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Town Council and Management Town of Star Valley, Arizona 3675 East Highway 260 Star Valley, Arizona 85541

Dear Mr. Grier:

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the terms and objectives of our engagement and the nature and limitations of the examination engagement CliftonLarsonAllen LLP ("CLA," "we," "us," and "our") will provide for the Town of Star Valley, Arizona ("you," "your," or "the Town") for the year ended June 30, 2018.

Dennis V. Maschke is responsible for the performance of the examination engagement.

## **Examination services**

We will examine your compliance with the use of Highway User Revenue Funds in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes during the period July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018.

# **Examination objectives**

The objectives of our examination are (1) to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Town complied with the use of Highway User Revenue Funds in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes, in all material respects; and (2) to express an opinion in a written report about whether the Town complied with the use of Highway User Revenue Funds in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes, in all material respects. Our examination will be conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and will include tests of your records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such an opinion.

We will issue a written report upon completion of the examination. The report will include a statement that the report is intended solely for the information and use of management, those charged with governance, others within the Town, and the Arizona Auditor General and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion or withdraw from the engagement. If our opinion is other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If circumstances occur related to the condition of your records, the availability of sufficient, appropriate evidence, or the existence of a significant risk of material noncompliance or deviation from the criteria, which in our professional judgment prevent us from completing the examination or forming an opinion, we retain the right to take any course of action permitted by professional standards, including declining to express an opinion or issue a report, or withdrawing from the engagement.



## Our responsibilities, procedures, and limitations

We will conduct our examination in accordance with attestation standards established by the AICPA. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Town complied with the use of Highway User Revenue Funds in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes, in all material respects, including designing the examination to detect both intentional and unintentional material noncompliance. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence we consider necessary to enable us to express our opinion. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. There is an unavoidable risk, because of the inherent limitations of an examination engagement, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, that some material noncompliance may not be detected, even though the examination is properly planned and performed in accordance with the attestation standards.

In making our risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the Town's internal control over compliance with the use of Highway User Revenue Funds in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes in order to identify types of potential noncompliance, to consider factors that affect the risk of material noncompliance, and to design examination procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control relevant to the use Highway User Revenue Funds in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes. An examination is not designed to provide assurance on internal control over compliance or to identify deficiencies in internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the use of Highway User Revenue Funds in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes that we identify during the examination.

Our engagement will not include a detailed inspection of every transaction and cannot be relied on to disclose all material errors, fraud, or noncompliance with laws or regulations, that may exist. However, we will inform you of any material errors, uncorrected misstatements, and known and suspected fraud and noncompliance with laws or regulations identified during the engagement.

## Management responsibilities

You are responsible for the Town's compliance with the use of Highway User Revenue Funds in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes. You are responsible for, and agree to provide us with, a written assertion about the Town's compliance with the use of Highway User Revenue Funds in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes. You are responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control over compliance.

You are responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the measurement, evaluation, or disclosure of the Town's compliance with the use of Highway User Revenue Funds in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes, such as records, documentation, and other matters, and for the accuracy and completeness of that information; (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the examination; and (3) unrestricted access to persons from whom we determine it necessary to obtain evidence. You agree to inform us of events occurring or facts discovered subsequent to the period covered by our report affecting the Town's compliance with the use of Highway User Revenue Funds in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes.

You are responsible for the Town's compliance with the use of Highway User Revenue Funds in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes; and for selecting the criteria and determining that such criteria are appropriate for your purposes. We may advise you about appropriate criteria, but the responsibility for compliance with the specified requirements remains with you. For all nonattest services we may provide to you, management agrees to assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience to understand and oversee the services; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for the results of the services.

At the conclusion of our engagement, we will require a representation letter from management that, among other things, will include management's assertion about and confirm management's responsibility for the Town's compliance with the use of Highway User Revenue Funds in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes, acknowledge management's responsibility for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance, state that management has performed an evaluation of the Town's compliance with the specified requirements, and state management's interpretation of any compliance requirements that have varying interpretations. Management acknowledges that it agrees to provide us with a written representation letter at the conclusion of the engagement which provides confirmation of representations made by you and your staff to us in connection with the examination engagement. During our engagement, we will request information and explanations from you regarding the Town's compliance with the use of Highway User Revenue Funds in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes. The procedures we will perform during our engagement and the conclusions we reach as a basis for our report will be heavily influenced by the representations that we receive in the representation letter and otherwise from you. Accordingly, inaccurate, incomplete, or false representations could cause us to expend unnecessary effort or could cause a material fraud, error, or noncompliance to go undetected by our procedures. In view of the foregoing, you agree that we shall not be responsible for any noncompliance that we may fail to detect as a result of misrepresentations made to us by you.

You are responsible to notify us in advance of your intent to print our report, in whole or in part, for inclusion in a document containing other information, and to give us the opportunity to approve such use and to review such printed matter for material inconsistencies and misstatements before issuance.

## Engagement administration and other matters

A list of information we expect to need for the engagement and the dates required will be provided in a separate communication.

We are available to perform additional procedures with regard to fraud detection and prevention, at your request, as a separate engagement, subject to completion of our normal engagement acceptance procedures. The terms and fees of such an engagement would be documented in a separate engagement letter.

