



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 13, 2020

TO: Acting Supervisory Auditor, M/OAA/CAS/CAM, Eleanor C. Jefferson

FROM: Director of External Financial Audit Division, David A. McNeil/s/

SUBJECT: Audit of Making Cents International, Inc.'s Certified Final Indirect Cost Rate Proposals and Related Books and Records for Reimbursement for Fiscal Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2016 (3-000-20-017-1)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the performance audit of Making Cents International, Inc.'s (MCI) indirect cost rate proposals for the fiscal years (FY) ended December 31, 2015, and 2016. The U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) Office of Acquisition and Assistance, Cost, Audit and Support Division contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm, Booth Management Consulting, LLC (BMC) to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it conducted its audit in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to the attestation engagement contained in generally accepted government auditing standards. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on the allowability, allocability, and reasonableness of the direct and indirect costs claimed in the certified final indirect cost rate proposals submitted by MCI¹.

The audit objectives were to: (1) express an opinion on the allowability, allocability, and reasonableness of direct and indirect costs claimed and whether the data and records are free of material misstatement in the period audited; and (2) determine whether MCI's management

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.

complied with the provisions of awards' terms and the provisions of applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm evaluated the proposal using the applicable requirements contained in: Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), Agency for Internal Development Acquisition Regulations (AIDAR), Department of State Standard Travel Regulation (DSSR), contract/award Terms and 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 200, *Uniform Administration Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*. The audit firm examined \$4,613,764 of USAID's claimed costs for the FYs ended December 31, 2015 and 2016.

BMC concluded that MCI's claimed indirect rates and direct costs are acceptable as proposed. There were no questioned costs. The audit firm did not identify any findings.

We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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