

**FULTON COUNTY  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, INC.**

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Chairperson and Board of the  
Fulton County Industrial Development Agency  
Johnstown, New York

### **Report on the Audit of the Schedule of Investments**

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the schedule of investments of Fulton County Industrial Development Agency, Inc. as of December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying schedule of investments present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Fulton County Industrial Development Agency, Inc. as of December 31, 2023, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedule of Investments section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Fulton County Industrial Development Agency, Inc., and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Schedule of Investments***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the schedule of investments in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the schedule of investments that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the schedule of investments, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Fulton County Industrial Development Agency, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the schedule of investments date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

## ***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedule of Investments***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the schedule of investments as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the schedule of investments.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the schedule of investments, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the schedule of investments.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Fulton County Industrial Development Agency, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the schedule of investments.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Fulton County Industrial Development Agency, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

## **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of Fulton County Industrial Development Agency, Inc. as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and our report thereon dated March 12, 2024, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements.

## **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 12, 2024, on our consideration of Fulton County Industrial Development Agency, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Fulton County Industrial Development Agency, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*WEST & COMPANY CPAs PC*

Gloversville, New York  
March 12, 2024

**FULTON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	
Unrestricted	\$ <u>        0</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	\$ <u>        0</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

# FULTON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

## NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2023

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### **NOTE 1 – BACKGROUND AND ORGANIZATION**

#### **Organization and Purpose**

##### **The Organization**

The Agency is an Industrial Development Agency duly established under Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 665, Section 895C, of the Laws of 1970 of the state and is a public benefit corporation of the state.

The Agency was formed for the purpose of encouraging economic growth in the County of Fulton. The Agency is exempt from federal, state and local income taxes. The Agency, although established by the Fulton County Board of Supervisors, is a separate entity and operates independently of the County of Fulton.

##### **Basis of Accounting**

The accounts of the Agency are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting as specified in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) codification of governmental accounting and financial reporting standards. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental units. The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, have been applied unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case GASB prevails. The GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. In accordance with the provisions of the GASB Statement No. 20, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities that use Proprietary Fund Accounting*, the Agency has elected not to apply all Financial Accounting Standards Board statements and interpretations issued after November 30, 1989.

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated from economic development operations of the Agency. All other revenues are reported as nonoperating revenues. Operating expenses are those expenses that are essential to economic development operations of the Agency. All other expenses are reported as nonoperating expenses.

### **NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **Investments**

Investments held by the Agency are measured at fair value pursuant to GASB issued Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*. Money Market Funds, categorized as Level 1 inputs, are valued at the unadjusted prices that are quoted in active principal markets for identical assets. U.S. Agencies securities, categorized as Level 2, are valued on models using observable inputs. Certificates of deposit, which are valued as cost.

**FULTON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS**

As of December 31, 2023, the Agency had the following investments. Investment maturities are shown for December 31, 2023 only.

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities Less Than 1 Year</u>
US Treasuries	\$ 1,547,128	
Money Market	<u>826</u>	<u>\$ 1,547,954</u>
 Total	 1,547,954	
Less: cash equivalents	<u>( 1,547,954)</u>	
 Total unrestricted investments	 <u>\$ 0</u>	

**Permitted Investments**

- a. As authorized by General Municipal Law, §11, the Agency authorizes the CFO to invest moneys not required for immediate expenditure for terms not to exceed its projected cash flow needs in the following types of investments:
- Special time deposit accounts;
  - Certificates of deposit;
  - Obligations of the United States of America;
  - Obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America;
  - Obligations of the State of New York;
  - Obligations issued pursuant to Local Finance Law §24.00 or §25.00 (with approval of the State Comptroller) by any municipality, school district or district corporation other than the Agency;
  - Obligations of public authorities, public housing authorities, urban renewal agencies and industrial development agencies where the general State statutes governing such entities or whose specific enabling legislation authorizes such investments;
  - Certificates of Participation (COPs) issued pursuant to GML §109-b;
  - Obligations of this local government, but only with any moneys in a reserve fund established pursuant to GML §6-c, 6-d, 6-e, 6-g, 6-h, 6-j, 6-k, 6-l, 6-m, and 6-n.



**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING  
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON  
AN AUDIT OF THE SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS PERFORMED  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Chairperson and Board of the  
Fulton County Industrial Development Agency  
Johnstown, New York

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 *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the schedule of investments of the Fulton County Industrial Development Agency, a public benefit corporation, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the schedule of investments, and have issued our report thereon dated March 12, 2024.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the schedule of investments, we considered Fulton County Industrial Development Agency'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 schedule of investments, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Fulton County Industrial Development Agency's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Fulton County Industrial Development Agency'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 Agency's schedule of investments 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.



## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Fulton County Industrial Development Agency's schedule of investments are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and investment policies established by Fulton County Industrial Development Agency and the New York State Comptroller investment guideline requirements as presented in Section 201.3(c) of the *Accounting, Reporting and Supervision Requirements for Public Authorities*, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of schedule of investment amounts. 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 *Government Auditing Standards*.

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is intended 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 Agency's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*WEST & COMPANY CPA PC*

Gloversville, New York  
March 12, 2024