



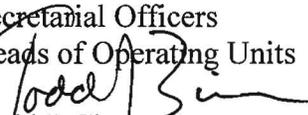
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Inspector General
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MEMORANDUM FOR

Secretarial Officers
Heads of Operating Units

FROM:


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SUBJECT:

Top Management Challenges Facing the Department of Commerce

The Office of Inspector General is required by statute to report annually on the major management challenges facing the Department of Commerce. The top management challenges are reported in the Department's Performance and Accountability Report (PAR) and the IG's Semiannual Report to the Congress.

We will be updating our list of top management challenges this month. We intend to issue a separate report in late October 2008 that will discuss the management challenges. As part of this effort, we will be meeting with senior departmental and bureau officials to obtain input on the most pressing issues, concerns, and challenges facing the Department. Our current list of management challenges can be found in our March 2008 Semiannual Report. (See www.oig.doc.gov/oig/reports/sar/March%2008%20SAR.pdf).

OIG staff will be initiating this project in the coming weeks. In the meantime, should you have any questions about this review, please contact me at (202) 482-4661 or Judith Gordon, assistant inspector general for audit and evaluation, at (202) 482-2754.

