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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Tehassi Hill, Audit Committee Chairman

FROM:

Donna Christensen, Internal Audit Manager $\,\theta\,$

DATE:

December 5, 2014

SUBJECT: Contracting Exception due to Oneida Housing Investigation

Reason

This report is being submitted to comply with the BC Continuing Resolution 09-24-14-A that requires a report be submitted regarding approval for expenditures for consulting contracts.

Background

The 2013/2014 contract with API to perform research and consultation services on HUD administered funds and Oneida Housing operations has just recently concluded. The final payments occurred in 1st quarter of 2015 following their final reporting and transitioning of all information to appropriate authorities.

Justification

The project was pursued to protect the Oneida Tribe and to fulfill fiduciary and legal responsibilities for ethical stewardship over Federal Grant dollars in accordance with Federal Laws & Regulations. The CFO and the Consultants recommended the Tribe retain Third Party Legal Counsel to protect the sensitive information while determining the Legal Duty of the Oneida Business Committee. That contract has expired however.

API has completed the necessary review and transition of documentation from this investigation.

The funding is all Tribal Contribution.

Required Action

Accept as FYI.