



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 27, 2019

TO: USAID/West Bank and Gaza Acting Mission Director, Dana Rose

FROM: USAID OIG Middle East and Eastern Europe (ME/EE) Regional Office, Audit Director, David Thomanek /s/

SUBJECT: Closeout Examination of Saqa Skills and Quality Construction Company Ltd's Compliance With Terms and Conditions of Multiple Sub-contracts Under Palestinian Community Infrastructure Development Program in West Bank and Gaza, Agreement AID-294-A-13-00005-00, managed by American Near East Refugee Aid, September 13, 2017 to January 20, 2019 (8-294-19-035-O)

This memorandum transmits the final attestation report on closeout examination of Saqa Skills and Quality Construction Company's compliance with terms and conditions of sub-contracts CD3-WS-GS-073 and CD3-WS-GS-074 issued under Palestinian Community Infrastructure Development Program. American Near East Refugee Aid contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm El Wafa Company to conduct the examination.

The audit firm stated that it performed its examination 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 and Gaza does not offer such a review program.

The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on Saqa Skills and Quality Construction Company's effectiveness of internal control; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations

The audit objectives were to (1) express an opinion on the contractor's compliance with the sub-contract's terms and conditions, including testing the contractor's compliance with Executive Order 13224 – Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism; and (2) provide reasonable assurance of detecting fraud, illegal acts, or violations of provisions of the sub-contract To answer the examination objectives, the audit firm tested compliance with the terms of the contracts and applicable laws, and examined related supporting documentation. The examination covered the period from September 13, 2017 to

January 20, 2019.

The audit firm did not identify any material weaknesses or instances of material noncompliance. The auditors also did not identify any material instances of noncompliance with Executive Order 13224.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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