



MEMORANDUM

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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 Examination of Arab Brothers Construction, Ltd's Compliance With Terms and Conditions of Task Order AID-294-TO-16-00005 Jaba-Nuba Transmission Main Phase II in West Bank and Gaza, November 15, 2016 to April 3, 2018 (8-294-20-014-O)

This memorandum transmits the final report on the closeout examination of Arab Brothers Construction, Ltd.'s compliance with terms and conditions of Task Order AID-294-TO-16-00005, Jaba-Nuba Transmission Main Phase II in West Bank and Gaza under Indefinite Quantity Contract No. AID-294-I-13-00003, Local Construction Program (LCP), for the period from November 15, 2016 to April 3, 2018. USAID/West Bank and Gaza contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Deloitte & Touche (M.E.) to conduct the examination. The audit firm stated that it performed the examination in accordance with U.S. Government Auditing Standards for attestation engagements and the attestation standards established by the American Institute for Certified Public Accountants. However, it did not participate in an external quality control review program because West Bank and Gaza does not offer such a review program. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on Arab Brothers Construction, Ltd.'s internal control effectiveness or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.¹

The engagement objectives were mainly to: (1) determine whether the auditee complied, with the terms and conditions of the Task Order including compliance with Executive Order 13224 – Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons who commit, Threaten to

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 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 engagement performed.

Commit, or Support Terrorism; and (2) provide reasonable assurance of detecting fraud, illegal acts, or violations of provisions of the Task Order. To answer the engagement objectives, the audit firm performed the subject examination that covered the period from November 15, 2016 to April 3, 2018.

The auditors did not identify any material internal control weaknesses and didn't identify any material instances of noncompliance with the agreement terms, conditions and applicable rules and regulations. The auditors did not identify material instances of noncompliance with Executive Order 13224.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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