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MEMORANDUM FOR: Craig Burkhardt
Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards
and Technology and Acting Director
National Institute of Standards and Technology

FROM: Richard Bachman
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Audit of Semiconductor Incentives Program Eligibility
(#2025-512)

We are initiating an audit of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's semiconductor incentives program. Our objective is to determine whether entities receiving financial assistance met eligibility requirements as required by the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors Act.

We plan to begin this work immediately. Our team will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss the specific nature of our audit with you, including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential requests for data. If you have any questions about this audit, please contact me at (202) 793-3344 or Cusetta Parran, Semiconductor Division Director, at (202) 763-6912.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

cc: Michael Schmidt, Director, CHIPS Program Office, NIST