



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 26, 2024

TO: USAID/Vietnam Mission Director, Aler Grubbs

FROM: Asia Regional Office, Acting Audit Director, Esther Park /s/

SUBJECT: Financial Audit of Fulbright University Vietnam Under Multiple Awards, for the Year Ended June 30, 2023 (5-440-24-035-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report of Fulbright University Vietnam under the following awards:

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Audit Period
USAID Fulbright University Vietnam Growth and Sustainability (cooperative agreement)	72044021CA00004	July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023
U.S. Department of State award (cooperative agreement)	SLMAQM20CA2458	July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023
U.S. Department of State award (grant)	SVM70020GR0021	July 1, 2022, to September 30, 2022
U.S. Department of State award (grant)	SVM70021CA3038	July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023
U.S. Department of State award (sub-grant)	S-ECAGD-21-GR-3099	July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023
U.S. Department of State award (sub-grant)	S-ECAGD-22-GR-0090	September 26, 2022, to June 30, 2023

Fulbright University Vietnam contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Deloitte Vietnam Audit Company Limited to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. However, it did not have continuing professional education and external quality control review programs that satisfy GAGAS requirements because professional organizations in Vietnam do not provide external quality control reviews. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on the recipient's schedule of

expenditures of Federal awards, the effectiveness of its internal control, or its compliance with the awards, laws, and regulations.¹

The audit objectives were mainly to: (1) express an opinion on whether the schedule of expenditures of Federal awards for the period audited was presented fairly in all material respects; (2) evaluate the recipient's internal controls; and (3) determine whether the recipient complied with awards terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit that covered total costs of \$11,748,158 for the year ended June 30, 2023. Out of the total costs audited, \$9,777,112 pertained to USAID funds.

The audit firm concluded that the schedule of expenditures of Federal awards presented fairly, in all material respects, project revenues and costs incurred under the agreements for the period audited. The audit firm did not identify any questioned costs, any material instances of noncompliance, or any material internal control weaknesses. The audit firm also issued a management letter.

During our desk review, we noted areas for improvement in the audit report and informed the controller in a memo dated April 26, 2024, to ensure the audit firm addresses these deficiencies in future audit reports.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

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

¹ We reviewed the audit firm's report for conformity with professional reporting standards. Our desk reviews are typically performed to identify items that need clarification or issues that require management attention. Desk reviews are limited to review of the audit report itself and exclude review of the auditor's supporting work papers; desk reviews are not designed to enable us to directly evaluate the quality of the audit performed.

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.