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MEMORANDUM

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TO: USAID/Management/Office of Acquisition and Assistance/Cost Audit and Support Division /Contract Audit Management , Supervisory Auditor, Eleanor C. Jefferson

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

SUBJECT: Performance Audit of the Adequacy of the Accounting System for Blumont Engineering Solutions, Inc. (3-000-22-031-I)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the Performance Audit of the Adequacy of the Accounting System for Blumont Engineering Solutions, Inc.'s. The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Office of Acquisition and Assistance, Cost, Audit, and Support Division, Contract Audit Management Branch contracted with the independent audit firm Tichenor & Associates, LLP to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated 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 on Blumont Engineering Solutions, Inc.'s accounting system; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.¹

The audit objectives were to evaluate whether Blumont Engineering Solutions, Inc.'s has established an adequate accounting system and whether the accounting system:

- Adequately accumulates, segregates, and identifies costs under U.S. Government awards, and
- Allows for the proper segregation between direct, indirect, and unallowable costs in compliance with applicable Government regulations.

To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm used the requirements contained in: (a) the Code of Federal Regulations 48 (CFR), Section 252.242-7006, Accounting System Administration; (b) USAID Acquisition Regulations (AIDAR); and (c) Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

In addition, Tichenor & Associates, LLP conducted this performance audit from December 22, 2021 and March 15, 2022, in Arlington, Virginia in the following phases:

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.

1. Assessed risk and reviewed the policies and key internal controls relating to the accounting system procedures of Blumont Engineering Solutions, Inc.
2. Tested the implementation of policies and compliance with the criteria of Blumont Engineering Solutions, Inc.
3. Concluded on the adequacy of the accounting system as a result of audit procedures performed and within the context of the audit objectives.

In Tichenor & Associates, LLP's opinion, Blumont Engineering Solutions, Inc.'s accounting system administration is designed to adequately accumulate, segregate, and identify 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.

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