



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 26, 2024

TO: USAID/Jordan, Mission Director, Leslie Reed

FROM: Middle East and Eastern Europe Regional Office, Acting Assistant Audit Director, David Clark /s/

SUBJECT: Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of Engicon Co., Management Engineering Services Contract-Phase II Non-Revenue Water Project in Jordan, Contract 72027820C00002, January 1 to December 31, 2023 (8-278-25-003-N)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report of the schedule of expenditures of Engicon Co., Management Engineering Services Contract-Phase II Non-Revenue Water project in Jordan, contract 72027820C00002, from January 1 to December 31, 2023. USAID/Jordan contracted with the independent audit firm Ernst & Young Jordan to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated it performed its audit in accordance with U.S. Government Auditing Standards. However, it did not have an external quality control review program that fully satisfy the standards' requirements. The audit firm explained that professional organizations in Jordan do not offer such a quality control review program. The audit firm is responsible for the enclosed report and the conclusions expressed in it. We do not express an opinion on the auditee's schedule of expenditures of USAID's award; the effectiveness of its internal control; or its compliance with the award, laws, and regulations.¹

The audit objectives were to: (1) express an opinion on whether the schedule of expenditures of USAID's award for the period audited was presented fairly, in all material respects; (2) evaluate the auditee's internal controls; and (3) determine whether the auditee complied with the award's terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit that covered \$4,033,189, from January 1 to December 31, 2023.

The audit firm concluded that the schedule of expenditures of USAID's award presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues and costs incurred under the award for the period audited and did not identify any questioned costs. The audit firm did not identify any material

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.

internal control weaknesses or any material instances of noncompliance with the award's terms, conditions and applicable laws and regulations. The audit firm issued a management letter.

During our desk review, we noted several areas for improvement which the audit firm will need to address in future audit reports. We presented these deficiencies in a memo to the controller dated November 26, 2024.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

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 oinotice_ndaa5274@usaid.gov.