



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 7, 2024

TO: USAID/Management/Office of Acquisition and Assistance/Cost, Audit, and Support Division, Contract Audit Management Branch, Supervisory Auditor, Sheree F. Marshall

FROM: Director of External Financial Audit Division (IG/A/EFA), David A. McNeil /s/

SUBJECT: Single Audit of Education Development Center, Inc., for the Year Ended September 30, 2021 (3-000-24-064-T)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the single audit of Education Development Center, Inc. (EDC), for the year ended September 30, 2021. The audit report was obtained from the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. Grant Thornton LLP (Grant Thornton) stated that it performed its audit in accordance with U.S. Government accounting standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and in accordance with Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. Grant Thornton is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on EDC's schedule of expenditures of Federal awards; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the awards, laws, and regulations.¹

Grant Thornton's audit objectives were to (1) express an opinion on the financial statements; (2) obtain reasonable assurance about whether EDC's combined financial statements are free from material misstatement; and (3) express an opinion on compliance for each of EDC's major Federal programs with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget's OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2021. To answer the audit objectives, Grant Thornton: (1) obtained evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; (2) evaluated the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, and evaluated the overall presentation of the financial statements; (3) considered EDC's internal control over

¹ 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.

financial reporting and performed tests of EDC's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. EDC's audited expenditures of Federal awards was \$137,337,960, of which the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) audited expenditures amounted to \$78,558,875.

Grant Thornton expressed an unmodified opinion on the financial statements and stated that the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Education Development Center, Inc. as of September 30, 2021 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Grant Thornton did not identify any deficiencies in the EDC's internal control that were considered to be material weaknesses. Also, the results of Grant Thornton's tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. Further, in Grant Thornton's opinion, EDC complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2021. Additionally, Grant Thornton did not identify any audit findings required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a). Finally, Grant Thornton did not identify any questioned costs in its Federal awards audit for EDC.

OIG does not routinely distribute independent public accounting reports beyond the immediate addressees because a high percentage of these reports contain information restricted from release under the Trade Secrets Act, 18 U.S.C. 1905 and Freedom of Information Act Exemption Four, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) ("commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential"). In addition, USAID OIG has determined that this transmittal memo and the enclosed report are not subject to notification and reporting requirements under Section 5274 of the National Defense Authorization Act.²

² The James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 Pub. L. No. 117-263, § 5274. Please direct related inquiries to oignotice_ndaa5274@usaid.gov.