



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 13, 2024

TO: Sheree F. Marshall
Supervisory Auditor
USAID/Management/Office of Acquisition and Assistance/Cost, Audit, and Support Division, Contract Audit Management Branch

FROM: David A. McNeil /s/
Director
External Financial Audits Division

SUBJECT: Single Audit of JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc., and Affiliates for the Year Ended September 30, 2021 (3-000-24-074-T)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report on the single audit of JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc., and Affiliates (JSI) for the Year Ended September 30, 2021. The audit report was obtained from the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. JSI contracted with the independent audit firm Grant Thornton LLP (Grant Thornton) to conduct the audit. Grant Thornton performed the Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards audit in accordance with U.S. Government accounting standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Grant Thornton is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on JSI's schedule of expenditures for Federal awards; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the awards, laws, and regulations.¹

Grant Thornton's audit objectives were to: (1) obtain reasonable assurance about whether JSI's consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; (2) obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirement described in the OMB Compliance Supplement for the period for the period ended September 30, 2021 occurred, whether due to fraud or error; and (3) to express an opinion on the entity's compliance based on the audit. To answer the audit objectives, Grant Thornton: (1) identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements; (2) performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions

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.

of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements; and (3) obtained an understanding of internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate. JSI's audited expenditures of Federal awards was \$119,630,250, of which the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) audited expenditures amounted to \$98,512,293.

Grant Thornton expressed an unmodified opinion on the financial statements and on compliance for major programs. Grant Thornton reported that it did not find any material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting, and internal control over major programs. Grant Thornton did not find any significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting and in internal control over major programs. Grant Thornton did not identify any audit findings required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a). Lastly, Grant Thornton did not identify any questioned costs.

OIG does not routinely distribute independent public accounting reports beyond the immediate addressees because a high percentage of these reports contain information restricted from release under the Trade Secrets Act, 18 U.S.C. 1905 and Freedom of Information Act Exemption Four, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) ("commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential"). In addition, USAID OIG has determined that this transmittal memo and the enclosed report are not subject to notification and reporting requirements under Section 5274 of the National Defense Authorization Act.²

² The James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 Pub. L. No. 117-263, § 5274. Please direct related inquiries to oignotice_ndaa5274@usaid.gov.