor has reported on such supplementary information, management agrees to include the auditor's report on that supplementary information. In addition, management agrees to present the supplementary information with the audited financial statements or to make the audited financial statements readily available no later than the date of issuance by Client of the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.
- 5. Internal Controls** – Client is responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, including controls established for the purpose of preventing or detecting errors in financial reporting, preventing fraud or misappropriation of assets, and identifying and complying with applicable laws and regulations, including those applicable to federal awards, and with the provisions of contracts and grant agreements. PM, in making its risk assessments, will consider internal control relevant to Client's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. PM's audit will not be designed to provide assurance on the design or operating effectiveness of Client's internal controls or to identify all conditions that represent significant deficiencies in those internal controls. PM will communicate all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal controls relevant to the audit of the financial statements, instances of fraud, or misappropriation of assets that come to PM's attention.
- 6. Audit Procedures and Limitations** – PM's audit of the financial statements will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and will include examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the Client financial statements specified in this engagement letter. 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. An audit in accordance with GAAS involves judgment about the number of transactions to be tested and the overall approach to testing in each area. As a result, PM's audit can only be designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that these financial statements are free from material misstatement. In addition, an audit in accordance with GAAS is not designed to detect errors or fraud that are immaterial to the financial statements. Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected always exists, even in an audit properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS. In recognition of these limitations, Client acknowledges that PM's audit cannot guarantee that all instances of error or fraud will be identified.
- 7. Government Auditing Standards** – Under *Government Auditing Standards*, PM will make some assessments of Client's compliance with laws, regulations, and contract provisions. While those assessments will not be sufficient to identify all noncompliance with applicable laws, regulations, and contract provisions, PM will communicate all noncompliance conditions that come to PM's attention.

PM's audit of Client's federal awards will be made in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)*.

Management is responsible for corrective action on all audit findings, including preparation of a schedule of prior audit findings and corrective action plans, if necessary.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, a copy of PM's most recent peer review report is included as an attachment to this Agreement.

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- 8. Auditor Communications** – PM is obligated to communicate certain matters related to the audit to those responsible for governance of Client, including instances of error or fraud and significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control that PM identifies during its audit. PM will communicate these matters to the members of Client's governing board, and Client acknowledges and agrees that communication in this manner is sufficient for Client's purposes.

Under *Government Auditing Standards* PM is obligated to communicate instances of fraud, noncompliance or abuse that is material to the financial statements to those responsible for governance of Client. In certain situations, *Government Auditing Standards* require disclosure of instances of known or likely fraud, noncompliance, or abuse directly to applicable governmental agencies. If such acts are detected during PM's audit, PM will make required disclosures regarding these acts to applicable government agencies.

- 9. Communication to Group Auditor** – In instances where PM has been engaged as a component auditor for the purposes of a Group Audit, the terms of the engagement may include communication of certain matters related to the audit to the Group Auditor. Client permits such communication. PM will discuss matters being communicated with those responsible for governance of Client.

- 10. Accounting and Financial Records** – Client agrees that it is responsible for providing PM with accounting and financial records that are closed, complete, accurate, and in conformity with the requirements of GAAP, for providing schedules and analyses of accounts that PM requests, and for making all Client financial records and related information available to PM for purposes of PM's audit, whether obtained from within or outside of the general ledger and subsidiary ledgers. Where PM has provided estimates of the timing of its work and completion of PM's engagement and issuance of PM's report, those estimates are dependent on Client providing PM with all such accounting and financial records, schedules, and analyses on the date PM's work commences. PM will assess the condition of Client's accounting and financial records, schedules, and analyses of accounts prior to commencing its work. In the event that such records, schedules, and analyses are not closed, complete, accurate, or in conformity with GAAP, PM may have to reschedule its work, including the dates on which PM expects to complete its on-site procedures and issue its audit report.

In any circumstance where PM's work is rescheduled due to Client's failure to provide information as described in the preceding paragraph, PM offers no guarantee, express or implied, that PM will be able to meet any previously established deadlines related to the completion of the audit work or issuance of its audit report. Because rescheduling audit work imposes additional costs on PM, in any circumstance where PM has provided estimated fees, those estimated fees may be adjusted for the additional time PM incurs as a result of rescheduling its work. These fee adjustments will be determined in accordance with the Fee Adjustments provision of this Agreement.

