



*Office of Inspector General*

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 17, 2019

**TO:** USAID/West Bank and Gaza Mission Director, Monica Stein-Olson

**FROM:** USAID OIG Middle East and Eastern Europe (ME/EE) Regional Office, USDH NFA Coordinator, Abdoulaye Gueye /s/

**SUBJECT:** Compliance Closeout Examination of Saqqa and Khoudary, Ramallah – Rafat (South Entrance) Road, Task Order 294-TO-15-00011, Local Construction Program in West Bank and Gaza, Indefinite Quantity Contract 294-I-13-00002, September 29, 2015, to July 4, 2016 (8-294-19-010-O)

This memorandum transmits the final report of the compliance closeout examination of Saqqa and Khoudary, Ramallah – Rafat (South Entrance) Road, task order 294-TO-15-00011, Local Construction Program in West Bank and Gaza, indefinite quantity contract 294-I-13-00002, September 29, 2015, to July 4, 2016. USAID West Bank and Gaza contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Deloitte & Touche (M.E.) to conduct the engagement.

The audit firm states that it performed its engagement in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, except for not participating in an external quality control review program. The audit firm explained that West Bank & Gaza does not offer such a review program.

The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed auditor's report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on the auditee's effectiveness of its internal controls, or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.<sup>1</sup>

The examination objectives were mainly to: (1) express an opinion on the contractor's compliance with the contract's terms and conditions; (2) provide reasonable assurance of detecting fraud, illegal acts, or violations of provisions of the subcontract, and (3) evaluate the contractor's internal controls over compliance. The examination objectives also included

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<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.

testing the contractor's compliance with Executive Order 13224 – Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism. To answer the examination objectives, the auditors performed the subject examination engagement that covered the period from September 29, 2015, to July 4, 2016.

The auditors did not identify any material internal control weaknesses, or any material instances of noncompliance with the contract terms, conditions, and applicable laws and regulations. The auditors also did not identify any material instances of noncompliance with Executive Order 13224.

The report does not contain any recommendations.

We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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Enclosed: a/s