

February 4, 2020

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Dr. Steven D. Dillingham

Director

U.S. Census Bureau

FROM: Mark Zabarsky

Principal Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

**SUBJECT:** Evaluation of Laptop Computers Used in the 2020 Census

Address Canvassing Operation (#2020-362)

We are initiating an evaluation of the U.S. Census Bureau's (the Bureau's) oversight of laptop computers used in the 2020 Census Address Canvassing operation. Our objectives are to determine whether the Bureau's staff verified that laptop computers deployed for the 2020 Census Address Canvassing operation were (I) collected and accounted for at the end of the operation and (2) cleansed of all Bureau data in accordance with the terms and conditions in the decennial device as a service contract.

We have scheduled an entrance conference for February 7, 2020, to discuss our evaluation objectives and scope in further detail. If you have any questions about this review, please contact me at (202) 482-3884 or Terry Storms, Director, at (202) 482-0055.

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

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