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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Laurie Locascio
Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology
and NIST Director
National Institute of Standards and Technology

FROM: Arthur L. Scott, Jr.
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Evaluation of NIST Grantees' and Subrecipients' Use of Pandemic Relief Funds (#2022-433)

We are initiating an evaluation of National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) grantees' and subrecipients' use of pandemic relief funds. Our objective is to determine whether NIST grantees and subrecipients accounted for and expended pandemic relief funds provided under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act and subsequent funding authorizations in accordance with federal laws and regulations.

We contracted with the Institute for Defense Analysis—an independent firm—to perform this evaluation. My office will oversee the progress of the evaluation to ensure that it is performed in accordance with quality standards for inspection and evaluation and contract terms.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaisons to schedule an entrance conference to discuss our evaluation objective and scope in further detail. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 577-9547 or Monica Adamo, Director for Acquisition and Grants, at (202) 750-5045.

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

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