## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 8, 2023

TO: USAID/Ukraine and Belarus Mission Director, James Hope

FROM: USAID/OIG Middle East and Eastern Europe (ME/EE) Regional Office, Assistant

Audit Director, David Clark/s/

**SUBJECT:** Closeout Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of East Europe Foundation Under

Multiple Awards in Ukraine, January 1 to December 31, 2021 (8-121-23-022-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on East Europe Foundation (EEF) incurred costs under the following awards:

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Period	Sub- implementer
Transparency and Accountability in Public Administration and Services Program (subaward)	W16-9001	January I to July 31, 2021	East Europe Foundation
Responsible, Accountable, Democratic Assembly in Ukraine program (cooperative agreement)	AID-121-A-14-00001	January I to September 30, 2021	n/a
(subaward)	KYV-015-G-010-2020	January I to December 17, 2021	East Europe Foundation

The auditee contracted with the independent audit firm Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards and Generally Accepted Auditing Standards. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed

in it. We do not express an opinion on the auditee's schedule of expenditures; the effectiveness of its internal controls; or its compliance with the awards, laws, and regulations.

The audit objectives were to: (1) express an opinion on whether the schedule of expenditures for the period audited was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate the auditee's internal controls; and (3) determine whether the auditee complied with the awards terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit that covered \$4,059,928 from January 1 to December 31, 2021.

The audit firm concluded that the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues and costs incurred under the awards for the period audited. The audit firm identified no questioned costs, no material weaknesses in internal control, and no instances of material noncompliance.

During our desk review, we noted areas for improvement which the audit firm should address in future audit reports. We presented these areas in a memo to the controller, dated May xx, 2023.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.