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Honorable Mayor, City Council, Finance Committee, and Management City of Norman, Oklahoma Norman, Oklahoma

As part of our audit of the compliance of City of Norman, Oklahoma as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, we wish to communicate the following to you.

AUDIT SCOPE AND RESULTS

Auditor's Responsibility Under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America; the Standards Applicable to Financial Audits Contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, Issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)

An audit performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the Uniform Guidance is designed to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal award program occurred.

A compliance audit includes designing procedures to detect both intentional and unintentional material noncompliance. The auditor can obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about the entity's compliance because of factors such as the need for judgment, the use of sampling, the inherent limitations of internal control over compliance with applicable compliance requirements, and the fact that much of the evidence available to the auditor is persuasive rather than conclusive in nature. Our engagement does not include a detailed audit of every transaction. Our contract more specifically describes our responsibilities.

Refer to letter dated December 6, 2023 for communications as the result of the financial statement audit.

These standards require communication of significant matters related to a compliance audit that are relevant to the responsibilities of those charged with governance in overseeing the compliance audit process. Such matters are communicated in the remainder of this letter or have previously been communicated during other phases of the audit. The standards do not require the auditor to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to be communicated with those charged with governance.

An audit of compliance does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities. Our contract more specifically describes your responsibilities.

Significant Unusual Transactions

Significant unusual transactions represent significant transactions that are outside the normal course of business for the entity or that otherwise appear to be unusual due to their timing, size, or nature. We have identified the following transactions that we consider to be significant and unusual.

No matters are reportable.



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Other Material Communications

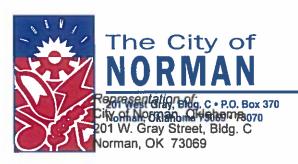
Listed below are other material communications between management and us related to the audit:

- Management representation letter (attached)
- We orally communicated to management deficiencies in internal control over compliance identified during our audit that are not considered material weaknesses or significant deficiencies.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Finance Committee, City Council, others within the entity, and federal agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

FORVIS, LLP

March 27, 2024



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The undersigned (We) are providing this letter in connection with FORVIS' audit of our compliance with requirements applicable to our major federal awards program as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Our representations are current and effective as of the date of FORVIS' report: March 27, 2024.

Our engagement with FORVIS is based on our contract for services dated: August 4, 2023.

Consideration of Material Matters

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

Confirmation of Matters Specific to the Subject Matter of FORVIS' Report

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following:

Broad Matters

- 1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of our contract, for compliance with requirements applicable to our major federal awards program.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 3. We have provided you with:
 - Access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the compliance requirements applicable to each of our major federal awards programs.
 - Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - d. All significant contracts and grants.
- 4. We have responded fully and truthfully to all your inquiries.

Government Auditing Standards

- 5. We acknowledge that we are responsible for compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements.
- 6. We have identified and disclosed to you all laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that have a direct and material effect on the determination of amounts in our financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
- 7. We have identified and disclosed to you any violations or possible violations of laws, regulations, including those pertaining to adopting, approving, and amending budgets, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for recognition and/or disclosure in the financial statements or for your reporting on noncompliance.
- 8. We have taken or will take timely and appropriate steps to remedy any fraud, abuse, illegal acts, or violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements that you or other auditors report.
- 9. We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- 10. We have identified to you any previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies related to the objectives of your audit and the corrective actions taken to address any significant findings and recommendations made in such audits, attestation engagements, or other studies.

Federal Awards Programs (Uniform Guidance)

- 11. We have identified in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards all assistance provided (either directly or passed through other entities) by federal agencies in the form of grants, contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property, cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, commodities, insurance, direct appropriations, or in any other form.
- 12. We have disclosed to you all contracts or other agreements with service organizations, and we have disclosed to you all communications from the service organizations relating to noncompliance at the service organizations.
- 13. We have reconciled the schedule of expenditures of federal awards to the financial statements.
- 14. Federal awards-related revenues and expenditures are fairly presented, both in form and content, in accordance with the applicable criteria in the entity's financial statements.
- 15. We have evaluated all recipient organizations that received federal funding and have correctly identified all subrecipients on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
- 16. We have identified the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement regarding activities allowed or unallowed; allowable costs/cost principles; cash management; eligibility; equipment and real property management; matching, level of effort, earmarking; period of performance of federal funds; procurement and suspension and debarment; program income; reporting; subrecipient monitoring; and special tests and provisions that are applicable to each of our federal awards programs. We have identified to you our interpretation of any applicable compliance requirements subject to varying interpretations.

