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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Michael Schmidt  
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Director of the CHIPS Research and Development Office  
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**FROM:** Richard Bachman  
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

**SUBJECT:** Evaluation of CHIPS Workforce Management (#2023-462)

We are initiating an evaluation of workforce management for Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) Act implementation. Our objective is to assess the National Institute of Standards and Technology's progress in meeting workforce hiring milestones for the CHIPS Program and Research and Development Offices.

We plan to begin work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison 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 Cusetta Parran, Semiconductor Division Director, at (202) 763-6912.

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

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