

Table 1: Which is the better deal?

Your Needs (annual basis)

Bank reconciliations	60 hours
General accounting	12 hours
Tax/Financial reporting	20 hours
Annual return/year-end services	20 hours
TOTAL	112 hours

Joe Accountant, CPA

Charges:	\$125/hour
Total cost:	\$125 x 112 = \$14,000

Big CPA Firm

Accountant charges:	\$200/hour for annual return & general accounting
Bookkeeper charges:	\$40/hour for bank reconciliation & tax/financial reporting
Total cost:	(\$200 x 32) + (\$40 x 80) = \$9,600