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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER)/CHIEF  
FINANCIAL OFFICER, DOD  
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

SUBJECT: Oversight of the Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagements No. 18  
Examination of the Defense Property Accountability System (Project No. D2023-  
D000FE-0052.000)

Our planned oversight will begin immediately. The Director of the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) requested a Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagements No. 18 (SSAE 18) examination of the Defense Property Accountability System (DPAS) for the period of October 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. We contracted with the independent public accounting firm of Ernst & Young, LLP (EY) to perform the SSAE 18 examination. The objective of EY's attestation examination is to issue an opinion on the DLA's description of DPAS and the suitability of the design and operating effectiveness of the controls to achieve the related control objectives stated in the description. The objective of our project is to provide contract oversight of EY's attestation examination and determine whether EY complied with the contract and applicable attestation and generally accepted government auditing standards.

We will rely on the Government Accountability Office/Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, "Financial Audit Manual," Volume 2, June 2022, Section 670, "IG Oversight of Audits Performed by Contracted Independent Public Accounting (IPA) Firms," to design and perform oversight procedures to review EY's work, and if applicable, disclose instances in which EY did not comply, in all material respects, with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and generally accepted government auditing standards. Our review will not enable us to express an opinion on description of DPAS or the suitability of the design and operating effectiveness of the controls to achieve the related control objectives stated in the description. We will provide oversight and review EY's work, but EY will be responsible for expressing those opinions.

Please provide us with a point of contact for this oversight project within **5 days** of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or military equivalent. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and e-mail address to [audfmr@dodig.mil](mailto:audfmr@dodig.mil).

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