

To the Board Members of the Port of Oswego Authority

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Port of Oswego Authority for the year ended March 31, 2023, we considered the Port's internal control to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control.

However, during our audit we became aware of certain matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The following summarizes our comment and recommendation regarding the matter:

## **Condition: Immaterial Non-Compliance with Regulatory Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)**

On December 26, 2014 the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, more commonly referred to as the "Uniform Guidance," became effective for all Federal awards, whether the funds are provided directly from a Federal agency or passed-through another state or local agency.

The Port currently has effective procedural controls in place over the management of Federal Award Programs. Key changes under the Uniform Guidance expand the rules regarding internal controls over Federal Awards to require that they be documented in writing in the Port's policies and that management should evaluate and document the results of ongoing monitoring to identify internal control issues. The written internal controls should specifically address each of the applicable 12 compliance requirements of the Federal Award Programs.

## Recommendation

The Port should document in writing internal controls over federal awards. We understand that it will take time and resources for the Port to become fully compliant with the new regulatory requirements and we recommend that the Port continue to make the procedural changes deemed necessary in order to fully adopt the applicable provisions under the Uniform Guidance.

We appreciate the opportunity to conduct the audit and would like to express our thanks to the staff for the fine cooperation extended to us during the course of the audit.

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Syracuse, New York June 26, 2023