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December 16, 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Audit of DoD's Implementation of the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 (Project No. D2025-D000CU-0035.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we are initiating the subject audit. We are conducting this audit as required by the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015, 6 U.S.C. §§ 1507 et seq. (CISA). CISA requires the Inspectors General of seven Federal entities (Department of Commerce, Defense, Energy, Homeland Security, Justice, Treasury, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence) to jointly report to Congress once every 2 years on the actions of the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government to implement CISA requirements. The Inspectors General will submit an unclassified, interagency report to Congress by December 2025.

The objective of this joint audit is to assess the DoD's actions taken in 2023 and 2024 to implement CISA requirements. The attached joint project announcement details the specific elements required for this joint audit. 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 Offices of the DoD Chief Information Officer, U.S. Cyber Command, Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency, Defense Cyber Crime Center, Defense Information Systems Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, National Reconnaissance Office, and National Security Agency. We may identify additional locations during the course of the audit.

We request that you designate two points of contact for this audit within **5 days** of this memorandum. One point of contact should be a Government employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or military equivalent—and knowledgeable of CISA and its reporting requirements related to the objective. The second point of contact should be a member of the Senior Executive Service or a General/Flag Officer who is familiar with CISA reporting requirements and could serve as a point of engagement with DoD Office of Inspector General senior leaders, if necessary. Send each contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and email address to audcso@dodig.mil and [REDACTED].

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 [REDACTED]
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Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 (AUD-2025-
001)

(U) On December 18, 2015, Congress enacted the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act (6 U.S.C. § 1501 et seq.) (CISA). CISA requires the Inspectors General of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Energy, Homeland Security, Justice, and Treasury, in consultation with the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (IC IG) and the Council of Inspectors General on Financial Oversight, to submit to Congress an interagency report on the actions taken over the most recent 2-year period to carry out CISA requirements.

(U) The objective of this project is to provide a joint report on actions taken during the calendar years 2023 and 2024. The report will address the elements required in 6 U.S.C. § 1506(b)(2), including:

- (U) The sufficiency of policies and procedures related to sharing cyber threat indicators within the Federal Government;
- (U) Whether cyber threat indicators and defensive measures were properly classified, and an accounting of the security clearances authorized for the purpose of sharing cyber threat indicators or defensive measures with the private sector;
- (U) Actions taken to use and disseminate cyber threat indicators and defensive measures shared with the Federal Government, including the appropriateness of subsequent uses and disseminations of cyber threat indicators and defense measures, and whether the cyber threat indicators or defense measures were shared in a timely and adequate manner with appropriate entities or the public;

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- (U) Specific aspects of cyber threat indicators or defensive measures that were shared with the Federal Government, including:
 - (U) The number of cyber security threat indicators or defensive measures shared using the capability [Automated Indicator Sharing] implemented by the Department of Homeland Security;
 - (U) Instances in which any federal or non-federal entity shared information that was not directly related to a cybersecurity threat and contained personally identifiable information (PII);
 - (U) The number of times, according to the Attorney General, that information shared under this title was used by a federal entity to prosecute an offense listed in 6 U.S.C.A. § 1504(d)(5)(A);
 - (U) The effect of sharing cyber threat indicators or defensive measures with the Federal Government on privacy and civil liberties of specific persons, including the number of notices that were issued with respect to a failure to remove information not directly related to a cybersecurity threat that contained PII;
 - (U) The adequacy of steps taken by the Federal Government to reduce any adverse effect from activities carried out under this title on privacy and civil liberties of specific persons; and
- (U) Barriers affecting the sharing of cyber threat indicators or defensive measures.

(U) The Inspectors General for the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Energy, Homeland Security, Justice, and Treasury, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence will prepare the report by December 18, 2025.

(U//~~FOUO~~) If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

(U) Thank you for your continued support and cooperation on this effort.

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