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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

**TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WATERTOWN INDUSTRIAL CENTER
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Watertown Industrial Center Local Development Corporation (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 12, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Watertown Industrial Center Local Development Corporation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Watertown Industrial Center Local Development Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we consider to be a significant deficiency, 2022-1.

Compliance and Other Matters

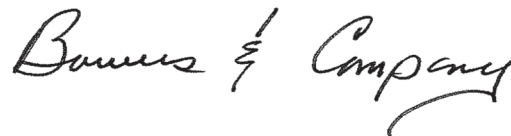
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Watertown Industrial Center Local Development Corporation's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Watertown Industrial Center Local Development Corporation's Response to Findings

Watertown Industrial Center Local Development Corporation's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of finding and responses. Watertown Industrial Center Local Development Corporation's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Watertown, New York
September 12, 2022

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

June 30, 2022

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Significant Deficiencies

2022 – 1 Segregation of Duties

Condition: Due to the small size of the entity there is limited segregation of duties. The Corporation's management consists of one person who is responsible for all accounting functions, including disbursements, payroll, accruals, and making all journal entries during the year.

Criteria: Segregation of duties is a primary internal control intended to prevent, or decrease the risk of, errors or irregularities; identify problems; and ensure that corrective action is taken. This is done by assuring that no single individual should have control over all phases of a transaction.

Effect: Limited internal control is a potential risk to physical assets and presents the risk for both intentional and unintentional errors to be made that go undetected.

Recommendation: The Board of Directors should be aware that this condition is a significant deficiency and will be in future years due to the small size of the Corporation.

Response: The Corporation recognizes that this is viewed as a significant deficiency; however, it is not financially feasible to hire additional staff to further separate accounting duties.