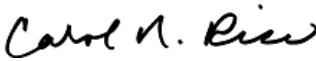




March 4, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR: Thomas F. Gilman
Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration

FROM: 
Carol N. Rice
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: FY 2019 Audit of the Department's Digital Accountability
and Transparency Act of 2014 Reporting (#2019-340)

Our office contracted with KPMG LLP—an independent certified public accounting firm—to audit the U.S. Department of Commerce's (the Department's) fiscal year 2019 first quarter Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 (DATA Act) submission to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The audit will be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

The objectives of the DATA Act audit are to (1) assess the completeness, accuracy, timeliness, and quality of the financial and award data submitted for publication on USASpending.gov, and (2) assess the federal agency's implementation and use of the government-wide financial data standards established by the Office of Management and Budget and the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

My office will oversee the progress of the audit and ensure that KPMG performs the audit in accordance with applicable professional standards and the terms of the contract.

KPMG will schedule an entrance conference to discuss the audit objectives and scope in further detail. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 482-6020 or Patricia McBarnette, Audit Director, at (202) 482-3391.

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

cc: Steve Kunze, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Director for Financial Management,
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MaryAnn Mausser, Audit Liaison, Office of the Secretary