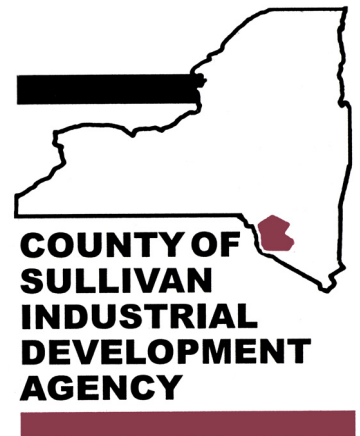


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ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES

The management of the Agency is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements.

Agency management periodically reviews the system of internal control to determine its effectiveness and make any necessary improvements. Management has assessed the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control over financial reporting and has concluded that based on its assessment, the Agency's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2023.