

**NORTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED
WITH GOVERNANCE
AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AUDIT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

May 12, 2023

To the Board of Directors of the
Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
Dayville, Connecticut

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (the Council) for the year ended June 30, 2022. In addition, we have audited the Council's schedule of indirect costs and overhead rate calculation as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the schedule. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Council are described in Note 1 to the financial statements and in Note 1 to the schedule of indirect costs and overhead rate calculation. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during year ended June 30, 2022. We noted no transactions entered into by the Council during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements and in the schedule of indirect costs and overhead calculation in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the Council's financial statements was management's estimate of depreciation and amortization, which is based on estimated useful lives of its capital assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate for depreciation and amortization in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures and the disclosures on the schedule of indirect costs and overhead rate calculation are considered to be neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements, the schedule of indirect costs and overhead rate calculation, or the auditor's reports. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audits.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated May 12, 2023.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Council's financial statements, the schedule of indirect costs and overhead rate calculation, or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Council's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the Financial Summary for the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management of the Council and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,



Certified Public Accountants
Glastonbury, Connecticut
May 12, 2023