



February 9, 2026

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Brian Epley  
Chief Information Officer  
Department of Commerce

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin D. Ryan".

**FROM:** Kevin D. Ryan  
Acting Executive Director of Engineering, Cybersecurity, and  
Systems

**SUBJECT:** Evaluation of Cybersecurity and IT Contract Performance  
Project No. 2026-533

We are initiating an evaluation of the Department's cybersecurity and IT contract performance. Our objective is to determine whether the Department effectively managed cybersecurity and IT contracts to ensure payments were made for services that met contractual requirements.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss the specific nature of our evaluation with you, including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential requests for data. If you have any questions about this evaluation, please contact me at 202-750-5190 or Director for Cybersecurity Chuck Mitchell at 202-809-9528.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

