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#### **BASIC AUDIT REPORT**

Jackson-Canton Joint Economic Development District Stark County 424 Market Ave, North 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Canton, Ohio 44702

We have completed certain procedures in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.01(G) to the accounting records and related documents of the Jackson-Canton Joint Economic Development District, Stark County, (the JEDD) for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Our procedures were designed solely to satisfy the audit requirements of Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.11(A). Because our procedures were not designed to opine on the JEDD's financial statements, we did not follow *generally accepted auditing standards*. We do not provide any assurance on the JEDD's financial statements, transactions or balances for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

The JEDD's management is responsible for preparing and maintaining its accounting records and related documents. Our responsibility under Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.11(A) is to examine, analyze and inspect these records and documents.

Based on the results of our procedures, we found the following significant compliance or accounting issues to report.

## **Current Year Observations**

Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2) provides that every public office must have a policy in place for responding to public records requests. Generally, a public records policy cannot: (1) limit the number of public records the office will make available to a single person; (2) limit the number of public records the office will make available during a fixed period of time; and (3) establish a fixed period of time before the office will respond to a request for inspection/copying of public records unless that period is less than eight hours. However, pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(7)(c), the policy may limit the number of public records the public office will physically deliver by U.S. Mail or other delivery service to ten per month unless the person certifies to the office in writing that the person does not intend to use or forward the requested records, or the information contained in them, for commercial purposes. "Commercial" is narrowly construed and does not include reporting or gathering news, reporting or gathering information to assist citizen oversight or understanding of the operation or activities of government, or nonprofit educational research.

The JEDD has no formal written policy that would demonstrate compliance with the Ohio Revised Code.

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## **Current Status of Matters Reported in our Prior Engagement**

Our prior basic audit report for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 included a comment regarding the timely submission of the 2017 financial statement. The JEDD submitted both the 2020 and 2019 financial statements timely for the current audit period.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

September 30, 2021



# JACKSON-CANTON JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT STARK 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.



Certified for Release 10/14/2021

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