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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Audit of the DoD's Actions to Implement Zero Trust User Requirements  
(Project No. D2024-D000CR-0009.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we plan to begin the subject audit in October 2023. This audit is the first in an anticipated series of audits that will address the DoD's implementation of the Zero Trust Architecture. The objective of this audit is to assess the DoD's progress in identifying, authorizing, authenticating, and monitoring users on DoD networks in accordance with the DoD's Zero Trust Strategy. We may revise the objective as the audit proceeds, and we will also consider suggestions from management on additional or revised objectives. We plan to perform this audit in accordance with the Government Accountability Office's generally accepted government auditing standards.

We will perform the audit at the Offices of the DoD Chief Information Officer, U.S. Cyber Command, Joint Forces Headquarters–Department of Defense Information Network, and Defense Information Systems Agency. We will also perform the audit at selected DoD Components implementing Zero Trust. We may identify additional locations during the audit.

We request that you designate a staff member to serve as our point of contact for this audit within **5 days** of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or military equivalent—knowledgeable of the implementation of Zero Trust. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and email address to [audcso@dodig.mil](mailto:audcso@dodig.mil).

The Inspector General Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. §§ 401-424, as amended, authorizes us to have access to personnel and materials as we determine necessary to perform our oversight in a timely manner. You can obtain information about the DoD Office of Inspector General from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD)," April 20, 2012, 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, as amended. Our website is [www.dodig.mil](http://www.dodig.mil).

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