



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 19, 2020

**TO:** USAID/West Bank and Gaza Acting Mission Director, Courtney Chubb

**FROM:** USAID OIG Middle East and Eastern Europe (ME/EE) Regional Office, USDH NFA Coordinator, John Vernon /s/

**SUBJECT:** Closeout Audit of the Fund Accountability Statement of Sustainable Engineering Solutions Company Under Multiple Awards in West Bank and Gaza, 2018-2019 (8-294-21-010-N)

This memorandum transmits the final closeout audit report of the fund accountability statement of Sustainable Engineering Solutions Company subawards under AECOM Technical Services, Inc.

<b>Award Name (Type)</b>	<b>Award Number</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Subimplementer</b>
USAID West Bank and Gaza Architecture and Engineering Services (task order)	AID-294-TO-17-00006	January 1, 2018 to May 30, 2019	Sustainable Engineering Solutions Company
USAID West Bank and Gaza Architecture and Engineering Services (task order)	AID-294-TO-16-00007	January 1, 2018 to September 29, 2019	Sustainable Engineering Solutions Company
USAID West Bank and Gaza Architecture and Engineering Services (task order)	AID-294-TO-16-00012	January 1, 2018 to September 29, 2019	Sustainable Engineering Solutions Company

USAID/West Bank and Gaza contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm Deloitte & Touche (M.E.) to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated that it performed its audit in accordance with the United States Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. However, it did not have an external quality control review because no such program is offered by professional organizations in West Bank and Gaza. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on Sustainable Engineering Solutions Company's fund accountability statement; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the awards, laws, and regulations.<sup>1</sup>

The audit objectives were mainly to (1) express an opinion on whether the fund accountability statement for the period audited was presented fairly in all material respects; (2) evaluate Sustainable Engineering Solutions Company's internal controls; and (3) determine whether Sustainable Engineering Solutions Company complied with the awards terms and applicable laws and regulations including testing the contractor's compliance with Executive Order 13224 – Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Person Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit the covered \$5,356,854 for the period from January 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019.

The audit firm concluded the fund accountability statement presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues and costs incurred under the awards for the period audited and did not identify any questioned costs. The audit firm did not identify any material internal control weaknesses or any material instances of noncompliance. The audit firm also did not identify any material instances of noncompliance with Executive Order 13224.

During our desk review, we noted minor issues which the audit firm will need to address in future audit reports. We presented these issues in a memo to the mission's controller dated January 19, 2021.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

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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.