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MEMORANDUM FOR: Scott B. Quehl
Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration

FROM: Ann C. Eilers 
Principal Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Audit of Commerce's Management and Closeout of Unliquidated Obligations

We are initiating a department-wide audit of Commerce's unliquidated obligations. Since 2009, Commerce has obligated approximately \$19.4 billion in contracts and grants. Our objective is to evaluate department-wide controls and procedures used in the management and closeout of unliquidated obligations. This audit will be performed under the authority of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, and Department Organization Order 10-13, dated May 22, 1980, as amended.

We will contact the Office of Financial Management and Office of the Secretary audit liaison to arrange an entrance conference. If you have any questions about this audit, please call me at (202) 482-2754 or Andrew Katsaros, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, at (202) 482-7859. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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