



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 16, 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 Costs Claimed by Axios International, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2017 (3-000-21-007-1)

This memorandum transmits the final report on Axios International, Inc. (Axios) on in-scope contracts and subcontracts for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. 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 Booth Management Consulting, LLC to conduct 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 the costs claimed by Axios on in-scope contracts and subcontracts for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 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.<sup>1</sup>

The examination's objective was to express an opinion on whether the costs claimed by Axios on in-scope contracts and subcontracts for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 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*

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

*Requirements for Federal Awards*, as applicable. To answer the examination's objective, the audit firm designed its testing procedures to evaluate the internal control environment surrounding Axios' subcontract management process and to verify that Axios had adequate controls in place for monitoring subcontract costs. Its examination included performing a reconciliation between the adjusted total costs booked to date and the cumulative amount billed, by contract, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, and reporting any over/under-billings. The audit firm examined USAID incurred costs of \$865,870 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

The audit firm expressed an unqualified opinion that costs claimed by Axios on in-scope contracts and subcontracts for fiscal year 2017 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, in all material respects. The audit firm's examination did not disclose any findings that are required to be reported under generally accepted government auditing standards. The audit firm did not question any indirect or direct costs.

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