



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

U.S. Agency for International Development

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 25, 2025

TO: USAID/Serbia Mission Director, Brooke Isham

FROM: Middle East and Eastern Europe Regional Office, Audit Director, Louis Duncan, Jr.

SUBJECT: Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of Belgrade Open School, Multiple Awards in Serbia, January 1 to December 31, 2023 (8-169-25-016-R)

This memorandum transmits the final audit report of the schedule of expenditures of Belgrade Open School under the following awards:

Award Name (Type)	Award Number	Period	Subimplementer
Strategic Advocacy Approaches Activity Project (close out) (cooperative agreement)	72016919CA00001	Jan. 1-May 18, 2023	n/a
Together for the Environment Project (cooperative agreement)	72016922CA00005	Jan. 1- Dec. 31, 2023	n/a

Belgrade Open School contracted with the independent audit firm Crowe RS Advisory d.o.o. to conduct the audit. The audit firm stated it performed the audit in accordance with the U.S. Government Auditing Standards and USAID's Financial Audit Guide for Foreign Organizations. However, it did not have external quality control review or continuing professional education programs that fully satisfy the standards' requirements. The audit firm explained that Serbia does not offer such a 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 statement of expenditures, the effectiveness of its internal control, or its compliance with the awards, laws, and regulations.¹

The audit objectives were mainly to: (1) express an opinion on whether the schedule of expenditures for the period audited was presented fairly in all material respects; (2) evaluate

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.

the auditee's internal controls; and (3) determine whether the auditee complied with the awards' terms and applicable laws and regulations. To answer the audit objectives, the audit firm performed the subject financial audit that covered total expenditures of \$965,201 for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2023.

The audit firm concluded that the schedule of expenditures presented fairly, in all material respects, program revenues and costs incurred for the period audited. The audit firm did not identify any questioned costs. The auditors did not identify any material weaknesses in internal control or any material instances of noncompliance with the awards' terms and applicable laws and regulations. Further, the audit firm issued a management letter.

During our desk review, we noted 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 June, 25, 2025.

The report does not include any recommendations for your action.

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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.