- 11. Audit Adjustments** – PM will recommend adjustments to Client's accounting records that PM believes are appropriate. Client management is responsible for adjusting Client accounting records and financial statements to correct material misstatements and for affirming to PM in writing that the effects of any unrecorded adjustments identified during PM's audit are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the Client's financial statements specified in this Agreement.

- 12. Management Representations** – Client is responsible for the financial statements and federal awards being audited and the implicit and explicit representations and assertions regarding the recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of information therein. During the course of the audit, PM will request information and explanations from Client officers, management, and other personnel regarding accounting and financial matters, including information regarding internal controls, operations, future plans, and the nature and purpose of specific transactions. PM will also require that management make certain representations to PM in writing as a precondition to issuance of PM's report.

PM's audit procedures will be significantly affected by the representations and assertions PM receives from management and, accordingly, false representations could cause material error or fraud to go undetected by PM's procedures. Accordingly, Client acknowledges and agrees that it will instruct each person providing information, explanations, or representations to an auditor to provide true and complete information, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief. It is also agreed that any deliberate misrepresentation by any director, officer, or member of management, or any other person acting under the direction thereof ("Client Personnel"), intended to influence, coerce, manipulate, or mislead PM in the conduct of its audit of the financial statements will be considered a material breach of this Agreement. In addition, as a condition of its audit engagement, Client agrees to indemnify and hold PM and its partners, affiliates, and employees harmless from any and all claims, including associated attorneys' fees and costs, based on PM's failure to detect material misstatements in Client's financial statements resulting in whole or in part from deliberate false or misleading representations, whether oral or written, made to PM by Client Personnel. This indemnity will be inoperative only if, and to the extent that, a court having competent jurisdiction has determined that PM failed to conduct its audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and such failure resulted in PM not determining such misrepresentation by Client Personnel was false.

- 13. Use of Report** – PM’s report on the financial statements must be associated only with the financial statements that were the subject of PM’s audit engagement. Client may make copies of the audit report, but only if the entire financial statements (including related footnotes and supplemental information, as appropriate) are reproduced and distributed with that report. Client agrees not to reproduce or associate PM’s audit report with any other financial statements, or portions thereof, that are not the subject of this engagement.

If PM’s report on the financial statements being audited is to be published in any manner or if Client intends to make reference to PM in a publication of any type, Client agrees to submit proofs of the publication to PM for review prior to such publication and cooperate with PM in PM’s performance of any additional audit procedures PM deems necessary in the circumstances, the nature and extent of which will be at PM’s sole discretion. Client acknowledges and agrees that additional fees for such work will be determined in accordance with the Fee Adjustments provision of this Agreement. With regard to the electronic dissemination of audited financial statements, including financial statements published electronically on Client’s Internet website, Client understands that electronic sites are a means to distribute information and, therefore, PM is not required to read the information contained in these sites or to consider the consistency of other information in the electronic site with the original document.

- 14. Securities Offerings** – PM’s audit does not contemplate, and does not include, any services in connection with any offering of securities, whether registered or exempt from registration. In the event Client elects to incorporate or make reference to PM’s report in connection with any offering of debt or equity securities and requests PM’s consent to such incorporation or reference, Client understands that additional procedures will need to be performed. In the event PM agrees in writing to perform such additional procedures, the nature and extent of which will be at PM’s sole discretion, it is agreed and acknowledged that PM’s performance of such additional procedures will be subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Additional fees for such work will be determined based on the actual time that PM staff expend at current hourly rates, plus all reasonable and necessary travel and out-of-pocket costs incurred, and that payment for all such additional fees will be made in accordance with the payment terms provided in this Agreement.

If Client incorporates or makes reference to PM’s report in connection with any offering of debt or equity securities without obtaining consent from PM as described above, Client agrees to include the following provision in the offering document:

Plante & Moran, PLLC, our independent auditor, has not performed or been engaged to perform any services in connection with the offering of securities. Nor has Plante & Moran, PLLC performed or been engaged to perform any procedures on the financial statements of Client since the date of the Plante & Moran, PLLC report included herein. Plante & Moran, PLLC also has not performed any procedures relating to this offering document.

