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## BASIC AUDIT REPORT

Hubbard Township – City of Hubbard Joint Economic Development District  
Trumbull County  
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We have completed certain procedures in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.01(G) to the accounting records and related documents of the Hubbard Township – City of Hubbard Joint Economic Development District, Trumbull County, (the JEDD) for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

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, 2022 and 2021.

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 issues to report.

### Current Year Observations

1. We noted the JEDD did not file their 2022 and 2021 annual reports timely. Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 provides that each public office, other than a state agency, shall file a financial report each year. The report shall be certified by the proper officer or board and filed with the auditor of state within sixty days after the close of the fiscal year.

The JEDD's 2022 and 2021 financial reports were due March 1, 2023 and March 1, 2022, respectively. However, both reports were not filed until August 15, 2023. Failure to file by the required date could result in penalties of \$25 per day up to a maximum of \$750.

2. We noted that the JEDD did not have a public records policy during the engagement period as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). It could also not have provided a copy of the policy to the proper custodian or records manager nor displayed conspicuously a poster of policy in all branches of office as also required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). This could result in records requests not being fulfilled in accordance with Ohio law.
3. We noted the JEDD does not have an adopted records retention schedule policy. It therefore cannot have a copy of said policy available to the public. Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2) states, in part, a public office also "shall have available a copy of its current records retention schedule at a location readily available to the public." Failure to have and follow a records retention schedule could result in public records being disposed of prematurely.

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

4. All matters reported in the prior engagement were repeat concerns described above in the “Current Year Observations” section. The prior engagement was a basic audit with similar testing procedures with no other matters requiring follow-up.



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Columbus, Ohio

September 20, 2023

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**HUBBARD TOWNSHIP - CITY OF HUBBARD JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
TRUMBULL 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 10/10/2023**

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