

January 7, 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER)/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DOD COMMANDER, UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

SUBJECT: Oversight of the Audit of the FY 2020 U.S. Transportation Command Working Capital Fund Financial Statements (Project No. D2020-D000FL-0056.000)

Our planned oversight will begin immediately. The Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer, DoD, requested the audit of the U.S. Transportation Command Working Capital Fund Financial Statements (Financial Statements). We contracted with the independent public accounting firm of Cotton & Company LLP (Cotton & Co.), to audit the U.S. Transportation Command Financial Statements for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2020, and September 30, 2019. Cotton & Co.'s objective is to determine whether the FY 2020 U.S. Transportation Command financial statements and related notes are presented fairly and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Our objective is to provide contract oversight of Cotton & Co.'s audit of the U.S. Transportation Command Basic Financial Statements for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2020, and September 30, 2019, to determine whether Cotton & Co. complied with applicable auditing standards.

We will rely on the Government Accountability Office/President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency, "Financial Audit Manual," Section 670, "IG Oversight of Audits Performed by Contracted Independent Public Accounting (IPA) Firms," to design and perform oversight procedures to review Cotton & Co.'s audit work and, if applicable, disclose instances in which Cotton & Co. 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 U.S. Transportation Command's Financial Statements, conclusions about the effectiveness of internal controls, conclusions on whether the financial management systems substantially complied with the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996, or on conclusions about the U.S. Transportation Command's compliance with laws and regulations. We will provide oversight and review Cotton & Co.'s audit work, but Cotton & Co. 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 <u>audfmr@dodig.mil</u>.

You can obtain information about the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD)," April 20, 2012, as amended; DoD Instruction 7600.02, "Audit Policies," October 16, 2014, as amended; and DoD Instruction 7050.03, "Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense Access to Records and Information," March 22, 2013. Our website is www.dodig.mil.

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