



GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
A Client Service Group by SingerLewak




LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSURANCE PRACTICE

The government practice of SingerLewak is composed of approximately twenty professionals that are fully dedicated to serve our local governmental clients throughout the year. The efficiencies and experience developed by such dedicated team ultimately benefit our clients when it comes down to consistency of the procedures performed and the timeliness of our deliverables.

The Skills You Need

The number of governmental entities we serve enables us to share ideas throughout our community of clients. Our long history, breadth of practice, and participation in local professional associations means that we have built working relationships with the departments of our municipal clients. Our client list includes governmental organizations that we have been serving uninterrupted for more than twenty years.

Some of our unique differences from other accounting firms specializing in local government services are:

-  Accessibility to partners and directors – Your inquiries will be responded to promptly and personally.
-  Early involvement with management in identifying issues and working together to find resolutions – This involves proactive planning meetings with you on a quarterly basis to discuss annual qualifying distribution requirements and estimated tax payments.
-  Timely resolution of technical, fee and scheduling issues, resulting in no surprises.

The Service You Expect

Dependable and timely communication includes

- ✓ Communication with client personnel
- ✓ The demonstrated ability to meet short time frames
- ✓ A dedicated approach that allows of extensive involvement by partner-level and manager-level personnel with our clients

By providing quality, timely and cost-effective audit and other services, we help the governmental organization

- ✓ Achieve a primary goal of accountability
- ✓ Comply with accounting standards and reporting requirements
- ✓ Timely reporting to stakeholders

At SingerLewak we can help with the accounting and assurance needs of your governmental organization:

- ✓ We have the technical resources available to us help us assist our clients with new accounting pronouncements as they become effective.
- ✓ We have decades of experience assisting clients in obtaining and maintaining the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting under the Government Financial Officers Association Program.
- ✓ Since the inception of the Single Audit Act in 1984, we have been performing audits that comply with the Act, even as it evolved under the Uniform Guidance.

Meeting Stakeholder Expectations

Local governments are accountable to many stakeholders:

- Mayor and City Council
- Boards of trustees, commissioners, directors
- The State or Federal government
- The community

We offer a comprehensive array of specialized services such as

- Financial statement audits, examinations, and reviews
- Audits & examinations in accordance with the Uniform Guidance
- Compliance audits and other attestation services
- Preparation of financial statements and the annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR)
- Implementation of new accounting standards Board and staff training

We Focus on Local Governments

- Counties
- Cities
- Special Districts (i.e., Water, Fire, Cemetery, etc.)
- Municipalities

Audit Quality System (AQS)

- A truly risk-based approach, not a check-the-box audit
- Continuous communication with management and the boards that result in no surprises
- Consistency in engagement staffing and job management

