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MEMORANDUM FOR: All DHS Employees

FROM: Secretary Johnson

SUBJECT: Cooperation with the Office of Inspector General

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As you may know, John Roth recently took office as the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) new Inspector General. I welcome him to the Department and look forward to his leadership and insight. I believe that the Inspector General serves an important role in helping the Department prevent and detect fraud, waste, mismanagement, and abuse.

I recently met with the Inspector General and discussed my expectations for his office and also my expectations for our workforce. This memorandum is a reminder that I expect all DHS employees to cooperate fully with the Inspector General and his staff in its work and should provide prompt access to requested materials and information. These expectations for DHS employees also extend to requests from any contractor hired by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), such as the firm hired by the OIG to audit the Department's financial statements.

While employees have critical responsibilities dictating proper conduct as it relates to the OIG, at the same time the OIG has important obligations in the conduct of its audits, investigations, and inspections. The OIG will honor requests for confidentiality to the extent permitted by law, coordinate with agency managers and supervisors to avoid disrupting ongoing work, and respect sensitive materials so that Department privileges and other obligations are not compromised.

I look forward to working with the Inspector General to ensure that our Department is doing its best to prevent and detect fraud, waste, mismanagement, and abuse; and I will continue to meet with him on a monthly basis. If you have any questions regarding your obligations regarding the OIG or the OIG's authorities, you should consult with your supervisor or the Office of the General Counsel.

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