







VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

REPORT ON AUDIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2021

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AUDIT SUMMARY

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and issued our report thereon, dated November 24, 2021. Our report is included in the Partnership's Annual Report that it plans to release in December 2021. Our audit of the Partnership for the year ended June 30, 2021, found:

- the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects;
- no internal control findings and recommendations requiring management's attention; and
- no instances of noncompliance or other matters required to be reported under <u>Government</u> Auditing Standards.



Commonwealth of Virginia

Auditor of Public Accounts

P.O. Box 1295 Richmond, Virginia 23218

November 24, 2021

The Honorable Ralph S. Northam Governor of Virginia

The Honorable Kenneth R. Plum Chairman, Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission

Board of Directors
Virginia Economic Development Partnership

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the **Virginia Economic Development Partnership** (Partnership), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Partnership's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 24, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Partnership's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Partnership's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material

misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Partnership's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

Status of Prior Findings and Recommendations

The Partnership has taken adequate corrective action with respect to audit findings and recommendations reported in the prior year.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

We provided management with a draft report on November 30, 2021.

Staci A. Henshaw
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

As of June 30, 2021

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