



March 29, 2021

Board of Directors  
Hamilton County Industrial Development Agency  
P.O. Box 205  
Lake Pleasant, New York 12108

Dear Members of the Board:

We are pleased to present this report related to our audit of the financial statements of the Hamilton County Industrial Development Agency (Agency) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020. This report summarizes certain matters required by professional standards to be communicated to you in your oversight responsibility for Agency's financial reporting process.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. It will be our pleasure to respond to any questions you have regarding this report. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to be of service to Agency.

Very truly yours,

BST & Co. CPAs, LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brendan K. Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline.

Brendan K. Kennedy, Partner

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## Hamilton County Industrial Development Agency

Communication With Those Charged With Governance  
Year Ended December 31, 2020

Generally accepted auditing standards (AU-C 260, *The Auditor's Communication with Those Charged with Governance*) require the auditor to promote effective two-way communication between the auditor and those charged with governance. Consistent with this requirement, the following summarizes our responsibilities regarding the financial statement audit, as well as observations arising from our audit that are significant and relevant to your responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process.

### **Our Responsibilities With Regard to the Financial Statement Audit**

Our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America have been described to you in our arrangement letter dated January 14, 2021. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities which are also described in that letter.

### **Overview of the Planned Scope and Timing of the Financial Statement Audit**

We have issued a separate communication regarding the planned scope and timing of our audit and have discussed with you our identification of and planned audit response to significant risks of material misstatement.

### **Accounting Policies and Practices**

#### **Preferability of Accounting Policies and Practices**

Under generally accepted accounting principles, in certain circumstances, management may select among alternative accounting practices. In our review, in such circumstances, management has selected the preferable accounting practice.

#### **Adoption of, or Change in, Accounting Policies**

Management has the ultimate responsibility for the appropriateness of the accounting policies used by the Agency. The Agency did not adopt any significant new accounting policies nor have there been any changes in existing significant accounting policies during the current period.

#### **Significant or Unusual Transactions**

We did not identify any significant or unusual transactions or significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

#### **Management's Judgments and Accounting Estimates**

Summary information about the process used by management in formulating particularly sensitive accounting estimates and about our conclusions regarding the reasonableness of those estimates is in the attached Exhibit A, Summary of Significant Accounting Estimates.

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## **Audit Adjustments**

Audit adjustments proposed by us and recorded by the Agency are shown on the attached Exhibit B, Summary of Recorded Audit Adjustments.

## **Uncorrected Misstatements**

We are not aware of any uncorrected misstatements other than misstatements that are clearly trivial.

## **Disagreements with Management**

We encountered no disagreements with management over the application of significant accounting principles, the basis for management's judgments on any significant matters, the scope of the audit, or significant disclosures to be included in the financial statements.

## **Consultations with Other Accountants**

We are not aware of any consultations management had with other accountants about accounting or auditing matters.

## **Significant Issues Discussed with Management**

No significant issues arising from the audit were discussed with or were the subject of correspondence with management.

## **Significant Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit**

We did not encounter any significant difficulties in dealing with management during the audit.

## **Significant Written Communications Between Management and Our Firm**

Copies of significant written communications between our firm and the management of the Agency, including the representation letter provided to us by management, are attached as Exhibit C.



## Hamilton County Industrial Development Agency

### Summary of Significant Accounting Estimates Year Ended December 31, 2020

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the preparation of financial statements and are based upon management's current judgment. The process used by management encompasses their knowledge and experience about past and current events and certain assumptions about future events. You may wish to monitor throughout the year the process used to determine and record these accounting estimates. The following describes the significant accounting estimates reflected in the Agency's December 31, 2020 financial statements:

Estimate	Accounting Policy	Estimation Process
<b>Property held for sale or development</b>	Property held for sale or development is stated at cost. When the acquisition cost of an individual asset is not specified, the group acquisition cost must be allocated to each asset on an appropriate basis.	The Agency estimated the market value of each individual asset included in property held for sale or development and allocated the cost basis proportionally.
<b>Reserve for uncollectable loans</b>	Loans balances determined to be uncollectible are reserved as an allowance.	Management performs a review of loan balances and prepares a specific item reserve based on their knowledge of the debtor and historical collectability.

We have evaluated management's significant accounting estimates noted above as part of our audit and concluded that management's estimates and the estimation process appear reasonable in the context of the financial statements taken as a whole.



