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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND
SUSTAINMENT
UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY
CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE
COMMANDER, U.S. INDO-PACIFIC COMMAND
COMMANDER, U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Audit of Cyber Vulnerabilities Impacting Defense Critical Infrastructure
(Project No. D2023-D000CS-0168.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we plan to begin the subject audit in September 2023. This audit is the first in a planned series of audits that addresses the DoD's ability to protect Defense Critical Infrastructure against cyber vulnerabilities. The objective of this audit is to assess the progress made by the Departments of the Navy and Air Force in mitigating the Defense Critical Infrastructure cybersecurity vulnerabilities identified during the installation evaluations conducted in response to section 1650 of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2017. We may revise the objective as the audit proceeds, and we will also consider suggestions from management for 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 Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Office of the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Air Force Civil Engineer Center, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, U.S. European Command, and select Department of Navy and Air Force installations. 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 Defense Critical Infrastructure evaluations conducted in response to Section 1650 of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2017. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and email address to 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.

If you have any questions, please contact

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