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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER)/CHIEF
FINANCIAL OFFICER
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (HEALTH AFFAIRS)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPTROLLER)
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHIEF ACTUARY, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Oversight of the Audit of the FY 2020 Defense Health Program Enterprise Financial Statements (Project No. D2020-D000FT-0065.000)

We plan to begin the project immediately. We contracted with the independent public accounting firm of Kearney & Company, P.C., to audit the Defense Health Program Enterprise Financial Statements for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2020, and September 30, 2019. Kearney & Company's objective is to determine whether the FY 2020 Defense Health Program Enterprise 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 Kearney & Company's audit of the Defense Health Program Enterprise Financial Statements for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2020, and September 30, 2019, to determine whether Kearney & Company complied with applicable auditing standards.

We will rely on the Government Accountability Office/Council of the Inspectors General 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 Kearney & Company's audit work and, if applicable, disclose instances in which Kearney & Company does not comply, in all material respects, with generally accepted government auditing standards. Our oversight will not enable us to express opinions on the Defense Health Program Enterprise General Fund's financial statements, on internal control, on whether the financial management systems substantially complied with the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996, or on conclusions of compliance with laws and regulations. We will provide oversight and review Kearney & Company's audit work, but Kearney & Company will be responsible for expressing an 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 audcolu@dodig.mil.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact

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