

TO BE PROVIDED ITEMS

ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR AUDIT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-2027 (TO BE PROVIDED)

Rend Lake College Board of Trustees

March 11, 2025

RECOMMENDATION: To accept the bid from Sikich CPA LLC of Naperville, IL for audit services for Rend Lake College District 521 and the Rend Lake College Foundation for the fiscal years 2025-2027.

RATIONALE: The College received three proposals from audit firms in response to our recent request for audit services. After careful review, Sikich CPA LLC submitted the most competitive bid which aligns with the College’s overall needs including comprehensive financial oversight, compliance with regulatory requirements, and a thorough evaluation of internal controls. Below is a summary of the bid results from the opening held on March 10, 2025. The College and Foundation received pricing for their individual audits, and the Foundation will be responsible for the payment of their services, which includes filing of any state and federal tax returns.

Rend Lake College & Foundation Proposals

Audit Firm	FY 2025 Base		FY 2026 Base		FY 2027 Base		Overall Cost
	RLC	RLCF	RLC	RLCF	RLC	RLCF	
Sikich CPA LLC	\$67,500	\$15,950	\$70,200	\$16,600	\$73,000	\$17,305	\$260,555
Kemper CPA Group, LLC	\$71,800*	\$12,595	\$74,975*	\$13,225	\$77,995*	\$13,895	\$264,485*
Clifton Larson Allen LLP**	\$63,200	\$15,500	\$64,500	\$15,900	\$65,800	\$16,300	\$241,200

*Kemper CPA Group, LLC’s base bid was \$63,800; \$66,975; and \$69,995, respectively. However, Kemper’s base bid included only one major federal program for Single Audit purposes. Kemper will charge an additional \$8,000 for each additional major federal program. Rend Lake College has had at least two major federal programs for Single Audit purposes in 7 of the last 8 fiscal years.

**The College reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to accept the proposal that in our judgement best serves the interest of the College. Administration does not recommend accepting the proposal from Clifton Larson Allen LLP.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 11, 2025

STUDENT TRUSTEE ELECTION RESULTS

Rend Lake College Board of Trustees

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We, the undersigned, have canvassed the election and have stated that Henry C. Meinert did obtain the majority of ballots cast and is the duly elected student member of the Board of Trustees until the election of a successor.

Kelly Downes
Kelly Downes Registrar/Director of Student Records
Rend Lake College

Vickie Schulte
Vickie Schulte Dean of Student Success & Development
Rend Lake College

Karessa Keyser
Karessa Keyser Executive Assistant of Instruction
Rend Lake College

Beth Stevens
Beth Stevens Testing Specialist
Rend Lake College

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

On this 10th day of March, 2025 before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Amy Epplin, Vickie Schulte, Cathy DeJarnette, and Beth Stevens, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within Student Trustee Election results.



Henry D. Leeck
(Notary Public's Signature)

Names of Candidates
Henry C. Meinert
Adam K. Hawk
Total Ballots

Number of Votes
49
9
58