



OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Bainbridge Township – City of Solon Joint Economic Development District
Cuyahoga County
34200 Bainbridge Road
Solon, Ohio 44139

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Bainbridge Township – City of Solon Joint Economic Development District's (the District) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the District. The District is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the District.

The Board of Trustees and the management of the District have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing assistance in the evaluation of the District's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. No other party acknowledged the appropriateness of the procedures. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of the report and may not meet the needs of all users of the report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

For the purposes of performing these procedures, this report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

Cash

1. The City of Solon (the City) and Bainbridge Township (the Township) are custodians for the District's deposits, and therefore share in the holding of the District's assets. We compared the City's portion of the District's fund balance reported on its December 31, 2023 JEDD Financial Report to the balance reporting in the City's accounting records. The amount agreed. We confirmed the bank balances of accounts held by the Township and compared to the Township's portion of the District's fund balance reported on its December 31, 2023 JEDD Financial Report. The amounts agreed.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2022 beginning fund balance for the District recorded in the JEDD Financial Report to the December 31, 2021 balances in the documentation in the prior Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2023 beginning fund balance for the District recorded in the JEDD Financial Report to the December 31, 2022 balances in the JEDD Financial Report. We found no exceptions.

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Income Tax Receipts

1. We obtained and inspected the amendment to the JEDD contract, observing the City is the Income Tax Administrator for the JEDD and is required to record the Township's portion of the income taxes collected in the JEDD Income Tax fund and the City's portion of the income taxes collected into the City's Capital Equipment fund. We found no exceptions.
2. We confirmed the income tax amounts paid from the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) to the District during 2023 and 2022. We found no exceptions.
3. We inspected the City's recording of JEDD income tax collections made by RITA during 2023 and 2022 to determine if:
 - a. these receipts were properly allocated by the City to the City's Capital Equipment and JEDD Income Tax funds. We found no exceptions.
 - b. the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
4. We agreed the total amount of JEDD income tax collections to the tax revenue amount reported on the JEDD financial statements as submitted in the Hinkle system. The amounts agreed.
5. As required by Section 16C of the JEDD contract, we inspected the City's Revenue Detail report for the JEDD Income Tax fund for 2023 and 2022 to confirm it included all required receipts from the City for subsequent disbursement to the Township. We found no exceptions.

Debt

1. The prior agreed-upon procedures documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2021.
2. We inquired of management and inspected the Financial Summary Report for evidence of debt issued during 2023 or 2022 or debt payment activity during 2023 or 2022. We identified no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2023 or 2022.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

We selected 10 disbursements from the Financial Summary Report for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 10 from the year ended December 31, 2022 and determined whether:

- a. The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions.
- b. The check number, date, payee name and amount recorded on the canceled check agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the Financial Summary Report and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
- c. The payment was posted to a fund consistent with the restricted purpose for which the fund's cash can be used. We found no exceptions.

Compliance – Contract

We confirmed JEDD income taxes collected were disbursed 50% to the Township and 50% to the City as required by Section 16C of the JEDD Contract. We found no exceptions.

Sunshine Law Compliance

1. We obtained and inspected the District's Public Records Policy to determine the policy was in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(2) and 149.43(B)(7)(c) and did not limit the number of responses that may be made to a particular person, limit the number of responses during a specified period of time, or establish a fixed period of time before it will respond unless that period is less than eight hours. We found no exceptions.
2. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any completed public records requests during the engagement period.
3. We inquired whether the District had a records retention schedule and observed that it was readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2). We found no exceptions.
4. We inspected written evidence that the Public Records Policy was provided to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
5. We inspected the District's policy manual and determined the public records policy was included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
6. We observed that the District's poster describing their Public Records Policy was displayed conspicuously in all branches of the District as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
7. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
8. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any elected officials subject to the Public Records Training requirements during the engagement period as required by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(1) and 109.43(B).
9. We inspected the public notices for the public meetings held during the engagement period and determined the District notified the general public and news media of when and where meetings during the engagement period were to be held as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(F). We found no exceptions.
10. We inspected the minutes of public meetings during the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(C) and determined whether they were:
 - a. Prepared – a file is created following the date of the meeting
 - b. Filed – placed with similar documents in an organized manner
 - c. Maintained - retained, at a minimum, for the engagement period
 - d. Open to public inspection – available for public viewing or request.We found no exceptions.
11. We inspected the minutes from the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G) and determined the following:
 - a. Executive sessions were only held at regular or special meetings.
 - b. The purpose for the meetings and going into an executive session (when applicable) correlated with one of the matters listed in Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G).
 - c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.We found no exceptions.

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Other Compliance

Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 requires districts to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. This statute also permits the Auditor of State to extend the deadline for filing a financial report and establish terms and conditions for any such extension. Auditor of State established policies, regarding the filing of complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System. We confirmed the District filed their complete financial statements, as defined by AOS Bulletin 2015-007 and Auditor of State established policy within the allotted timeframe for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 in the Hinkle system. We found no exceptions.

We were engaged by the District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with the attestation standards established by the AICPA and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the District's receipts, disbursements, balances and compliance with certain laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the ethical requirements established by the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* related to our agreed upon procedures engagement.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

December 20, 2024

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP-CITY OF SOLON JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

CUYAHOGA COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



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