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Ms. Joanne Brown  
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Dear Ms. Brown:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Port Authority of Guam (the Authority) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015 (on which we have issued our report dated January 29, 2016), in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, in connection with our audit, we identified, and included in the attached Appendix I, deficiencies related to the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and other matters as of September 30, 2015 that we wish to bring to your attention.

We have separately reported in a letter dated January 29, 2016 addressed to the Authority's Board of Directors, certain deficiencies involving the Authority's information technology environment.

We have also issued a separate report to the Board of Directors, also dated January 29, 2016, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters.

The definition of a deficiency is also set forth in the attached Appendix I.

A description of the responsibility of management for establishing and maintaining internal control over financial reporting and of the objectives of and inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, is set forth in the attached Appendix II and should be read in conjunction with this report.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Directors, others within the organization, the Office of Public Accountability - Guam and the Federal cognizant agency and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We will be pleased to discuss the attached comments with you and, if desired, to assist you in implementing any of the suggestions.

We wish to thank the staff and management of the Authority for their cooperation and assistance during the course of this engagement.

Very truly yours,

*Deloitte + Touche LLP*

**SECTION I – DEFICIENCIES**

We identified the following deficiencies involving the Authority's internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2015 that we wish to bring to your attention:

**1. Port Modernization Plan**

Comment: Pursuant to the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 and P.L. 110-417 Section 3512, the Authority entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Maritime Administration (MARAD), as the lead federal agency to implement and administer the Port of Guam Improvement Enterprise Program in accordance with the Port Master Plan Update 2007. Projects involved the facilitation of the modernization, expansion and transformation of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port. MARAD provided a dashboard project expenditure summary to the Authority in fiscal year 2015, which was used as the basis for recording \$48.2 million in noncash awards. However, the dashboard project expenditure summary does not indicate whether the Authority has any continuing compliance requirements for this federal award.

Recommendation: Management should continue to request the complete turnover documents from MARAD and confirm continuing compliance requirements, if any.

**2. Sales Invoices**

Comment:

Of seventy-five sales transactions tested, we noted the following:

- Invoice #210588  
Free time period for demurrage charge was understated resulting in an \$8 overstatement of revenue.
- Invoice #81822  
In relation to holiday differential, five stevedores were billed when six stevedores worked per operation report resulting in an under billing of \$160.
- Invoice#211818  
Delayed days for demurrage charge should be 11 days. However, 12 days were billed resulting in an \$8 overstatement of revenue.

Test of sales invoices also disclosed the following matters:

- Operation reports are not signed by the preparer and reviewer.
- Agent's name was not indicated in the "Authorized Print Name" stamped on the MCO report.
- The tariff code is not clear as to the applicable rate for transshipment of empty containers.

Recommendation: Invoice computations should be reviewed prior to being sent. Operation reports should be signed by the preparer and reviewer. Agent's name should be indicated in the MCO report. The demurrage rate for transshipped empty containers should be specified in the tariff code.

**SECTION I – DEFICIENCIES, CONTINUED**

3. Payroll

Comment: Regular hours for employee #1188 were understated. The error was identified by the reviewer and raised to the related department staff but was not timely addressed.

Recommendation: The Authority should ensure that timekeeping is properly performed and matters noted by the reviewer are addressed in a timely manner.

**SECTION II – OTHER MATTERS**

Other matters related to our observations concerning operations, compliance with laws and regulations, and best practices involving internal control over financial reporting that we wish to bring to your attention are as follows:

1. Management and Lease Agreements

Comment: An oil company stopped billing management fees related to barrels imported, exported or bunkered in previous years. However, the Authority continues to accrue fees totaling \$108,661 as of September 30, 2015.

The Authority has not finalized two lease agreements under negotiation since 2010 and 2012.

Prior Year Status: This comment is reiterative of conditions identified in our prior year audit of the Authority.

Recommendation: The Authority should clarify terms of the oil company management agreement. The Authority should finalize the two lease agreements.

2. Interest Capitalization for Qualifying Assets

Comment: The Authority does not capitalize interest for qualifying non-federal capital assets undergoing activities to prepare them for usage (construction in progress).

Prior Year Status: This comment is reiterative of conditions identified in our prior year audit of the Authority.

Recommendation: Interest should be capitalized for assets constructed by the Authority which require time to get them ready for their intended use. The amount capitalized shall be determined by applying an effective interest rate to the average amount of accumulated expenditures for the asset during the period of construction. Construction in progress financed by grants is not eligible for interest capitalization.

**SECTION II – OTHER MATTERS, CONTINUED**

3. Accuracy of Weight for Bulk/Breakbulk Cargo

Comment: The Authority relies on bulk/breakbulk cargo manifests to determine the weight of goods received which is the basis for charging wharfage.

Prior Year Status: This comment is reiterative of conditions identified in our prior year audit of the Authority.

Recommendation: The Authority may consider performing periodic actual weigh-in of bulk/break bulk cargo to verify that wharfage fees are accurately charged.

4. Written Accounting Policy or Manual

Comment: Various accounting processes and procedures are not documented in writing.

Prior Year Status: This comment is reiterative of conditions identified in our prior year audit of the Authority.

Recommendation: We recommend the Authority develop an accounting policy/manual.

5. Management Agreement with Mobil

Comment:

The Authority has an agreement with Mobil in March 1990 as the exclusive operator of golf pier, pipelines and tank farm (facilities). The agreement states that Mobil should at all times be cognizant of and observe all federal and Territorial laws and regulations applicable to the operation of the facilities. Mobil did not appear to comply with Guam procurement rules for the bollard replacement project.

Recommendation: The Authority should enforce terms and conditions of the management agreement.

**SECTION III – DEFINITIONS**

The definition of a deficiency is as follows:

A *deficiency* in internal control over financial reporting 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. A deficiency in design exists when (a) a control necessary to meet the control objective is missing or (b) an existing control is not properly designed so that, even if the control operates as designed, the control objective would not be met. A deficiency in operation exists when (a) a properly designed control does not operate as designed, or (b) the person performing the control does not possess the necessary authority or competence to perform the control effectively.

## **MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR, AND THE OBJECTIVES AND LIMITATIONS OF, INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

The following comments concerning management's responsibility for internal control over financial reporting and the objectives and inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting are adapted from auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Management's Responsibility**

The Authority's management is responsible for the overall accuracy of the financial statements and their conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. In this regard, management is also responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting.

### **Objectives of Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

Internal control over financial reporting is a process affected by those charged with governance, management, and other personnel and designed to provide reasonable assurance about the achievement of the entity's objectives with regard to reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Internal control over the safeguarding of assets against unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition may include controls related to financial reporting and operations objectives. Generally, controls that are relevant to an audit of financial statements are those that pertain to the entity's objective of reliable financial reporting (i.e., the preparation of reliable financial statements that are fairly presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles).

### **Inherent Limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.