

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-_____

A RESOLUTION AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO FORD, SCOTT & ASSOCIATES, LLC., OCEAN CITY, NJ TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF AUDITOR AND OTHER RELATED ACCOUNTING SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$91,400.00.

WHEREAS, WHEREAS, there exists a need for Municipal Auditing Services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland has a need to acquire such professional services as a Non-Fair and Open Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of said services will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, , it is considered in the best interest of the City of Vineland to retain Ford, Scott & Associates, L.L.C., Ocean City, NJ, for Municipal Auditing Services and related Accounting Services on behalf of the City of Vineland covering Calendar Year ending December 31, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$91,400.00, for audit services; additional Services outside scope audit will be billed separately according to submitted billing rate schedule and amount determined before services are rendered; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor and City acknowledge that should the City request performance of additional services not contemplated by the engagement letter, the parties would discuss the scope and cost of the additional services which would be billed in accordance with the schedule of compensation work rates submitted; and

WHEREAS, Ford, Scott & Associates, L.L.C. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification for Non-Fair and Open Contract which certifies that Ford, Scott & Associates, L.L.C. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the City of Vineland in the previous one year and that the contract will prohibit Ford, Scott & Associates, L.L.C. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract to a political or candidate committee in the City of Vineland; and

WHEREAS, the availability of funds for said Professional Services Contract to be awarded herein have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contract for Professional Services without competitive bidding and the contract itself must be available for public inspection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Vineland as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Non-Fair and Open Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 with Ford, Scott & Associates, L.L.C., Ocean City, NJ, for Municipal Auditing Services and other related Accounting Services for a contract period beginning February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$91,400.00 for audit services; additional Services outside scope audit will be billed separately according to submitted billing rate schedule and amount determined before services are rendered.
2. That additional services out of the normal scope of Audit engagement letter will be agreed upon in advance and separately billed.
3. That this Agreement is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because said services to be rendered or performed require knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction distinguished from general academic instruction or apprenticeship and training.

4. That the Business Disclosure Entity Certification, the Political Contribution Disclosure Form and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution.
5. That a Notice of this action shall be printed once in the Daily Journal.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

**REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION FOR CONTRACT AWARDS
UNDER 40A:11-5 EXCEPTIONS
(PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, EUS, SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE, ETC)**

November 23, 2016

(DATE)



1. Service (detailed description): Auditor

2. Amount to be Awarded: \$ 91,400.00

- Encumber Total Award
- Encumber by Supplemental Release

3. Amount Budgeted: \$ 91,400.00

4. Budgeted: By Ordinance No. _____
Or Grant: Title & Year _____

5. **Account Number to be Charged: See attached

6. Contract Period: Feb. 1, 2017 - January 31, 2018 *SM3*
~~January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017~~

7. Date To Be Awarded: Before January 1, 2017

8. Recommended Vendor and Address: Ford-Scott & Associates, LLC
1535 Haven Avenue, Ocean City, NJ 08226

9. Justification for Vendor Recommendation:(attach additional information for Council review)
Finance continues to be pleased with the services provided and has no reason to change. Contract amount for Audit/Budget Services will remain the same as last years decreased amount. Leon Costello has continually made himself available to the City whenever it has been necessary.

- Non-Fair & Open (Pay-to-Play documents required)
- Fair & Open: How was RFP advertised? _____

10. Evaluation Performed by: Susan M. Baldosaro

11. Approved by: *Susan Baldosaro*
Chief Financial Officer

12. Attachments:

- Awarding Proposal
- Other: _____

- **Send copies to:**
Purchasing Division
Business Administration

**** If more than one account #, provide break down**



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and City Administrator
City of Vineland
640 E. Wood Street
Vineland, N.J. 08360

The following is a schedule of compensation work rates submitted in accordance with the terms of the contract of engagement for work performed in 2017:

	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Partners	\$120.00 to \$175.00
Managers	\$95.00 to \$150.00
Supervisors	\$70.00 to \$120.00
Senior Accountants	\$60.00 to \$95.00
Staff Accountants	\$50.00 to \$75.00
Assistants	\$45.00 to \$70.00

