

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2012
FROM:	MARTIN HAYWARD MANAGING DIRECTOR, CORPORATE SERVICES AND CITY TREASURER, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
SUBJECT:	ENGAGEMENT OF PWC FOR ADVISORY SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

That on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, this report **BE RECEIVED** for information. PWC LLP has been engaged by the Finance Division to provide Advisory Services to the JD Edwards Upgrade Project.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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None.

BACKGROUND

The City is operating on a JD Edwards Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system which is a backbone for corporate operations and financial reporting. JD Edwards includes integrated Financials, Distribution & Logistics (Inventory & Purchasing), Enterprise Asset Management (Work Order, Assets & Maintenance), Budget and Workforce Management (Human Resources and Payroll). The system was first implemented in 1999 and was subsequently upgraded to version Xe in 2001. The City is currently undertaking a major upgrade to the JD Edwards system and the anticipated go-live is November 2012.

During the early stages of the JD Edwards Upgrade Project, PWC LLP was engaged to perform advisory services for the purpose of educating project team members on acceptable systems implementation testing and documentation practices. Additionally, after attending preliminary testing workshops, PWC summarized in a report what aspects went well and what needed to be enhanced for future testing phases. The report has been used internally by the project team to improve system testing practices related to the upgrade project and will not be reported through the Audit Committee.

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