- 15. Tax Return Preparation** – This engagement does not include preparation of any tax returns or filings. If Client requires tax services, including tax consulting or preparation of tax returns, those services will be detailed in a separate engagement letter.
- 16. Confidentiality, Ownership, and Retention of Workpapers** – During the course of this engagement, PM and PM staff may have access to Client’s confidential, proprietary information, including, but not limited to, information regarding general ledger balances, financial transactions, trade secrets, business methods, plans, or projects. PM acknowledges that such information, regardless of its form, is confidential and proprietary to Client. PM will comply with all applicable ethical standards, laws, and regulations as to the retention, protection, use and distribution of such confidential client information. Except to the extent set forth herein, PM will not disclose such information to any third party without the prior written consent of Client.

In the interest of facilitating PM’s services to Client, PM may communicate or exchange data by internet, e-mail, facsimile transmission, or other electronic method. While PM will use its best efforts to keep such communications and transmissions secure in accordance with PM’s obligations under applicable laws and professional standards, Client recognizes and accepts that PM has no control over the unauthorized interception of these communications or transmissions once they have been sent, and consents to PM’s use of these electronic devices during this engagement.

Professional standards require that PM create and retain certain workpapers for engagements of this nature. All workpapers created in the course of this engagement are and shall remain the property of PM. PM will maintain the confidentiality of all such workpapers as long as they remain in PM’s possession.

Both Client and PM acknowledge, however, that PM may be required to make its workpapers available to regulatory authorities or by court order or subpoena in a legal, administrative, arbitration, or similar proceeding in which PM is not a party.

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Further, in compliance with Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)*, PM's working papers will be made available to federal award program representatives at PM offices during normal business hours during the audit and for a period of three years after the issuance of the report. Disclosure of confidential information in accordance with requirements of regulatory authorities or pursuant to court order or subpoena shall not constitute a breach of the provisions of this Agreement. In the event that a request for any confidential information or workpapers covered by this Agreement is made by regulatory authorities or pursuant to a court order or subpoena, PM agrees to inform Client in a timely manner of such request and to cooperate with Client should it attempt, at Client's cost, to limit such access. This provision will survive the termination of this Agreement. PM's efforts in complying with such requests will be deemed billable to Client as a separate engagement. PM shall be entitled to compensation for its time and reasonable reimbursement of its expenses (including legal fees) in complying with the request.

Both Client and PM acknowledge that upon completion of the audit PM is required to send an electronic copy of Client's financial report, single audit report, corrective action plan (if applicable) and report to the board of education, directly to the State of Michigan Department of Education. Client authorizes and directs PM to provide such information and disclosure of such information shall not constitute a breach of the provisions of this Agreement.

PM reserves the right to destroy, and it is understood that PM will destroy, workpapers created in the course of this engagement in accordance with PM's record retention and destruction policies, which are designed to meet all relevant regulatory requirements for retention of workpapers. PM has no obligation to maintain workpapers other than for its own purposes or to meet those regulatory requirements.

Upon Client's written request, PM may, at its sole discretion, allow others to view any workpapers remaining in its possession if there is a specific business purpose for such a review. PM will evaluate each written request independently. Client acknowledges and agrees that PM will have no obligation to provide such access or to provide copies of PM's workpapers, without regard to whether access had been granted with respect to any prior requests.

**17. Consent to Disclosures to Service Providers** – In some circumstances, PM may use third-party service providers in connection with its services, including affiliates of PM within or outside the United States. In those circumstances, PM will be solely responsible for the provision of any services by any such third-party service providers and for the protection of any information provided to such third-party service providers. PM will require any such third-party service provider to: (i) maintain the confidentiality of any information furnished and (ii) not use any information for any purpose unrelated to PM's services. Client, by its duly authorized signature on the accompanying engagement letter, consents to PM's disclosure of all or any portion of Client's information, including tax return information, to such third-party service providers, including affiliates of PM outside of the United States, if and to the extent such information is relevant to the services such third-party service providers may provide and agrees that PM's disclosure of such information for such purposes shall not constitute a breach of the provisions of this Agreement. Client's foregoing consent shall be continuing until the services provided for this Agreement are completed.

