



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 25, 2020

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

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

SUBJECT: Examination of Dalberg Consulting US LLC, Certified Final Indirect Cost Rate Proposals and Related Books and Records for Reimbursement for the Fiscal Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2016 (3-000-20-069-I)

This memorandum transmits the final report on Dalberg Consulting US LLC (Dalberg) on in-scope contracts and subcontracts for the fiscal years (FY) Ended December 31, 2015 and 2016. 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 Booth Management Consulting, LLC (BMC) who conducted the examination. The audit firm stated that it performed its examination 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 on in-scope contracts and subcontracts for FYs 2015 and 2016 are allowable, allocable and reasonable in accordance with contract 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 Regulations (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

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.

Dalberg's in-scope contracts and subcontracts for FYs 2015 and 2016 are allowable, allocable, and reasonable in accordance with contract 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, BMC designed its testing procedures to evaluate the internal control environment surrounding Dalberg's subcontract management process and to verify that Dalberg had adequate controls in place for monitoring subcontractor costs. Its examination included the reconciliation of the adjusted total costs booked to date and the cumulative amount billed, by contracts and subcontracts and reported any over/under-billings. The audit firm examined USAID incurred costs of \$2,189,061 for the FYs 2015 and 2016.

BMC expressed a qualified opinion that costs claimed by Dalberg on in-scope contracts and subcontracts for FYs 2015 and 2016 are allowable, allocable, and reasonable in accordance with contract 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 audit firm questioned USAID direct questioned costs of (\$1,905 unsupported). Since the questioned direct costs did not meet the OIG's established threshold of \$25,000 for making a recommendation, we are not making a recommendation. Nevertheless, we suggest USAID/Management/Office of Acquisition and Assistance, Cost Audit and Support Division determine the allowability of the \$1,905 in unsupported direct questioned costs. The audit firm did not identify any findings that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

We appreciate the assistance extended during the engagement.

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