Sullivan County Infrastructure Local Development Corporation Report to the Board of Directors December 31, 2019



LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS

April 13, 2020

Board of Directors Sullivan County Infrastructure Local Development Corporation 548 Broadway Monticello, NY 12701

Attention: Board of Directors

We are pleased to present this report related to our audit of the financial statements of Sullivan County Infrastructure Local Development Corporation (the "Corporation") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019. This report summarizes certain matters required by professional standards to be communicated to you in your oversight responsibility for Corporation'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 about this report. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to be of service to the Corporation.

Sincerely, RBT (CPAS, LLP



Thomas P. Kennedy, CPA Partner

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# **Required Communications**

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.

Area	Comments						
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 2, 2020. 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 dated January 2, 2020 regarding the planned scope and timing of our audit and identified significant risks.						
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 view, 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 Corporation. The Corporation 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 Summary of Significant Accounting Estimates.						
Basis of Accounting	The financial statements were prepared on the assumption that the Corporation will continue as a going concern.						
Audit Adjustments	Audit adjustments, other than those that are clearly trivial, proposed by us and recorded by the Corporation are shown in the attached 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.						
<b>Consultations With Other Accountants</b>	We are not aware of any consultations management had with other accountants about accounting or auditing matters.						

Area	Comments				
Significant Issues Discussed With Management	No significant issues arising from the audit were discussed or 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.				
Letter Communicating Management Suggestions	We have separately communicated the management suggestions ov financial reporting identified during our audit of the financi statements, and this communication is attached as Exhibit A.				
Significant Written Communications Between Management and Our Firm	Copies of significant written communications between our firm the management of the Corporation, including the representa letter provided to us by management, are attached as Exhibit B.				

# Summary of Recorded Audit Adjustments

	 Net Effect-Increase (Decrease)								
Description	Assets		Liabilities		Equity		Revenue		Expense
Income Statement Effect						\$	(16,111)	\$	8,977,952
Balance Sheet Effect	\$ (14,149,199)	\$	(5,732,028)	\$	(8,417,171)	_			

The amounts above reflect the net increases/(decreases) to the indicated account classes as a result of 13 entries proposed during our audit procedures. Equity decreased overall by \$8,417,171 as a result of revenues decreasing by \$16,111 and expenses increasing by \$8,977,952 and recording a prior period adjustment of \$576,892. Assets decreased by \$14,149,199 and liabilities decreased by \$5,732,028, correspondingly resulting in the \$8,417,171 decrease in equity. These entries have been reviewed and accepted by Jennifer Flad, Executive Director.

**Exhibit A - Letter Communicating Management Suggestions** 



## LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS

April 13, 2020

Board of Directors Sullivan County Infrastructure Local Development Corporation 548 Broadway Monticello, NY 12701

This letter includes comments and suggestions with respect to matters that came to our attention in connection with our audit of the financial statements of Sullivan County Infrastructure Local Development Corporation (the "Corporation") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019. These items are offered as constructive suggestions to be considered part of the ongoing process of modifying and improving the Corporation's practices and procedures.

## We consider the following to be management suggestions:

## Information Technlogy

RBT noted that the passwords for QuickBooks and computers are not updated regularly. RBT recommends that the Corporation look into a password feature for bank accounts and QuickBooks, and update their passwords every 90 days.

## Accounts Payable

During inquiries and testing, RBT noted that the Corporation does not completely use the Accounts Payable module. RBT recommends that the Corporation record invoices received in the subsequent year for current year purchases through the Accounts Payable module.

## Capitalization

The Corporation has not adopted a capitalization policy and does not maintain a fixed asset schedule. RBT recommends that the Board adopt a capitalization policy and maintain a fixed asset schedule, calculate depreciation expense, and record fixed asset additions and depreciation expense into QuickBooks on an annual basis.

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Sincerely, RBT CPAs, LLP

Thomas P. Kennedy, CPA Partner

**Exhibit B - Significant Written Communications Between Management and Our Firm** 

# The Sullivan County Infrastructure Local Development Corporation

548 Broadway Monticello, New York 12701

April 13, 2020

RBT, CPAs, LLP 11 Racquet Road Newburgh, NY, 12550

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the basic financial statements of The Sullivan County Infrastructure Local Development Corporation (the "Corporation"), a component unit of Sullivan County, New York, as of December 31, 2019, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to 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, as of April 13, 2020, the following representations made to you during your audit.

## Financial Statements

- 1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit arrangement letter dated January 2, 2020, 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 relationships and transactions have been 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. There are no other material liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by the Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) subtopic 450-20 and/or GASB Statement No.10.

- 9. There are no un-asserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised us are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) subtopic 450-20 and/or GASB Statement No.10.
- 10. 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 statement.
- 11. To the best of our knowledge we have satisfactory title to all owned assets.
- 12. 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.
- 13. Net positions and fund balances are properly classified and, when applicable, approved.
- 14. Capital assets, including infrastructure assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and depreciated.
- 15. We have no knowledge of any uncorrected misstatements in the financial statements.

## Information Provided

- 16. 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 Corporation from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - 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.
- 17. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 18. 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.
- 19. We have no knowledge of allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the Corporation's financial statements involving:
  - a. Management.
  - b. Employees who have significant roles in the internal control.
  - c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 20. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Corporation's financial statements received in communications from employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, short sellers, or others.

- 21. We have no knowledge of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 22. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
- 23. We have disclosed to you the identity of the Corporation's related parties and all the related-party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- 24. We are aware of no significant deficiencies, including material weaknesses, in the design or operation of internal controls that could adversely affect the Corporation's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data.
- 25. We are aware of no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
- 26. 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.

## Supplementary Information

- 27. With respect to supplementary information presented in relation to the financial statements as a whole:
  - a. We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of such information.
  - b. We believe such information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
  - c. The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.
- 28. With respect to the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), Schedule of Indebtedness, and Schedule of Supplementary Information presented as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board to supplement the basic financial statements,:
  - a. We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of such required supplementary information.
  - b. We believe that such required supplementary information is measured and presented in accordance with guidelines prescribed by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
  - c. The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.

## Compliance Considerations

In connection with your audit, conducted in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we confirm that management:

- 29. Is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.
- 30. Is responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to the Corporation.

- 31. Has identified and disclosed to the auditor any instances, which have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws and regulations that would 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.
- 32. Has identified and disclosed to the auditor any instances that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, of noncompliance with provisions of contracts and grant agreements that have material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts.
- 33. Has identified and disclosed to the auditor any instances that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, of abuse that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statements.
- 34. 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.
- 35. Acknowledges its responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls to prevent and detect fraud.
- 36. Has taken timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud; noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements; or abuse that the auditor reports.
- 37. Has a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- 38. Has identified for the auditor previous audits, attestation engagements and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- 39. Acknowledges its responsibilities as it relates 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.

Signed:

Ira Steingart, Chairman of the Board

Signed:

Jennifer Flad, Executive Director