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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Aaron Patrick  
Director, Manufacturing Assistance Programs  
Ohio Department of Development

**FROM:** Richard Bachman  
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

**SUBJECT:** Audit of NIST Cooperative Agreements with Ohio  
Department of Development (#2024-491)

We are initiating an audit of the National Institute of Standards and Technology cooperative agreements awarded to the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) during fiscal years 2017 through 2023. Our objective is to determine whether ODOD complied with award terms and conditions.

We will contact your office to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss in further detail the specific nature of our audit—including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential requests for data. If you have any questions about this audit, please contact me at (202) 793-3344 or Patricia McBarnette, Audit Director, at (202) 793-3316.

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

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