

November 30, 2023

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

SUBJECT: Oversight of the Audit of the FY 2024 U.S. Department of the Army General Fund Financial Statements (Project No. D2024-D000FI-0019.000)

Our planned oversight will begin immediately. The Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990, as amended, requires this audit. In accordance with the Act, the DoD Office of Inspector General is the principal auditor for the U.S. Department of the Army (Army) General Fund Financial Statements. We contracted with the independent public accounting firm of KPMG, LLP (KPMG) to audit Army General Fund Financial Statements as of and for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2024, and September 30, 2023. The objective of KPMG's audit is to determine whether the FY 2024 Army General Fund Financial Statements and related notes are presented fairly and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The objective of our project is to provide contract oversight of KPMG's audit and determine whether KPMG complied with the contract 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 (Updated May 2023), Section 670, "IG Oversight of Audits Performed by Contracted Independent Public Accounting (IPA) Firms," to design and perform oversight procedures to review KPMG's audit work and, if applicable, disclose instances in which KPMG 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 Army General Fund Financial Statements or draw conclusions about the effectiveness of internal control, whether the financial management systems substantially complied with the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996, or on the Army's compliance with laws and regulations. We will provide oversight and review KPMG's audit work, but KPMG will be responsible for expressing the opinion on the financial statements and related notes.

We request that you designate a staff member to serve as our 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—and knowledgeable of the financial statements related to the objective. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and email address to audfmr@dodig.mil.

The Inspector General Act of 1978, 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.

If you have any questions, please contact

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