



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 1, 2019

**TO:** USAID/Management/Office of Acquisition and Assistance/Cost Audit and Support Division, Branch Chief, David A. McNeil

**FROM:** Acting Director of External Financial Audits Division, Steven Shea /s/

**SUBJECT:** Performance Audit Over the Adequacy of SpecPro Management Services' Accounting System (3-000-19-030-1)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report over the adequacy of SpecPro Management Services' (SpecPro) Accounting System. The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Office of Acquisition and Assistance, Cost, Audit, and Support Division contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm of Kearney & Company, P.C. to conduct the audit. Kearney & Company, P.C. stated the contract required the auditor to perform the audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

The audit firm states that it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion over the adequacy of SpecPro's accounting system.<sup>1</sup>

The audit objectives were to determine whether SpecPro has established an adequate accounting system and whether the accounting system: (1) adequately accumulates, segregates, and identifies costs under U.S. government awards; and (2) allows for the proper differentiation between direct costs, indirect costs, and unallowable costs in compliance with applicable Government regulations. To answer the audit objectives, Kearney & Company, P.C. conducted its audit in the following three phases: (1) Planning - Assessed the design of SpecPro's policies and key internal controls relating to the accounting system criteria. (2) Internal Controls and Testing – Tested the implementation of SpecPro's policies and key internal controls. (3) Wrap-Up and Reporting – Concluded on the adequacy of the accounting system as a result of audit procedures performed within the context of the audit objectives.

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<sup>1</sup> We reviewed the audit firm's report for conformity with professional reporting standards. Our desk reviews are typically performed to identify any items needing clarification or issues requiring management attention. Desk reviews are limited to review of the audit report itself and excludes review of the auditor's supporting working papers; they are not designed to enable us to directly evaluate the quality of the audit performed.

Kearney & Company, P.C. concluded that SpecPro’s accounting system adequately accumulates, segregates, and identifies costs under U.S. Government awards, as well as allows for the proper differentiation between direct costs, indirect costs, and unallowable costs in compliance with applicable Government regulations and benchmarks. The audit report disclosed one significant deficiency over information system safeguards. Although we are not making a recommendation for the significant deficiency noted in the report, we suggest that USAID’s Office of Acquisition and Assistance, Cost, Audit, and Support Division determine if SpecPro addressed the issues noted.

We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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