



February 10, 2023

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Jay Hoffman,  
Chief Financial Officer  
United States Patent and Trademark Office

**FROM:** Richard Bachman  
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Year 2023 USPTO Financial Statements Audit (#2023-447)

Our office contracted with KPMG LLP, (KPMG) an independent certified public accounting firm, to audit the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO's) fiscal year 2023 financial statements. The audit will be conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requirements.

The objective of the audit is to determine whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The audit will also consider USPTO's internal control over financial reporting and test compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts that could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements.

My office will oversee the progress of the audit and ensure that the audit is performed in accordance with professional standards, OMB requirements, and the terms of the contract.

An entrance conference has been scheduled for March 13, 2023, at which time KPMG will discuss in further detail the specific nature of the audit—including objective and scope, time frames, and any potential data needs. If you have any questions about this audit, 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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