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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN BERRY

Director

FROM: PATRICK E. McFARLAND
Inspector General

SUBJECT: Audit of the Office of Personnel Management's Fiscal Year
2010 Consolidated Financial Statements

This memorandum transmits KPMG LLP's (KPMG) report on its financial statement audit of the Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) Fiscal Year 2010 Consolidated Financial Statements and the results of the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) oversight of the audit and review of that report. OPM's consolidated financial statements include the Retirement Program, Health Benefits Program, Life Insurance Program, Revolving Fund Programs (RF) and Salaries & Expenses funds (S&E).

Audit Reports on Financial Statements, Internal Controls and Compliance with Laws and Regulations

The Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-576) requires OPM's Inspector General or an independent external auditor, as determined by the Inspector General, to audit the agency's financial statements in accordance with Government Auditing Standards (GAS) issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. We contracted with the independent certified public accounting firm KPMG LLP to audit OPM's consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2010 and for the fiscal year then ended. The contract requires that the audit be performed in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin No. 07-04, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*, as amended.

KPMG's audit report for Fiscal Year 2010 includes: (1) opinions on the consolidated financial statements and the individual statements for the three benefit programs, (2) a

report on internal controls, and (3) a report on compliance with laws and regulations. In its audit of OPM, KPMG found:

- The consolidated financial statements were fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.
- KPMG's report identified one material weakness in the internal controls:
 - Information systems general control environment (OPM and the Programs)

A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

- KPMG's report identified one significant deficiency:
 - Financial management and reporting processes of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). (RF Program and S&E Fund)

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

OIG Evaluation of KPMG's Audit Performance

In connection with the audit contract, we reviewed KPMG's report and related documentation and made inquiries of its representatives regarding the audit. To fulfill our audit responsibilities under the CFO Act for ensuring the quality of the audit work performed, we conducted a review of KPMG's audit of OPM's Fiscal Year 2010 Consolidated Financial Statements in accordance with GAS. Specifically, we:

- reviewed KPMG's approach and planning of the audit;
- evaluated the qualifications and independence of its auditors;
- monitored the progress of the audit at key points;
- examined its working papers related to planning the audit and assessing internal controls over the financial reporting process;
- reviewed KPMG's audit reports to ensure compliance with Government Auditing Standards;
- coordinated issuance of the audit report; and
- performed other procedures we deemed necessary.

Our review, as differentiated from an audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, was not intended to enable us to express, and we do not

express, opinions on OPM's financial statements or internal controls or on whether OPM's financial management systems substantially complied with the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996 or conclusions on compliance with laws and regulations. KPMG is responsible for the attached auditor's report dated November 9, 2010, and the conclusions expressed in the report. However, our review disclosed no instances where KPMG did not comply, in all material respects, with the generally accepted GAS.

In accordance with the OMB Circular A-50 and Public Law 103-355, all audit findings must be resolved within six months of the date of this report. In order to ensure audit findings are resolved within the required six-month period, we are asking that the CFO respond directly to the OIG within 90 days of the date of this report advising us whether they agree or disagree with the audit findings and recommendations. As stated in OMB Circular A-50, where agreement is indicated, the CFO should describe planned corrective action. If the CFO disagrees with any of the audit findings and recommendations, they need to explain the reason for the disagreement and provide any additional documentation that would support their opinion.

In closing, we would like to congratulate OPM's financial management staff for once again issuing the consolidated financial statements by the November 15 due date. Their professionalism, courtesy, and cooperation allowed us to overcome the many challenges encountered during OPM's preparation, KPMG's audit, and the OIG's oversight of the financial statement audit this year. If you have any questions about KPMG's audit or our oversight, please contact me or have a member of your staff contact Michael R. Esser, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, at 606-2143.

cc: Stephen Agostini
Chief Financial Officer