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**Date:** June 10, 2015  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Jeanne Bernish, Audit Committee  
**Subject:** Recommendation for Audit Services

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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 retains the services of Clark Schaefer Hackett to perform audit and tax services for the 2015 year at a cost of no more than \$40,000.

Founded in 1938, Clark Schaefer Hackett is one of the 60 largest CPA and advisory firms in the U.S. They offer best-in-class technical expertise in audit and assurance, risk management, benefit plan consulting, forensic and litigation support, valuation and transaction services. They combine the insights and ideas of multiple disciplines to provide solutions in a wide range of industries, including manufacturing, construction and real estate, distribution, healthcare, financial services, as well as government entities, higher education institutions and not-for-profit organizations. Clark Schaefer Hackett provides the depth and expertise of a national firm but with a highly personal and flexible service approach.

Clark Schaefer Hackett knows the not-for-profit industry and provides audit, tax, and advisory services to more than 600 clients of various sizes. They are known for bringing insight to the not-for-profit community by writing articles, hosting webinars, and authoring resource guides and other helpful content. In addition, Clark Schaefer Hackett and Girl Scouts of Western Ohio share a common footprint, having offices located throughout western Ohio, which allows for added support.

The Audit Committee went through an extensive review of interested audit firms, soliciting proposals through an RFP process, screening written proposals, and conducting interviews. We are confident that Clark Schaefer Hackett 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.



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