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Date: June 4, 2009
To: Board of Directors
From: Jody Wainscott, Treasurer
Subject: 2009 Auditor Recommendation

Based on an extensive review of proposals from audit firms, the Audit Committee will bring the following motion to the June board meeting:

That the Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of Western Ohio retain the services of BKD, LLP to perform audit and tax services for the 2009 year at a cost of no more than \$33,700.

BKD, LLP is one of the ten largest CPA and advisory firms in the country. They are committed to delivering unmatched client services and are guided by specific standards and guidelines known as the BKD Experience. They have built a solid practice through the BKD National Not-For-Profit and Government Group, which makes up 10% of their firm's annual revenue and includes more than 1,500 clients. They understand the unique tax and audit issues relative to not-for-profit organizations and are committed to the industry. BKD is committed to delivering results with integrity and solutions that are ethical while also practical, timely, and affordable.

BKD performed the 2008 audit for Girl Scouts of Western Ohio and had a history of outstanding performance for Girl Scouts – Great Rivers Council for several years. Their National Not-For-Profit and Government Industry Leader, Debi Ladyman, also serves as Treasurer and Board Member for Girl Scouts of Central Indiana in Indianapolis.

The Audit Committee went through an extensive review of interested audit firms, soliciting proposals through an RFP process, screening written proposals, and conducting interviews. Auditors from each of the four legacy councils were invited to participate in the RFP process – only two of those auditors submitted proposals, along with a number of other firms. We are confident that BKD, LLP is able to provide the ongoing services needed by Girl Scouts of Western Ohio. Members of the Audit Committee would be happy to answer any questions during the board meeting.

Our Mission

*Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character,
who make the world a better place.*