

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 525

Approved June 14, 1979

RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby accept and approve the accounting firm of Laventhol & Horwath, 40 Westminster Street, Providence, Rhode Island, 02903, for the rendering of independent accounting services to the City of Providence in accordance with its proposal submitted to the Committee on Finance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby approves the acceptance of the bid of Laventhol & Horwath, in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$27,370.00) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979 and that said report be submitted back to the City Council.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JUN 7 1979

READ AND PASSED

*Ralph Fargnoli*  
PRES.

*Rose M. Mendonca*  
CLERK

**APPROVED**

**MAYOR**

*James A. Cravie, Jr.*

JUN 14 1979

THE COMMITTEE ON

FINANCE

Approves Passage of  
The Within Resolution

*Rose M. Mendonca*  
Clerk Chairman

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HORWATH & HORWATH INTERNATIONAL  
WITH AFFILIATED OFFICES WORLDWIDE

April 19, 1979

Committee on Finance  
City Council  
City of Providence  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit this proposal to perform an audit of the financial statements of the City of Providence for the year ending June 30, 1979.

By way of background, Laventhol & Horwath is an internationally known accounting firm with offices in most major cities in the United States, as well as other offices throughout the world. Our Providence office is located at 40 Westminister Street, Providence, Rhode Island. We have structured our service so that our clients can be provided the benefits of our extensive financial and business experience in addition to the examination of financial statements. Our philosophy of practice is considerably different than that of other major firms. Although we are a national accounting firm in practice as well as reputation, our roots are in the small to medium-sized business community. Such clients typically demand a level of personal service beyond the audit function alone. Every one of our clients has assigned to it two partners, both of whom are familiar with all aspects of that client's needs. The practice partner has direct personal responsibility for all segments of that client's business, while there is a back-up partner available for consultation when necessary.

Our firm has extensive experience in governmental accounting, management assistance and auditing assignments for states and municipalities, as well as agencies of the Federal government. We have included certain information regarding services provided by our firm for state and local governments as an appendix to this proposal. At the present time we are engaged in performing certain accounting services for the City of Providence related to the operations of the Water Supply Board. In connection with this engagement, we have had the opportunity to meet with many of the City's department heads and to review the operations of their departments.

We propose to perform an examination of the financial statements of the several funds of the City of Providence for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979. Our examination will be made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and will include such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances. Our examination will be for

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the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and such supplementary schedules as you may require. It is not contemplated that we shall make a detailed examination of all transactions or that we shall necessarily discover fraud, should any exist. We shall, however, inform you of findings that appear to us to be unusual or abnormal.

Upon completion of our examination, we will issue to you our audit report which will include the various financial statements and schedules of the several funds of the City. In addition, we will issue you a management letter which will include our findings and recommendations concerning internal accounting controls, economics and efficiencies in the use of financial resources and any other matters which may come to our attention.

Our fees for this engagement, including out-of-pocket expenses will be \$27,370 which will be payable upon completion of our examination and submission of our report. We are assuming that your accounting personnel will provide us with the usual level of assistance in pulling documents for our inspection and the preparation of confirmation letters and audit schedules.

We wish to express our appreciation for inviting us to submit this proposal and will be happy to provide you with any additional information about our firm that you may require. We look forward to having the opportunity to be of continued service to the City of Providence.

Very truly yours,

LAVENTHOL & HORWATH



Martin I. Dittelman  
Partner-in-Charge

MID/dgp  
Enclosure