




UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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MEMORANDUM FOR: John Fernandez
Assistant Secretary for Economic Development

FROM: Ann C. Eilers 
Principal Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations

SUBJECT: Review of Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers (TAAC)
Administrative Costs

In response to a request contained in the report which accompanied the House Committee on Appropriations' fiscal year 2012 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, we have scheduled a review of the administrative costs charged by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers as part of the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms program administered by the Economic Development Administration. The review will be conducted under the authority of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, and Department Organization Order 10-13, dated May 22, 1980, as amended.

The objective of our review is to provide the Committee with information on the reasonableness of administrative costs charged by the TAACs as requested in the report.

We will contact you and your staff directly to schedule our interviews, at which time we will provide additional information regarding the review and submit our request for relevant documentation. If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact David Sheppard, Regional Inspector General for Audit, at (206) 220-7970.

cc: Joshua Barnes, Audit Liaison, Economic Development Administration