Independent Accountant's Report on the Alternative CSLFRF Compliance Examination Engagement

County of Lincoln, Maine

December 31, 2023



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ALTERNATIVE CSLFRF COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION ENGAGEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, MAINE

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners County of Lincoln, Maine Wiscasset, Maine

We have examined the County of Lincoln, Maine's compliance with the compliance requirements "activities allowed or unallowed" and "allowable cost/cost principles" (the specified requirements) as described in Part IV "Requirements for an Alternative Compliance Examination Engagement for Recipients That Would Otherwise be Required to Undergo a Single Audit or Program-Specific Audit as a Result of Receiving Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds" of the CSLFRF section of the 2023 OMB Compliance Supplement (referred to herein as "Requirements for an Alternative CSLFRF Compliance Examination Engagement") during the year ended December 31, 2023. Management of the County of Lincoln, Maine is responsible for the County of Lincoln, Maine's compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the County of Lincoln, Maine's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the AICPA; the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and in the "Requirements for an Alternative CSLFRF Compliance Examination Engagement". Those standards and requirements require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the County of Lincoln, Maine's complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the County of Lincoln, Maine's complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the County of Lincoln, Maine's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the County of Lincoln, Maine's complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above during the year ended December 31, 2023.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we are required to report all deficiencies that are considered to be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control; fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements that have a material effect on the County of Lincoln, Maine's compliance with the specified requirements and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance. We are also required to obtain and report the views of responsible officials concerning the findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as any planned corrective actions. We performed our examination to express an opinion on the County of Lincoln, Maine's compliance with the specified requirements and not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the internal control over the specified requirements or on compliance and other matters; accordingly, we express no such opinions. The results of our tests disclosed no matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Intended Purpose

The purpose of this examination report is solely to express an opinion on whether the County of Lincoln, Maine complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above during the year ended December 31, 2023. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Buxton, Maine

June 17, 2024