

## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** December 23, 2019

TO: USAID/West Bank and Gaza Acting Mission Director, Courtney Chubb

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

Director, David Thomanek /s/

**SUBJECT:** Closeout Audit of the Cost Representation Statement of Chemonics International

Inc., Enhanced Palestinian Justice Program in West Bank and Gaza, Contract 294-C-

13-00006, January 1 to September 29, 2018 (8-294-20-028-R)

This memorandum transmits the final report of the closeout audit of the cost representation statement of Chemonics International Inc., Enhanced Palestinian Justice Program, Contract 294-C-13-00006, from January I to September 29, 2018. The auditee contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm El Wafa Company to conduct the audit. The audit firm states that it performed its audit in accordance with the U.S. Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. However, it did not have an external quality control review program that fully satisfies the standards' requirements. The audit firm explained that West Bank and 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 fund accountability statement; the effectiveness of it's internal control; or it's compliance with the award, laws, and regulations

The audit objectives were to (I) express an opinion on whether the fund accountability statement for the period audited was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate the auditee's internal controls; (3) determine whether the auditee complied with the award terms and applicable laws and regulations, including testing the auditee's compliance with executive order 13224 – Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit that covered \$1,428,805 from January 1, 2018 to September 29, 2018.

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 weaknesses in internal

control, or any material instances of noncompliance with the agreement 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 include any recommendations for your action.

We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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