



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 12, 2020

TO: USAID/Management/Office of Acquisition and Assistance/Cost Audit and Support Division, Acting Supervisory Auditor, Eleanor C. Jefferson

FROM: Director of External Financial Audits Division (IG/A/EFA), David A. McNeil /s/

SUBJECT: Examination of Costs Claimed by International Resources Group LTD for the Year Ended December 31, 2015 (3-000-20-040-1)

This memorandum transmits the final report on International Resources Group LTD's (IRG) on in-scope awards and subawards for the year ended December 31, 2015. The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Office of Acquisition and Assistance, Cost, Audit, and Support Division contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm of Kearney & Company, P.C (Kearney) in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in generally accepted government auditing standards. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on whether costs claimed by IRG on in-scope awards and subawards for the year ended December 31, 2015 are allowable, allocable and reasonable in accordance with award terms; Part 31 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR); Agency for International Development Acquisition Regulation (AIDAR); Department of State Standardized Regulation (DSSR); and 2 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, as applicable.¹

The examination's objective was to express an opinion on whether the costs claimed by IRG's on in-scope awards and subawards for the year ended December 31, 2015 are allowable, allocable, and reasonable in accordance with award terms; Part 31 of the FAR; AIDAR; DSSR; and 2 CFR 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, as applicable. To answer the examination's objective, Kearney & Company, P.C. designed its testing procedures to evaluate the internal control environment surrounding IRG's subcontract management process and to verify that IRG had adequate controls in place for monitoring subcontractor costs. Its examination included the reconciliation of the adjusted total

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.

costs booked to date and the cumulative amount billed, by award or subaward and reporting any over/under-billings. The audit firm examined USAID incurred costs of \$ 111,237,578.00 for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Kearney & Company, P.C. expressed a qualified opinion to state that costs claimed by IRG on in-scope awards and subawards for the year ended December 31, 2015 are allowable, allocable, and reasonable in accordance with award terms; Part 31 of the FAR; AIDAR; DSSR; and 2 CFR 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, as applicable. The auditor's opinion was qualified because Kearney could not quantify the impact of home office allocations on certain costs but determined the effect could be material. Kearney did not question any claimed direct costs or recommend any indirect cost rates be changed. Kearney & Company, P.C.'s examination did not disclose any findings that are required to be reported under government auditing standards.

We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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