- We are responsible for complying, and have complied, with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance).
- 18. We are responsible to understand and comply with the requirements of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards related to each of our federal awards programs and have disclosed to you any and all instances of noncompliance with those requirements occurring during the period of your audit or subsequent thereto to the date of this letter of which we are aware. Except for any instances of noncompliance we have disclosed to you, we believe the entity has complied with all applicable compliance requirements.
- 19. We are responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls over compliance that provide reasonable assurance we have administered each of our federal awards programs in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal awards.
- 20. We have made available to you all federal awards (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence or documentation relevant to each of our federal awards programs and to our compliance with applicable requirements of those programs.
- 21. The information presented in federal awards program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements is supported by the books and records from which our financial statements have been prepared.
- 22. The costs charged to federal awards are in accordance with applicable cost principles.
- 23. The reports provided to you related to federal awards programs are true copies of reports submitted or electronically transmitted to the federal awarding agency, the applicable payment system, or pass-through entity in the case of a subrecipient.
- Amounts claimed or used for matching were determined in accordance with the Uniform Guidance regarding cost principles.
- 25. We have monitored any subrecipients to determine that they have expended federal awards in accordance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subaward and have met the audit and other requirements of the Uniform Guidance.
- 26. We have taken appropriate corrective action on a timely basis after receipt of any subrecipient's auditor's report that identified findings and questioned costs pertaining to federal awards programs passed through to the subrecipient by us.
- We have considered the results of any subrecipient's audits received and made any necessary adjustments to our books and records.
- 28. We have disclosed to you any communications from federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities concerning possible noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements for each of our federal awards programs, including any communications received from the end of the period of your audit through the date of this letter.
- 29. We have identified to you any previous compliance audits, attestation engagements, and internal or external monitoring related to the objectives of your compliance audit, including findings received and corrective actions taken to address any significant findings and recommendations made in such audits, attestation engagements, or other monitoring.
- 30. The reporting package does not contain any protected personally identifiable information.

31. No changes have been made in internal control over compliance or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action we have taken regarding significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over compliance subsequent to the period covered by the auditor's report.

Litigation, Laws, Rulings, & Regulations

- 32. We have no knowledge of communications, other than those specifically disclosed, from regulatory agencies, governmental representatives, employees, or others concerning investigations or allegations of noncompliance with laws and regulations, deficiencies in financial reporting practices, or other matters that could have a material adverse effect on our compliance.
- 33. We have disclosed to you all known instances of violations or noncompliance or possible violations or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered.
- 34. There are no regulatory examinations currently in progress for which we have not received examination reports.

Nonattest Services

- 35. You have provided nonattest services, including the following, during the period of this engagement:
 - Preparing a draft of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
 - Completing the auditee portion of the Form SF-SAC (Data Collection Form) through the Federal Audit Clearinghouse.

36. With respect to these services:

- a. We have designated a qualified management-level individual to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the nonattest services.
- b. We have established and monitored the performance of the nonattest services to ensure they meet our objectives.
- c. We have made any and all decisions involving management functions with respect to the nonattest services and accept full responsibility for such decisions.
- d. We have evaluated the adequacy of the services performed and any findings that resulted.
- e. We have established and maintained internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.
- f. When we receive final deliverables from you, we will store those deliverables in information systems controlled by us. We have taken responsibility for maintaining internal control over these deliverables.

Supplementary Information

- 37. With regard to supplementary information:
 - We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria.

- b. We believe the supplementary information is fairly presented, both in form and content, in accordance with the applicable criteria.
- c. The methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information are unchanged from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.
- d. We believe the significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and/or presentation of the supplementary information are reasonable and appropriate.
- e. If the supplementary information is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date such information and the related auditor's report are issued.

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