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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan

Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere

and NOAA Administrator

FROM: Richard L. Bachman

Assistant Inspector General for Audit

**SUBJECT:** Audit of Controls over Contractor Services Used to Support

the National Weather Service Workforce

We are initiating an audit of the National Weather Service (NWS) for the award and administration of procurement actions that support its workforce. Our objective is to evaluate whether NWS has adequate controls in place to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations for personnel support acquired through service contracts.

We will begin work immediately and will schedule an entrance conference. The location of our fieldwork will be in both Washington, DC, and the NWS Silver Spring, MD, offices.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 482-2877 or Patty McBarnette, Director for Financial/Operations Audits, at (202) 482-3391.