The workpapers supporting the services we perform are the sole and exclusive property of CLA and constitute confidential and proprietary information. We do not provide access to our workpapers to you or anyone else in the normal course of business. Unless required by law or regulation to the contrary, we retain our workpapers in accordance with our record retention policy that typically provides for a retention period of seven years.

Pursuant to authority given by law or regulation, we may be requested to make certain workpapers available to the Arizona Auditor General for their regulatory oversight purposes. We will notify you of any such request. Access to the requested workpapers will be provided to the regulators under the supervision of CLA personnel and at a location designated by our firm. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected workpapers to such regulators. The regulators may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

CLA will not disclose any confidential, proprietary, or privileged information of the Town to any persons without the authorization of Town management or unless required by law. This confidentiality provision does not prohibit us from disclosing your information to one or more of our affiliated companies in order to provide services that you have requested from us or from any such affiliated company. Any such affiliated company shall be subject to the same restrictions on the use and disclosure of your information as apply to us.

Professional standards require us to be independent with respect to you in the performance of these services. Any discussion that you have with our personnel regarding potential employment with you could impair our independence with respect to this engagement. Therefore, we request that you inform us prior to any such discussions so that we can implement appropriate safeguards to maintain our independence and objectivity. Further, any employment offers to any staff members working on this engagement without our prior knowledge may require substantial additional procedures to ensure our independence. You will be responsible for any additional costs incurred to perform these procedures.

Our relationship with you is limited to that described in this letter. As such, you understand and agree that we are acting solely as independent accountants. We are not acting in any way as a fiduciary or assuming any fiduciary responsibilities for you. We are not responsible for the preparation of any report to any governmental agency, or any other form, return, or report or for providing advice or any other service not specifically recited in this letter.

Our engagement and responsibility end on delivery of our signed report. Any additional services that might be requested will be a separate, new engagement. The terms and conditions of that new engagement will be governed by a new, specific engagement letter for that service.

# Mediation

Any disagreement, controversy, or claim ("Dispute") that may arise out of any aspect of our services or relationship with you, including this engagement, shall be submitted to non-binding mediation by written notice ("Mediation Notice") to the other party. In mediation, we will work with you to resolve any differences voluntarily with the aid of an impartial mediator.

The mediation will be conducted as specified by the mediator and agreed upon by the parties (i.e., you and CLA). The parties agree to discuss their differences in good faith and to attempt, with the assistance of the mediator, to reach an amicable resolution of the Dispute.

Each party will bear its own costs in the mediation. The fees and expenses of the mediator will be shared equally by the parties.

# **Time limitation**

The nature of our services makes it difficult, with the passage of time, to gather and present evidence that fully and fairly establishes the facts underlying any Dispute that may arise between the parties. The parties agree that, notwithstanding any statute or law of limitations that might otherwise apply to a Dispute, including one arising out of this agreement or the services performed under this agreement, for breach of contract or fiduciary duty, tort, fraud, misrepresentation or any other cause of action or remedy, any action or legal proceeding by you against us must be commenced within twenty-four (24) months ("Limitation Period") after the date when we deliver our final examination report under this agreement to you, regardless of whether we do other services for you relating to the examination report, or you shall be forever barred from commencing a lawsuit or obtaining any legal or equitable relief or recovery.

The Limitation Period applies and begins to run even if you have not suffered any damage or loss, or have not become aware of the existence or possible existence of a Dispute.

## Fees

Our fees for these services are included in the all-inclusive fee presented in the engagement letter for the financial statement. You will not be billed for travel, other costs such as report production, word processing, postage, etc., or internal and administrative charges. The fee estimate is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and their assistance with preparing confirmations and requested schedules. If the requested items are not available on the dates required or are not accurate, the estimated fee for services will likely be higher. If unexpected circumstances require significant additional time, we will advise you before undertaking work that would require a substantial increase in the fee estimate. 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 30 days or more overdue and will 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 even if we have not issued our report. You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket expenditures through the date of termination.

# Other fees

You also agree to compensate us for any time and expenses, including time and expenses of legal counsel, we may incur in responding to discovery requests or participating as a witness or otherwise in any legal, regulatory, or other proceedings that we are asked to respond to on your behalf.

## Finance charges and collection expenses

You agree that if any statement is not paid within 30 days from its billing date, the unpaid balance shall accrue interest at the monthly rate of one and one-quarter percent (1.25%), which is an annual percentage rate of 15%. In the event that any collection action is required to collect unpaid balances due us, reasonable attorney fees and expenses shall be recoverable.

## **Subcontractors**

CLA may, at times, use subcontractors to perform services under this agreement, and they may have access to your information and records. Any such subcontractors will be subject to the same restrictions on the use of such information and records as apply to CLA under this agreement.

# Agreement

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. This letter constitutes the entire agreement regarding these services and supersedes all prior agreements (whether oral or written), understandings, negotiations, and discussions between you and CLA. 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, date, and return a copy to us.

Sincerely,

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

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# **Response:**

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the Town of Star Valley, Arizona.

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Authorized Management Signature:
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