

## COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

February 2, 2022

The Board of Directors  
Town of Lockport Industrial Development Agency

We have audited the financial statements of Town of Lockport Industrial Development Agency (the Agency) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated February 2, 2022. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

### **Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit**

As communicated in our engagement letter dated January 17, 2022, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of its respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Agency solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible to communicate significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

We have provided our comments regarding control deficiencies and other matters noted during our audit in a separate letter to you.

### **Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit**

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you in the engagement letter.

### **Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence**

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, and our firm have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

## **Qualitative Aspects of the Agency's Significant Accounting Practices**

### *Significant Accounting Policies*

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Agency is included in Note 1 to the financial statements. There have been no initial selections of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during 2021. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

### *Significant Accounting Estimates*

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates, including the methods and lives used to depreciate capital assets, are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments.

Management's estimates of the above are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates above and determined that they are reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

### *Financial Statement Disclosures*

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most important disclosures affecting the financial statements include Note 3 – Capital Assets, Note 4 – Long-Term Debt, and Note 6 – Litigation. These disclosures reflect the Agency's office equipment and property available for sale, future debt obligations, and a liability accrued due to ongoing litigation. We evaluated all disclosures in relation to the financial statements as a whole and determined that they are reasonable.

## **Significant Difficulties Encountered During the Audit**

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

## **Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements**

For purposes of this communication, professional standards also require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole. Management has corrected all identified misstatements.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. None of the misstatements identified by us as a result of our audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

### **Disagreements with Management**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the Agency's financial statements or the auditors' report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

### **Circumstances that Affect the Form and Content of the Auditors' Report**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards require that we communicate any circumstances that affect the form and content of our auditors' report. There were no modifications to the audit opinion.

### **Representations Requested from Management**

We have requested certain written representations from management, which are included in the management representation letter dated February 2, 2022, consistent with the financial statement audit report date.

### **Management's Consultations with Other Accountants**


In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

### **Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues**

In the normal course of our professional association with the Agency, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, significant events or transactions that occurred during the year, business conditions affecting the Agency, and business plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the Agency's auditors.

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This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of the Agency. It is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lumsden & McCormick, LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.