



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 15, 2024

TO: USAID/Management/Office of Acquisition and Assistance/Cost, Audit, and Support Division, Contract Audit Management Branch, Supervisory Auditor, Sheree F. Marshall

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

SUBJECT: Single Audit of Freedom House, Inc., for the Year Ended June 30, 2021 (3-000-24-067-T)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the single audit of Freedom House, Inc., (Freedom House) for the Year Ended June 30, 2021. The audit report was obtained from the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. Freedom House contracted with the independent audit firm Rubino & Company (Rubino) to conduct the audit. Rubino stated it performed its audit in accordance with U.S. Government accounting standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. Rubino is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on Freedom House's consolidated financial statements; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the awards, laws, and regulations.¹

Rubino's audit objectives were to: (1) express an opinion on the June 30, 2021, financial statements; (2) obtain reasonable assurance about whether Freedom House's combined financial statements are free from material misstatement; and (3) express an opinion on compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the Office of Management and Budget Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of Freedom House's major Federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021. To answer the audit objectives, Rubino: (1) obtained evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; (2) evaluated the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, and evaluated the overall presentation of the financial statements; and (3) issued a report dated October 14,

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.

2021, on Rubino's consideration of Freedom House, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on its tests of Freedom House's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. Freedom House's audited expenditures of Federal awards was \$ 59,650,369, of which the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) audited expenditures amounted to \$36,922,867.

Rubino expressed an unmodified opinion on the financial statements and on compliance for major Federal programs. Further, Rubino reported that it did not find any material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting and internal control over major programs. Finally, Rubino did not identify any audit findings required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a) and did not report any Federal award findings and questioned costs.

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 oignotice_ndaa5274@usaid.gov.