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October 19, 2016

Honorable Toni Preckwinkle
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners
and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners
118 North Clark Street, Room 537
Chicago, IL 60602

Re: Proposed Board Item: Enter and execute Contract 1530-15177, for Professional Auditing Services by and between the County of Cook and RSM US, LLP.

Dear Madame President and Cook County Commissioners:

The Office of the Comptroller respectfully requests authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter and execute a three-year with RSM US, LLP for professional auditing services.

The proposed contract, was competitively bid, and will be entered into for the three-year period 12/20/16 to 12/20/19, and allows the Chief Procurement Officer to extend the Agreement for up to two additional one-year periods at pre-determined amounts any time before this Agreement expires. The three-year contract is for \$4,998,720.

RATIONALE

After a thorough evaluation by the Evaluation Committee, we recommend an award be made to RSM US LLP as the highest ranked proposer. While other Respondents also offered good overall Proposals, RSM US LLP can provide auditing services with above equal expertise at a competitive overall cost. Based on their Proposal and experience, RSM US LLP offers the best value in support of the external audit needs of the County.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 312-603-5601 or lawrence.wilson@cookcountyil.gov.

Sincerely,

Lawrence L. Wilson, Comptroller

cc: Brian Hamer, Chief of Staff
Vasyl Markus, Special Assistant – Legislative and Governmental Affairs
Matthew DeLeon, Secretary to the Board
Ivan Samstein, Chief Financial Officer