## Hamilton County Industrial Development Agency

### Summary of Recorded Audit Adjustments Year Ended December 31, 2020

Description	Effect - Increase (Decrease)				
	Assets	Liabilities	Net Position	Revenue	Expense
Record 2020 entries not posted	\$ (102,313)	\$ (141,684)	\$ 39,522	\$ (151)	\$ -
Reverse uncollectible fees	(6,307)	-	-	(6,307)	-
Adjust deferred revenue on USDA loans	-	(8,459)	-	8,459	-
Correct reconciling items	<u>(828)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(828)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position Effect			<u>1,173</u>	<u>\$ 1,173</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Statement of Net Position Effect	<u>\$ (109,448)</u>	<u>\$ (150,143)</u>	<u>\$ 40,695</u>		



## Hamilton County Industrial Development Agency

Significant Written Communications  
Between Management and our Firm  
Year Ended December 31, 2020

Representation Letter



INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
OF

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March 29, 2021

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the Hamilton County Industrial Development Agency, New York (Agency) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, for the purpose of expressing an opinion on whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief that as of March 29, 2021:

Financial Statements

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit arrangement letter dated  
2.  
January 14, 2021, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements referred to above in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
2. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
3. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.

4. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable and reflect our judgment based on our knowledge and experience about past and current events, and our assumptions about conditions we expect to exist and courses of action we expect to take.
5. Related-party transactions, including those with other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Agency are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete, and interfund transactions, including interfund accounts and advances receivable and payable, sale and purchase transactions, interfund transfers, long-term loans, leasing arrangements and guarantees, have been recorded in accordance with the economic substance of the transaction and appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
6. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements, and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure, have been adjusted or disclosed.
7. The effects of all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
8. We have no direct or indirect, legal or moral, obligation for any debt of any organization, public or private, that is not disclosed in the financial statements.
9. We have complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance. In connection therewith, we specifically represent that we are responsible for determining that we are not subject to the requirements of the Single Audit Act because we have not received, expended, or otherwise been the beneficiary of the required amount of federal awards during the period of this audit.
10. We have not completed the process of evaluating the effect that will result from adopting the guidance in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Accounting Standards discussed in Note 5. The Agency is therefore unable to disclose the effect that adopting the guidance in GASB Accounting Standards will have on its financial position and the results of operations when such guidance is adopted.
11. We have no knowledge of any uncorrected misstatements in the financial statements.

*Information Provided*

12. We have provided you with:
  - a. Access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements such as records, documentation and other matters;
  - b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit;
  - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence; and
  - d. Minutes of the meetings of the governing board and committees, or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
13. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.



14. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
15. We have no knowledge of allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity's financial statements involving:
  - a. Management.
  - b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control.
  - c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
16. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity's financial statements received in communications from employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, short sellers or others.
17. We have no knowledge of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects were considered when preparing financial statements.
18. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements, and we have not consulted legal counsel concerning litigation or claims.
19. We have disclosed to you the identity of the entity's related parties and all the related-party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
20. We are aware of no significant deficiencies, including material weaknesses, in the design or operation of internal controls that could adversely affect the Agency's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data.
21. We are aware of no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
22. During the course of your audit, you may have accumulated records containing data that should be reflected in our books and records. All such data have been so reflected. Accordingly, copies of such records in your possession are no longer needed by us.

*Compliance Considerations*

23. In connection with your audit conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we confirm that management:
  - a. Is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.
  - b. Is responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to the Agency.
  - c. Has identified and disclosed to you all instances that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws and regulations that have a material effect on the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance.

- d. Has identified and disclosed to you all instances that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, of noncompliance with provisions of contracts and grant agreements that have a material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts.
- e. Has identified and disclosed to you all instances that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, of abuse that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statements.
- f. Is responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- g. Acknowledges its responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls to prevent and detect fraud.
- h. Has taken timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud; noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements; or abuse that you report.
- i. Has a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- j. Has identified for you previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- k. Has provided views on your reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as management's planned corrective actions, for the report.
- l. Acknowledges its responsibilities as they relate to non-audit services performed by the auditor, including a statement that it assumes all management responsibilities; that it oversees the services by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge or experience; that it evaluates the adequacy and results of the services performed; and that it accepts responsibility for the results of the services.

Very truly yours,

HAMILTON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

  
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Christy Wilt, Executive Director