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MEMORANDUM FOR: Michelle K. Lee
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and
Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

FROM: Richard Bachman
Assistant Inspector General for Financial and
Intellectual Property Audits

SUBJECT: Audit of USPTO's Trademark Next Generation
Program Management

We are initiating an audit of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO's) information technology management of Trademark Next Generation (TMNG). Our audit objective is to determine whether USPTO provided effective program management of the TMNG implementation. We will conduct our fieldwork at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, when we will discuss this audit in further details. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 482-2877, or Amni Samson, Director, at (571) 272-5561.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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