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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Walter G. Copan  
Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology  
and NIST Director  
National Institute of Standards and Technology

**FROM:** Frederick J. Meny, Jr.  
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**SUBJECT:** Evaluation of NIST's Implementation of CARES Act Funding  
(#2021-393)

We are initiating an evaluation of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST's) plan for the implementation of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding. Our objective is to determine whether NIST is complying with the requirements of the CARES Act. Specifically, we will determine (1) steps NIST took to implement and comply with the CARES Act, (2) challenges NIST faced during implementation, and (3) NIST's status in processing applications and awarding funds under the CARES Act.

We have scheduled an entrance conference for November 30, 2020, at which time we will discuss our evaluation objective and scope in further detail. If you have any questions about this review, please contact me at (202) 482-1931 or Monica Adamo, Director for Acquisition and Grants, at (202) 482-5185.

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

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