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MEMORANDUM FOR: Barry E. Berkowitz
Director
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FROM: for Mark H. Zabarsky
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SUBJECT: Audit of the Department of Commerce's
Strategic Sourcing Program

We are initiating an audit of the Department of Commerce's Strategic Sourcing Program. The Department spent approximately \$3.1 billion in fiscal year 2015 on goods and services to support its mission. Given the increasing fiscal pressures facing the federal government, there has been a renewed focus on maximizing efficiencies in the procurement process to achieve cost savings. One such initiative is the use of strategic sourcing as outlined in the Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative.

This audit is part of our risk-based oversight strategy, examining how the Department addresses management challenges in its procurement function. Our audit objective is to determine whether the Department of Commerce has implemented strategic sourcing in an effective and efficient manner.

An entrance conference has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, at 11:00 a.m., when we will further discuss our objective. If you have any additional questions regarding this audit, please call me at (202) 482-3884 or Cheryl Henderson, Director of Acquisition Audits, at (202) 482-4350.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this audit.

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