**18. Fee Quotes** – In any circumstance where PM has provided estimated fees, fixed fees, or not-to-exceed fees ("Fee Quotes"), these Fee Quotes are based on information provided by Client regarding the nature and condition of its accounting, financial, and tax records; the nature and character of transactions reflected in those records; and the design and operating effectiveness of its internal controls. Client acknowledges that the following circumstances may result in an increase in fees:

- Client's failure to prepare for the audit as evidenced by accounts and records that have not been subject to normal year-end closing and reconciliation procedures;
- Client's failure to complete the audit preparation work by the applicable due dates;
- Significant unanticipated or undisclosed transactions, audit issues, or other such unforeseeable circumstances;
- Delays by Client causing scheduling changes or disruption of fieldwork;
- After audit or post fieldwork circumstances requiring revisions to work previously completed or delays in resolution of issues that extend the period of time necessary to complete the audit;
- Issues with the prior audit firm, prior year account balances, or report disclosures that impact the current year engagement;
- An excessive number of audit adjustments.



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PM will use best efforts to advise Client in the event these circumstances occur; however, it is acknowledged that the exact impact on the Fee Quotes may not be determinable until the conclusion of the engagement. Such fee adjustments will be determined in accordance with the Fee Adjustments provision of this Agreement.

- 19. Payment Terms** – PM's invoices for professional services are due upon receipt unless otherwise specified in the engagement letter. In the event any of PM's invoices are not paid in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, PM may elect, at PM's sole discretion, to suspend work until PM receives payment in full for all amounts due or terminate this engagement. In the event that work is suspended, for nonpayment or other reasons, and subsequently resumed, PM offers no guarantee, express or implied, that PM will be able to meet any previously established deadlines related to the completion of PM's services or issuance of PM's report upon resumption of PM's work, whether imposed by agreement or by law. Client agrees that in the event PM stops work or terminates this Agreement as a result of Client's failure to pay fees on a timely basis for services rendered by PM as provided in this Agreement, or if PM terminates this Agreement for any other reason, PM shall not be liable for any damages that occur as a result of PM ceasing to render services.
- 20. Fee Adjustments** – Any fee adjustments for reasons described in this Agreement will be determined based on the actual time expended by PM staff at PM's current hourly rates, plus all reasonable and necessary travel and out-of-pocket costs incurred, and included as an adjustment to PM's invoices related to this engagement. Client acknowledges and agrees that payment for all such fee adjustments will be made in accordance with the payment terms provided in this Agreement.
- 21. Conditions of PM Visit to Client Facilities** – Client agrees that some or all of PM's services may be provided remotely. In order to facilitate the provision of services remotely, Client agrees to provide documentation and other information reasonably required by PM for PM's performance of the engaged services electronically to the extent possible throughout the course of the engagement. In the event in-person visits to Client's facility(ies) are requested by Client or otherwise determined by PM to be necessary for the performance of the engaged services, Client agrees, upon PM's request, to provide to PM Client's policies and procedures that Client has implemented relating to workplace safety and the prevention of the transmission of disease at its facility(ies). In addition, Client affirms that it is in compliance with applicable Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and OSHA guidance pertaining to the prevention of the transmission of disease (collectively, "Applicable Preventative Guidance") and agrees that it shall continue to comply with Applicable Preventative Guidance throughout any in-person visits by PM to Client's facility(ies). Notwithstanding the foregoing, PM reserves the right to suspend or refrain from any in-person visit by PM to Client's facility(ies) or impose further conditions on any such in-person visit if and as PM deems necessary. Client agrees and acknowledges that any determination by PM to visit Client's facility(ies) is not and shall not be construed to be or relied on by Client as a determination by PM of Client's compliance with Applicable Preventative Guidance.
- 22. Release for Biological Agent Liability** – Client acknowledges that there is an inherent risk of exposure to infectious diseases associated with any in-person interaction or in-person visit to property. Accordingly, Client, for itself and its successors and assigns, hereby releases PM and each of PM's officers, directors, partners, members, managers, employees, affiliated, parent or subsidiary entities, and approved third-party service providers (collectively, "PM Persons") from any and all claims or causes of action that the Client has, or hereafter may or shall have, against any of them in connection with, related to, or arising out of infectious diseases or the transmission thereof associated with a visit by one or more of the PM Persons to any Client facility(ies) or other in-person interaction with Client personnel.
- 23. Exclusion of Certain Damages** – In no event shall either party be liable to the other, whether a claim be in tort, contract, or otherwise, for any indirect, consequential, punitive, exemplary, lost profits, or similar damages in claims relating to PM's services provided under this engagement.
- 24. Receipt of Legal Process** – In the event PM is required to respond to a subpoena, court order, or other legal process (in a matter involving Client but not PM) for the production of documents and/or testimony relative to information PM obtained and/or prepared during the course of this engagement, Client agrees to compensate PM for the affected PM staff's time at such staff's current hourly rates, and to reimburse PM for all of PM's out-of-pocket costs incurred associated with PM's response unless otherwise reimbursed by a third party.
- 25. Subsequent Discovery of Facts** – After the date of PM's report on the financial statements, PM has no obligation to make any further or continuing inquiry or perform any other auditing procedures with respect to the audited financial statements covered by PM's report, unless new information that may affect the report comes to PM's attention. If PM becomes aware of information that relates to these financial statements but was not known to PM at the date of its report, and that is of such a nature and from such a source that PM would have investigated it had it come to PM's attention during the course of the audit, PM will, as soon as practicable, undertake to determine whether the information is reliable and whether the facts existed at the date of PM's report. In this connection, PM will discuss the matter with Client and request cooperation in whatever investigation and modification of the financial statements that may be necessary.

