



*Office of Inspector General*

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 14, 2019

**TO:** USAID/Bosnia and Herzegovina Mission Director, Peter Duffy

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

**SUBJECT:** Cost Representation Statement Audit of Incurred Costs by Finit Consulting d.o.o., Fiscal Sector Reform Activity in Bosnia and Herzegovina Project, Contract AID-168-C-14-00001, January 1 to December 31, 2015 (8-168-19-034-R)

This memorandum transmits the final report of the cost representation statement audit of incurred costs by Finit Consulting d.o.o., Fiscal Sector Reform Activity in Bosnia and Herzegovina project, contract AID-168-C-14-00001, from January 1 to December 31, 2015. The auditee contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm KPMG B-H d.o.o. za reviziju to conduct the audit.

The audit firm states that it performed its audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, except for not participating in an external quality control review program, and not having a continuing education program that fully satisfy the standards' requirements. The audit firm explained that Bosnia and Herzegovina does not offer such a review program. With respect to the continuing education program, the audit firm says that they could not satisfy the standards' requirements because they could not fully obtain the U.S. Government auditing related hours. 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 cost representation statement; the effectiveness of its internal controls; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.<sup>1</sup>

The audit objectives were mainly to: (1) express an opinion on whether the cost representation statement for the period audited was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate the

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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.

auditee's internal controls; and (3) determine whether the auditee complied with the award terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit that covered \$593,172, for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2015.

The auditors expressed an unmodified opinion on the fund accountability statement and did not identify any questioned costs. The audit firm 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 report does not contain any recommendations for your action.

We appreciate the assistance extended to the audit staff during the engagement.

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