



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 9, 2024

TO: USAID/Jordan, Mission Director, Leslie Reed

FROM: Middle East and Eastern Europe Regional Office, Auditor, David Clark

SUBJECT: Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of USAID Awards, Water Engineering Services Project Managed by SAJDI Consulting Engineering Center in Jordan Under Cost Plus Fixed Fee Contract AID-72027821-C-00003, January 1 to December 31, 2022 (8-278-24-003-N)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards, Water Engineering Services project managed by SAJDI Consulting Engineering Center in Jordan under cost plus fixed fee contract AID-72027821-C-00003, from January 1 to December 31, 2022. USAID/Jordan contracted with the independent audit firm Ernst and Young Jordan to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated it performed the audit in accordance with U.S. Government Auditing Standards. However, it did not have external quality control review or Continuing Professional Education programs that fully satisfy the standards' requirements. With regards to the external quality control review program, the audit firm said that professional organizations in Jordan do not offer such a program. 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 of USAID awards; the effectiveness of its internal controls; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.¹

The audit objectives were mainly to: (1) express an opinion on whether the schedule of expenditures of USAID awards 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 award terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit

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.

objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit that covered \$1,809,740 from January 1 to January 31, 2022.

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 award for the period audited and did not identify any questioned costs. The audit firm did not identify any material internal control weaknesses or any instances of material noncompliance. In addition, the audit firm issued a management letter.

During our desk review, we noted areas for improvement which the audit firm should address in future audit reports. We presented these deficiencies in a memo to the controller, dated January 9, 2024.

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

² The James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 Pub. L. No. 117-263, § 5274. Please direct related inquiries to oinotice_ndaa5274@usaid.gov.