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MEMORANDUM FOR: David Kappos
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and
Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office

FROM: Allen Crawley
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Systems Acquisition and IT Security

SUBJECT: Audit of the Patent End-to-End Project (PE2E)

As part of our FY 2011 work, we plan to audit USPTO's PE2E system acquisition project. Our audit objective is to assess USPTO's readiness to successfully manage the PE2E project by determining the adequacy of its acquisition process and methodologies as well as the project's governance.

As a first step in our audit, we will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding our review, please contact me at (202) 482-1855 or Angela Hoffman, Director for Systems Acquisition and Development at (202) 482-5337. We appreciate the cooperation of your staff during this audit.

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