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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER)/CHIEF
FINANCIAL OFFICER, DOD
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING
SERVICE
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Oversight of the Audit of the FY 2021 Army General Fund Financial Statements (Project No. D2021-D000FI-0033.000)

Our planned oversight will begin immediately. The Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990, as amended, requires this audit. In accordance with the Act, the DoD Office of Inspector General is the principal auditor for the Army General Fund Financial Statements. We contracted with the independent public accounting firm of KPMG LLP, (KPMG) to audit the Army General Fund Financial Statements for fiscal years ending September 30, 2021, and September 30, 2020. The objective of KPMG's audit is to determine whether the FY 2021 Army General Fund Financial Statements and related notes are presented fairly and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The objective of this oversight project is to provide contract oversight of KPMG's audit of the Army General Fund Financial Statements for fiscal years ending September 30, 2021, and September 30, 2020, and determine if KPMG complied with applicable auditing standards. We will execute the contractor's audit procedures associated with reviews of transactions and facilities that are Special Access Program, TOP SECRET, and TOP SECRET/Sensitive Compartmented Information and provide an unclassified version of the results of our review to KPMG to use in developing its overall audit conclusions.

We will rely on the Government Accountability Office/Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, "Financial Audit Manual," June 2018, Updated April 2020, Section 670, "IG Oversight of Audits Performed by Contracted Independent Public Accounting (IPA) Firms," to design and perform oversight procedures to review KPMG's audit work and, if applicable, disclose instances in which KPMG did not comply, in all material respects, with generally accepted government auditing standards. Our review will not enable us to express an opinion on the Army General Fund Financial Statements, conclusions about the effectiveness of internal control, conclusions on whether the financial management systems substantially complied with the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996, or on conclusions of Army's compliance with laws and regulations. We will provide oversight and review KPMG's audit work, but KPMG will be responsible for expressing the opinion on the financial statements.

Please provide us with a point of contact for the audit 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. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and e-mail address to audfmr@dodig.mil.

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