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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Research, Education, and Economics Mission Area Employees

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Under Secretary 

SUBJECT: Feasibility Review of REE Information Technology (IT) Functions

On November, 19, 2007, I wrote to all Research, Education, and Economics (REE) employees, informing everyone that the results of the cost benefit analysis of the agencies' Information Technology (IT) Help Desk indicated that the current IT Help Desk service could be provided at a lower cost than through an outsourcing action.

At that time, I also advised everyone that the next step would be for REE to continue analysis by conducting a broader feasibility review of its "All Other" IT functions. Because of the larger scope and complexity of this analysis, this project was not completed until recently.

Again, the results of this larger REE feasibility review indicated that the current IT services could be provided at a lower cost, rather than through an outsourcing action.

The required report was submitted to the Department's Chief Financial Officer. At this point, no further action is contemplated within REE in regards to any/all of its IT related functions.

We consider the results of this latest feasibility review to reflect favorably on the services provided within our mission area agencies. We appreciate your patience during this lengthy study project.