



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 15, 2021

**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:** Performance Audit Report on Nathan Associates, Inc.'s Accounting System Administration (3-000-21-013-1)

This memorandum transmits the final report on the performance audit of Nathan Associates, Inc.'s (Nathan) Accounting System Administration. 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) to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with 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 the adequacy of Nathan's accounting system, or its compliance with applicable Federal laws and regulations.<sup>1</sup>

The audit objectives were to evaluate whether Nathan established an adequate accounting system and whether the accounting system:

- Complies with applicable Federal laws and regulations,
- Ensures adequate segregation of cost billing and reporting purposes,
- Adequately accumulates, segregates, and identifies costs under U.S. Government awards, and
- Allows for the proper segregation between direct, indirect, and unallowable costs in compliance with applicable Government regulations.

To answer the audit objectives, BMC conducted its performance audit from August 2020 to September 2020 in Columbia, MD in the following three phases:

- I. Planning – Assessed the design of Nathan's policies and key internal controls relating to the accounting system administration criteria.

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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.

2. Internal Controls and Testing – Tested the implementation of Nathan’s policies and key internal controls.
3. Wrap-Up and Reporting – Concluded on the adequacy of the accounting system administration as a result of the audit procedures performed.

BMC concluded that Nathan’s accounting system administration is designed to adequately accumulate, segregate, and identify costs under U.S. Government awards, as well as allows for the proper differentiation between direct costs, indirect costs, and unallowable costs in compliance with applicable Government regulations.

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