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Additional fees for such work will be determined based on the actual time that PM staff expend at PM's current hourly rates, plus all reasonable and necessary travel and out-of-pocket costs incurred, and Client acknowledges and agrees that payment for all such additional fees will be made in accordance with the payment terms provided in this Agreement.

- 26. Termination of Engagement** – This engagement may be terminated by either party upon written notice. Upon notification of termination of this engagement, PM will cease providing services under the engagement. Client shall compensate PM for all time expended and reimburse PM for all out-of-pocket expenditures incurred by PM through the date of termination of this engagement.
- 27. Entire Agreement** – This Agreement is contractual in nature and includes all of the relevant terms that will govern the engagement for which it has been prepared. The terms of this Agreement supersede any prior oral or written representations or commitments by or between the parties regarding the subject matter hereof. Any material changes or additions to the terms set forth in this Agreement will only become effective if evidenced by a written amendment to this Agreement, signed by all of the parties.
- 28. Severability** – If any provision of this Agreement (in whole or part) is held to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- 29. Force Majeure** – Neither party shall be deemed to be in breach of this Agreement as a result of any delays or nonperformance directly or indirectly resulting from circumstances or causes beyond its reasonable control, including, without limitation, fire or other casualty, acts of God, war, other violence, epidemic, pandemic or other public health emergency or government mandated shut down (each individually a "Force Majeure Event"). A Force Majeure Event shall not excuse any payment obligation relating to fees or costs incurred prior to any such Force Majeure Event.
- 30. Electronic Signatures** – The parties intend that any electronic signature shall be given full legal effect as if it were a handwritten signature.
- 31. Governing Law** – This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, and jurisdiction over any action to enforce this Agreement, or any dispute arising from or relating to this Agreement shall reside exclusively within the State of Michigan.

## **End of Professional Services Agreement – Audit Services**



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## Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

December 16, 2022

To the Partners of  
Plante & Moran, PLLC  
and the National Peer Review Committee

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Plante & Moran, PLLC (the firm) applicable to engagements not subject to PCAOB permanent inspection, in effect for the year ended June 30, 2022. 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 (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a system review as described in the Standards may be found at [www.aicpa.org/prsummary](http://www.aicpa.org/prsummary). The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

### Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing and complying with a system of quality control to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with the requirements of applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported on in conformity with the requirements of applicable professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

### Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of and compliance with the firm's system of quality control based on our review.

### Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards*, including compliance audits under the Single Audit Act; audits of employee benefit plans; an audit performed under FDICIA; and examinations of service organizations (SOC 1 and SOC 2 engagements).

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Plante & Moran, PLLC applicable to engagements not subject to PCAOB permanent inspection, in effect for the year ended June 30, 2022, 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*. Plante & Moran, PLLC has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

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