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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Robert Santos Director U.S. Census Bureau

FROM:

Arthur L. Scott, Jr. Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT:

Audit of the U.S. Census Bureau Demographic Programs Directorate's Reimbursable Survey Data Quality and Reliability (#2022-419)

We are initiating an audit of the U.S. Census Bureau Demographic Programs Directorate's reimbursable surveys. Our objective is to determine whether reimbursable surveys conducted by this directorate provide quality and reliable data to help sponsoring federal agencies make informed decisions.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your office to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss in detail the specific nature of our audit—including our objective and scope, time frame, and any potential needs for us to be provided data. If you have any questions about this audit, please contact me at (202) 577-9547 or Terry Storms, Division Director for Census and Trade, at (202) 570-6903.

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

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