

LAW OFFICE OF  
**GARY B. LEUCHTMAN, PLLC**

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December 4, 2013

Community Maritime Park Associates, Inc.  
c/o Edward E. Spears, Executive Director  
Post Office Box 12910  
Pensacola, FL 32521-0062

Re: Request for Proposals No. 2013-01 ("RFP")

Gentlemen:

Please let this letter serve as the Law Office of Gary B. Leuchtman, PLLC (the "Firm") response to the RFP. Until December 31, 2013, the undersigned is a partner of Beggs & Lane, RLLP and is available as of January 1, 2014 to provide legal services to the Community Maritime Park Associates, Inc. ("CMPA") on behalf of the Firm. The Firm's compensation Proposal is submitted on a separate and distinct page along with this letter.

With respect to the undersigned's general qualifications to provide legal services to CMPA, the following is offered:

- Gary B. Leuchtman of the Firm will provide the services to CMPA;
- Gary B. Leuchtman is a member in good standing of the Florida Bar, having been admitted in 1982;
- Gary B. Leuchtman has never been the subject of an ethics complaint, disciplinary procedure or grievance proceeding;
- Gary B. Leuchtman is a Florida Bar Board Certified Wills, Trust and Estate Attorney (a copy of Gary B. Leuchtman's CV is attached hereto);
- Gary B. Leuchtman has five (5) or more years of legal experience in the following legal fields:

- (i) Contracts
- (ii) Commercial Law; and
- (iii) Florida Municipal Law

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- Gary B. Leuchtman has limited experience in Public Finance Law by virtue of having represented COGB Liquidity Company as part of the City of Gulf Breeze Municipal Bond pool and providing private client(s) advice relating to tax increment financing;
- Gary B. Leuchtman currently provides legal representative to a number of tax exempt organization in the course of his normal legal practice and serves as the "defacto" Executive Director to more than one tax exempt organization, (which has no full-time employees);
- Gary B. Leuchtman is available to attend CMPA meetings provided they are held other than the second Wednesday of the month (Gary B. Leuchtman currently attends Pensacola Firefighter Pension & Relief Plan and Pensacola General Pension & Retirement Plan meetings on the second Wednesday of the month);
- Gary B. Leuchtman has the ability to negotiate, draft, review and implement CMPA contracts and policies.

The Firm appreciates the opportunity to respond to the RFP and trusts the foregoing demonstrates its qualification to serve as legal counsel to the CMPA. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. Thank you, again, for this opportunity and your consideration.

Yours very truly,

Gary B. Leuchtman  
For the Firm

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Enclosure

## **Gary B. Leuchtman**

Gary B. Leuchtman was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1982, he is currently A-V rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Mr. Leuchtman has been partner with Beggs & Lane RLLP for approximately 30 years. Effective as of January 1, 2014 he is leaving to open the Law Office of Gary B. Leuchtman, PLLC. Mr. Leuchtman is Board Certified as an expert by the Florida Bar in Wills, Trusts & Estates. He served on the Wills, Trust & Estates Certification Committee of the Florida Bar for 12 years (having chaired that committee in 2001-2002 and again in 2009-2010). He also served 12 years as a member of the Probate Rules Committee of the Florida Bar (chairing the General Rules Subcommittee for most of those years).

Mr. Leuchtman has also served as President of the Northwest Florida Estate Planning Council, Chairperson of the United Way of Escambia Country Foundation and on the Board of Directors for United Way of Escambia County, United Way of Florida and WSRE-TV for many years.

### **Areas of Practice**

- Trust and Estate Planning
- Probate and Trust Administration
- Business Organizations
- Tax Planning and Tax Controversy
- Corporate and Transactional
- Guardianship

### **Certified Legal Specialties**

- Wills, Trust and Estates Lawyer, Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education (1999-to current)

### **Bar Admissions**

- Florida, 1982
- U.S. District Court Middle District and Northern District of Florida, 1983
- U.S. Tax Court, 1984

### **Education**

- University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville, Florida
  - L.L.M. – 1982
  - Major: Taxation (With Honors)

- University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville, Florida
  - J. D. (With Honors) – 1981
- Mercer University, Macon, Georgia
  - B.S. (Magna Cum Laude) – 1979
  - Honors: Student Honor Court Justice Outstanding Senior in the School of Business
  - Major: Economics/Accounting/Political Science

### **Professional Associations and Memberships**

- Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association, Member, 1983-Present
- American Bar Association, Taxation Section, Member, 1983-Present
- The Florida Bar, Member, Probate Rules Committee, 1988-1996; 2003-2008
- The Florida Bar Wills, Trusts & Estates Certification Committee, Member, 1996 – 2002; 2006-2011; Chairperson, 2001-2001 and 2009-2010
- The Florida Bar, Tax Law, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Sections, Member, 1982-Present
- Northwest Florida Estate Planning Council, Member; 1983-Present; President 1986
- Florida Super Lawyers, Member, 2008

### **Pro Bono Activities**

- United Way Escambia County/United Way Escambia County Foundation, 1990-Present
- United Way of Florida, 2007-2013
- WSRE-TV
- Leadership Pensacola, 1986

### **Fraternities**

- Blue Key
- Sigma Nu
- Phi Delta Phi

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**Billing Rates**

"Up Front" Cost for becoming acquainted with CMPA and pertinent legal documents (10 hours)	\$ 1,000.00
Gary B. Leuchtman Hourly Rate	\$ 270.00
Paralegal Hourly Rate	\$ 85.00

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