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**Subject:** **QUALITY CONTROL AUDIT OF CONTRACT APPROVAL EXEMPTION**

This report presents the results of our quality control review of an internal audit conducted by the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS') contracting program. The audit was conducted by CDSS' Office of Audit Services (OAS).

As a condition of CDSS' exemption (Exemption Letter No. CDSS2) from the Department of General Services' (DGS') approval of its contracts under \$150,000, two audits are required to be performed of CDSS' contracting program during the exemption period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2025. On July 16, 2025, OAS issued an audit report that presented the results of the second audit required under the terms of the exemption. Public Contract Code Section 10352 requires DGS to perform a quality control review of the audit.

The objectives of our quality control review were to determine: (1) if the internal audit was conducted in accordance with an audit guide issued by DGS; and, (2) if reported findings are being appropriately addressed by CDSS' management. Based on our interviews of audit staff and review of the working papers prepared to support audit tests, and our performance of other procedures as deemed necessary, we concluded that the audit was conducted in accordance with DGS' audit guide and that management indicated a commitment to take appropriate actions to address reported findings.

We greatly appreciated the cooperation and assistance provided by CDSS' audit staff.

Jennifer Troia

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