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Space Administration

**Office of Inspector General**  
Washington, DC 20546-0001



July 16, 2008

TO: Chief Information Officer

FROM: Assistant Inspector General for Auditing

SUBJECT: Addendum to Final Report on the Actions Needed to Ensure Scientific and Technical Information Is Adequately Reviewed at Goddard Space Flight Center, Johnson Space Center, Langley Research Center, and Marshall Space Flight Center (Report No. IG-08-017, June 2, 2008)

We requested additional management comments in response to the subject final report because we added Recommendation 4. We received additional comments on July 1, 2008 (see the Enclosure). The comments are responsive, and the recommendation is resolved. Following is a summary of management's comments.

#### ***Recommendation 4***

In our final report, we recommended that the Chief Information Officer (CIO) determine how to best attain the benefits of an Agency-wide automated scientific and technical information (STI) tracking system and provide an appropriate plan of action to do so.

In response, the CIO stated that the STI Program is developing a proto-type tracking system for evaluation and deployment to those Centers without existing automated tracking capabilities. Once system testing is complete, the tracking system will be deployed at Ames Research Center. The system will be deployed to two Centers in fiscal year 2009 and the remaining Centers by the end of fiscal year 2010, contingent upon available funds.

Based on these comments, we consider the recommendation to be resolved and will close it once we verify that all actions have been completed. We appreciate the courtesies extended the audit staff during the review. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Mr. Vince Scott, Procurement Director, Office of Audits, at 202-358-0546.

signed

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Enclosure

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## Management's Additional Comments

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Reply to Attn of:

Office of Chief Information Officer

TO: Inspector General

FROM: NASA Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: Response to Final Audit Report - Assignment No. A-06-026-00, Report  
No. IG-08-017, Audit of NASA's Scientific and Technical Information  
(STI) Program

The NASA Chief Information Officer (OCIO) is pleased to provide the following management comment in response to the subject report for Assignment No. A-06-026-00, Recommendation 4. This response specifically addresses Recommendation 4, which was added by the OIG during preparation of the final report.

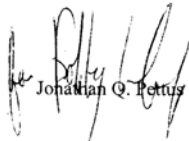
**OIG Recommendation for Corrective Action:**

**Recommendation 4: The CIO should determine how to best attain the intended benefits of an Agency-wide automated STI tracking system and provide an appropriate plan of action to do so.**

**OCIO Response:**

Concur: The STI Program, working through NASA/Ames, is developing a proto-type tracking system for evaluation and potential deployment to those Centers without existing automated tracking capabilities. This system is currently being tested by selected ARC organizational codes and, following this, will be deployed ARC-wide for operational use and further evaluation. A plan will be developed by the end of this calendar year for deploying the STI Tracking System at two additional Centers during FY 2009 and at the remaining Centers by the end of FY 2010. NASA-wide deployment of the STI Tracking System is contingent on available funds.

If you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please direct them to George Roncaglia at 757-864-2374.

  
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