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To the Board of Directors of the Columbia County Industrial Development Agency

We have audited the financial statements of Columbia County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 and have issued our report thereon dated March 28, 2025. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit

As communicated in our engagement letter dated December 16, 2024, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of 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 entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of Columbia County Industrial Development Agency solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team and others in our firm, as appropriate have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

Non-attest services we performed included preparation of the Agency's financial statements and annual Form 1099s. F. Michael Tucker was the designated responsible management representative to oversee our non-attest services.

Significant Risk Identified

Management Override of Internal Controls

As a result of our audit procedures, we did not identify any control deficiencies related to the identified risk above.

Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. The signficant accounting policies used by Columbia County Industrial Development Agency are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during 2024. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards also require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole. Uncorrected misstatements or matters underlying those uncorrected misstatements could potentially cause future-period financial statements to be materially misstated, even though the uncorrected misstatements are immaterial to the financial statements currently under audit. There were no uncorrected misstatements identified during the audit.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. There were no material, corrected misstatements identified during the audit.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to Columbia County Industrial Development Agency's financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Representations Requested from Management

We have requested certain written representations from management in a separate letter dated March 28, 2025.

Management's Consultations with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

Other Significant Matters, Findings or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with Columbia County Industrial Development Agency, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the entity, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as Columbia County Industrial Development Agency's auditors.

Going Concern Considerations

We believe that the following events or conditions identified during the course of the audit raise a question as to the Agency's ability to continue as a going concern:

• As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Agency has operated with expenditures in excess of revenues during prior years. The Agency has limited unrestricted cash to utilize in the future if the Agency fails to generate revenue to offset its current period expenditures. If the Agency fails to generate revenue in the future in part by the support of related parties, it will either need to curtail operations and/or seek additional sources of cash flow, the outcome of which is currently uncertain. We did not modify our opinion with respect to this matter.

This report is intended solely for the use of the board of directors and management of Columbia County Industrial Development Agency and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

