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MEMORANDUM FOR: Laurie E. Locascio
Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and
Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology

FROM: Richard Bachman
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Evaluation of NIST's Manufacturing Extension Partnership Economic
Impact Reporting (#2023-451)

We are initiating an evaluation of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST's) Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) economic impact reporting. Our objective is to determine whether NIST's MEP effectively monitored and evaluated economic impact reporting.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaisons to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss in further detail the specific nature of our evaluation—including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential requests for data. If you have any questions about this evaluation, please contact me at (202) 793-3344 or Patricia McBarnette, Audit Director, at (202) 793-3316.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this effort.

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