

## Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits of the financial statements, we considered the Organization’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organizations’ internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organizations’ internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Organizations’ 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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We are required to communicate, in writing, to those charged with governance all material weaknesses and significant deficiencies that have been identified in the Organizations’ internal controls over financial reporting. The definitions of control deficiency, significant deficiency and material weakness follow:

Category	Definition
Deficiency in 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.
Significant Deficiency	A deficiency or 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.
Material Weakness	A deficiency or combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Organizations’ financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

***In conjunction with our audit of the financial statements, we noted no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies related to internal control over the Organizations’ financial statements.***