Very truly yours,

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Certified Public Accountant
Registered Municipal Accountant
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Members of the Governing Body & Administration:

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide the City of Vineland for the year ended December 31, 2016. We will audit the regulatory basis financial statements, including the related notes to the regulatory basis financial statements of the City of Vineland as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016. In addition, we will assist you in preparing the following additional information that will not be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements:

- Assistance in the preparation of the 2017 Local Municipal Budget from information provided to us by officials of the City of Vineland.
- Assistance in the preparation of the 2016 Annual (Unaudited) Financial Statement utilizing the post-closing trial balances and analyses prepared by the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Vineland.
- Assistance in the preparation of the 2016 Financial Statements and related notes utilizing the post-closing trial balances and analyses prepared by the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Vineland.
- Assistance in the preparation of the 2016 Annual Debt Statement.

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than Required Supplementary Information (RSI) that accompanies the City of Vineland's financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole:

- Schedules of Expenditures of Federal & State Awards (if applicable).
- Supplemental information and schedules required by the NJ Division of Local Government Services.

The following information accompanying the financial statements will not be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements, and our auditor's report will not provide an opinion or any assurance on that information:

- Other Comments and Recommendations

Separately, we will also prepare and issue the following reports and documents as required by the Division of Local Government Services:

- Court Report
- Dog Report
- New Jersey Audit Questionnaire

Audit Objectives

The objective of our audit is the expression of an opinion as to whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services and to report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole. The objective also includes reporting on:

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

If applicable, internal control related to major programs and an opinion (or disclaimer of opinion) on compliance with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements that could have a direct and material effect on each major program in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principals and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) and New Jersey OMB 15-08.

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) that 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. Both reports will state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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, the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, The Provisions of the Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB 15-08, if applicable; and the Requirements of Audit promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services and will include tests of the accounting records, a determination of major program(s) in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB 15-08, if applicable, and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions and to render the required reports. Since the entity's financial statements are presented in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting, our opinion will be adverse for presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. If our opinion on the financial statements or, if applicable, the Single Audit Act Compliance opinions based on the regulatory basis, is other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed an opinion, we may decline to express an opinion or to issue a report as a result of 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 (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) 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 a 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 U.S. generally accepted auditing standards 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 come 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. We will include such matters in the reports required for a Single Audit. 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 will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and may include tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of our audit, we will also require certain written representations from you about your responsibilities for the financial statements; schedules of expenditures of federal and state award programs, if applicable; federal and state award programs, if applicable; compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and other responsibilities required by generally accepted auditing standards.

Audit Procedures—Internal Controls

Our audit will include 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. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

As required by the Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB 15-08, we will perform tests of controls over compliance to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of controls that we consider relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with compliance requirements applicable to each major federal and state award program, if applicable. However, our tests will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on those controls and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB 15-08, if applicable.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. 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 AICPA professional standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB 15-08.

Audit Procedures – Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of your 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*.

The Uniform Guidance and NJ OMB 15-08 require that we also plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the auditee has complied with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to major programs. Our procedures will consist of tests of transactions and other applicable procedures described in the Uniform Guidance Compliance Supplement and NJ OMB 15-08 for the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of your major programs, if applicable. The purpose of these procedures will be to express an opinion on your compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major programs in our report on compliance issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance and NJ OMB 15-08.

Other Services

We will also assist in preparing the financial statements, schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards (if required), and related notes in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services, the Uniform Guidance and NJ OMB 15-08 based on information provided by you. These non-audit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Management Responsibilities

Management is responsible for (1) establishing and maintaining effective internal controls, including internal control over compliance, 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. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles; for the fair preparation and presentation of the financial statements, schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards, if applicable, and all accompanying information in conformity with the Regulatory Basis of Accounting promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services in the State of New Jersey; and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements.

