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

SUBJECT: Oversight of the Audit of the FY 2021 Department of the Air Force General Fund
Financial Statements (Project No. D2021-D000FT-0070.000)

Our planned oversight will begin immediately. The Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990, as amended, requires this audit. In accordance with the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990, the DoD Office of Inspector General is the principal auditor for the Department of the Air Force General Fund Financial Statements. We contracted with the independent public accounting firm of Ernst and Young, LLP (EY), to audit the Department of the Air Force General Fund (DAF GF) Financial Statements for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2021, and September 30, 2020. The objective of EY's audit is to determine whether the FY 2021 DAF GF Financial Statements and related notes are presented fairly and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The objective of our oversight project is to provide contract oversight of EY's audit of the DAF GF Financial Statements for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2021, and September 30, 2020, and to determine whether EY complied with applicable auditing standards. We will review the documentation for any classified samples and provide the results of our review to EY to use in developing their overall audit conclusions.

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 EY's audit work, and, if applicable, disclose instances in which EY did not comply, in all material respects, with generally accepted government auditing standards. Our oversight will not enable us to express an opinion on the DAF GF 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 conclusions of the DAF GF's compliance with laws and regulations. We will provide oversight and review EY's audit work, but EY 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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