

WHEREAS, Sangamon County is required to contract with external auditors to conduct an annual audit of its general purpose financial statements; and

WHEREAS, Request For Proposal letters were sent to fifty-five Sangamon County CPA's and CPA firms inviting them to submit proposals to conduct the annual audit for the fiscal years 2005 through 2007 with an option to renew for two additional fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden submitted the lowest-priced proposal and was selected to perform the annual audits for the fiscal years 2005 through 2007 with a renewal for the fiscal years 2008 and 2009; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden performed the annual audits for the fiscal years 2005 through 2009 in a highly-satisfactory manner in accordance with the terms of the Request for Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden has submitted the attached fee proposal to perform the audits for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 for \$72,000 and \$72,000 (the same fee as fiscal year 2009), respectively; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the County Auditor and is in the best interests of Sangamon County to retain the firm of Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden to perform audits for the fiscal years of 2010 and 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sangamon County Board, in session this 9th day of November, 2010, hereby accepts the proposal to perform audit services from the firm of Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden for the fiscal years of 2010 and 2011, and authorizes the County Auditor to contract for such services.

Finance Committee

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**COUNTY OF SANGAMON, ILLINOIS**  
Proposal to Provide  
Audit Services

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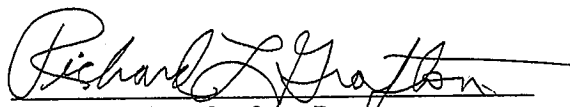
To the Chairman and Board Members  
County of Sangamon, Illinois

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a proposal to provide audit services to the County of Sangamon, Illinois. This proposal provides information about Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden and our qualifications.

We appreciate being considered and we assure you that if this proposal is accepted we will give the assignment our close and continued attention. We are available to discuss this proposal more fully with you and answer any questions at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

ESTES, BRIDGEWATER & OGDEN

  
By Richard L. Grafton, Partner

## DESCRIPTION OF ESTES, BRIDGEWATER AND OGDEN

Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden is a local certified public accounting firm that traces its origin back to 1920. The firm has one office located in Springfield, Illinois. We have four partners and eight professional staff. We serve clients ranging from very large national to medium and smaller size organizations, which include governmental, not-for-profit organizations, and for-profit entities. We provide the following services:

- Accounting and Auditing – Our firm is involved in providing accounting and auditing services for governmental, not-for-profit organizations, and for-profit entities. We have extensive experience in governmental and not-for-profit accounting and auditing. At present, our firm audits approximately thirty (30) governmental clients and one hundred thirty (130) not-for-profit clients. We require our partners and staff to obtain continuing education hours that meet or exceed the requirements as outlined in Government Auditing Standards (The Yellow Book).
- Tax Planning and Preparation – We provide tax services to our clients, which include tax return preparation and tax research for individuals, partnerships, corporations, estates, trusts and not-for-profit organizations. We also represent clients before various regulatory agencies such as the Internal Revenue Service and the Illinois Department of Revenue.
- Computer Consulting – We offer a wide range of services to our clients with regard to installation of computerized accounting systems, computerized general ledger and journals, computer-prepared financial statements, and the preparation of federal and state income and information tax returns.

Our firm is enrolled in the quality review program as required by professional standards of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We have continually received unqualified opinions that assured us that our system of quality control met the standards established by our profession. We have included a copy of our latest peer review report.

The audit would be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 "Audits of States, and Local Governments, and Nonprofit Organizations". The audit will include tests of accounting records and other procedures considered necessary to enable the auditor to express an opinion of the financial statements and to report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and on the County's compliance with laws and regulations and its internal controls as required by *Government Auditing Standards* and as required for a Single Audit.

SUMMARY OF FEES

Our fee for providing audit services for the County of Sangamon, Illinois would be as follows:

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Amount</u>
November 30, 2010	\$72,000.00
November 30, 2011	\$72,000.00