Management is also responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit, and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Your responsibilities also include identifying significant vendor relationships in which the vendor has responsibility for program compliance and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. Your 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.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud, affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud, affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the entity complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. Management is also responsible for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, or abuse that we report. Additionally, as required by the Uniform Guidance and NJ OMB 15-08, it is management's responsibility to follow up and take corrective action on reported audit findings and to prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings and a corrective action plan. The summary schedule of prior audit findings should be available for our review when we begin our field work.

You are responsible for identifying all federal and state awards received, if applicable, and understanding and complying with the compliance requirements and for the preparation of the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards (including notes and noncash assistance received) in conformity with the Uniform Guidance and NJ OMB 15-08. You agree to include our report on the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards in any document that contains and indicates that we have reported on the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards that includes our report thereon or make the audited financial statements readily available to intended users of the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards no later than the date the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards is issued with our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB 15-08; (2) you believe that schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards, including its form and content, are fairly presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB 15-08; (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) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards.

You are also responsible for the preparation of the other supplementary information, which we have been engaged to report on, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services. You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains and indicates that we have reported on the supplementary information. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes our report thereon, or make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with the New Jersey Regulatory Basis of Accounting; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the New Jersey Regulatory Basis of Accounting; (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 changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying and providing report copies of 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. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions, for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities relating to the financial statements, schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards, if applicable, related notes, and any other nonaudit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial

statements, schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards, and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements, schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards, and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you agree to oversee the non-audit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

We understand that your employees will provide all documentation we request and information selected by us for testing.

At the conclusion of the engagement, if applicable, we will complete the appropriate sections of the Data Collection Form that summarizes our audit findings. It is management's responsibility to submit the reporting package (including financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, summary schedule of prior audit findings, auditors' reports, and corrective action plan) along with the Data Collection Form to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. We will coordinate with you the electronic submission and certification. If applicable, we will provide copies of our report for you to include with the reporting package you will submit to pass-through entities. The Data Collection Form and the reporting package must be submitted within the earlier of 30 days after receipt of the auditors' reports or nine months after the end of the audit period, unless a longer period is agreed to in advance by the cognizant or oversight agency for audits.

We will provide copies of our reports to the Municipality and the Division of Local Government Services, however, management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the financial statements. Unless restricted by law or regulation, or containing privileged and confidential information, copies of our reports are to be made available for public inspection.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Ford, Scott & Associates, L.L.C. and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to a regulatory agency or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Ford, Scott & Associates, L.L.C. 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.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by the Municipality. If we are aware that a federal or state awarding agency, pass-through entity, or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

Leon P. Costello is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports or authorizing another individual to sign them. Our fee for these services will be at our standard hourly rates plus out-of-pocket costs (such as report reproduction, word processing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, etc.) except that we agree that our gross fee, including expenses, will not exceed \$91,400. In addition, we will bill separately at our standard hourly rates for any additional services requested by the City of Vineland. Our standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to your audit. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 60 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report(s). You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of termination. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

We will also be involved with any Bond Issues or Note Sales by assisting in the compilation of necessary data. In addition, you are responsible for all secondary market disclosure, but we will assist you in compiling the necessary statistical data. Fees for Bond Issue, Note Sales and secondary market disclosure will be billed in addition to the agreed engagement fee stated above.

If we are to provide any services outside of the scope of this engagement, we must emphasize that you are responsible for management decisions and functions, and for designating a competent employee to oversee any other services we provide. You are responsible for evaluating the adequacy and results of any services performed and accepting responsibility for such services. You are also responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.

You have requested that we provide you with a copy of our most recent external peer review report and any subsequent peer review reports received during the period of the contract. Accordingly, our 2013 peer review report accompanies this letter.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the City of Vineland and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

FORD, SCOTT & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the City of Vineland.

By: _____
City Administrator

Title: _____

Date: _____

By: _____
Mayor

Title: _____

Date: _____