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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Followup Evaluation of the DoD's BSAT Biosafety and Biosecurity Program Implementation (Project No. D2019-DEV0PA-0188.000)

We plan to begin the followup evaluation in August 2019. The objective of this followup evaluation is to validate implementation of recommendations from report DODIG-2016-078, "Evaluation of DoD Biological Safety and Security Implementation," April 27, 2016, and ensure the measures taken meet the intent of the recommendations. In addition, we will assess the development of the oversight capabilities of the Biological Select Agents and Toxins (BSAT) Biorisk Program Office. We will consider suggestions from management on additional or revised objectives.

We will conduct site visits and interview management and personnel from the BSAT Biosafety and Biosecurity Program offices and the BSAT laboratories. We may identify additional locations during the evaluation.

Please provide us with a point of contact for each of the responsible BSAT Biosafety and Biosecurity Program offices and the BSAT laboratories within **5 days** of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or the military equivalent. Please send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and e-mail address to

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If you have any questions, please contact

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