



MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 29, 2020

TO: USAID/West Bank and Gaza Acting Mission Director, Courtney Chubb

FROM: USAID OIG Middle East and Eastern Europe (ME/EE) Regional Office, USDH NFA Coordinator, Abdoulaye Gueye/s/

SUBJECT: Closeout Audit of the Cost Representation Statement of AECOM International Development, Inc., Palestinian Energy Project in West Bank and Gaza, Task order AID-294-TO-16-00006, January 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019 (8-294-20-009-N)

This memorandum transmits the final report of the closeout audit of the Cost Representation statement of AECOM International Development, Inc., Palestinian Energy Project in West Bank and Gaza, Task order AID-294-TO-16-00006, from January 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019. USAID/West Bank and Gaza contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Deloitte & Touche (M.E.) to conduct the audit. The audit firm states that it performed its audit in accordance with the U.S. Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. However, it did not have an external quality control review program that fully satisfies the standards' requirements. The audit firm explained that West bank and Gaza does not offer such a review program. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed auditor's report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on the auditee's Cost Representation Statement; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations¹.

The audit objectives were to (1) express an opinion on whether the Cost Representation Statement for the period audited was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate the auditee's internal controls; (3) determine whether the auditee complied with the award terms and

¹We 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 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 examination performed.

applicable laws and regulations, including testing the auditee's compliance with executive order 13224 – Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit that covered \$1,375,665 from January 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019.

The auditors expressed an unmodified opinion on the Cost Representation Statement and did not identify any questioned costs. The audit firm did not identify any material weaknesses in internal control, or any material instances of noncompliance with the agreement terms, conditions and applicable laws and regulations. The auditors also did not identify any material instances of noncompliance with Executive Order 13224.

During our desk review, we noted minor issue which the audit firm will need to address in future audit reports. We presented this issue in a memo to Controller dated January 29, 2020.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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