



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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TO: Members, Board of Education
Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Alicia Evans, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations

RE: Auditing Services

DATE: May 23, 2017

The requests for proposals (RFP) were due March 27, 2017. The RFP invitation was posted in the newspaper and sent directly to 12 auditing firms. Ten of the firms were included in the IASBO resource guide and two firms were referrals from FORC members.

RSM	Legacy
Baker Tilly	BKP
Miller Cooper	Goren
Crowe Horwarth	BDO
EC&Co	Edercasella
WIPFLi	Klein Hall

Responses were received from six auditing firms. First year bids ranged from \$24,000 to \$50,000.

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Since price is not the only factor to consider when selecting an auditing firm a subgroup of FORC and Dr. Evans interviewed the firms on April 4th, April 12th and April 13th.

The firms answered a series of questions. They were scored in the categories of experience, price, knowledge, process and value added. The two firms that received the highest overall scores were Baker Tilly and Miller Cooper. Both firms had extensive knowledge of our District and the financial statements. They were also able to articulate their ability to add value and offered professional development opportunities to our business office staff at no additional charge. Baker Tilly is also engaged with D200 to perform their audit. The pricing is as follows:

Price	Baker- Tilly
2017	42,000
2018	43,350
2019	44,740

FORC recommended met on May 9 and recommended Baker Tilly as the new accounting firm for the next three years. The administration agrees with the recommendation.