

Final Assessment Report 07-07, September 17, 2007 “Report on WebTrust Assessment of GPO’s Certification Authority – Attestation Report”

GPO implemented its Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) to support its “born digital and published to the Web” methodology and meet GPO customer expectations that documents are official and authentic. The GPO PKI also directly supports the GPO mission related to electronic information dissemination and e-Government. The GPO PKI is cross-certified with the Federal Bridge Certification Authority, whose certification provisions require that the GPO PKI undergo an annual compliance review. To satisfy this compliance requirement, the OIG tasked an Independent Public Accounting (IPA) firm to conduct a WebTrust assessment of the GPO PKI Certification Authority (CA) for the period of August 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. The IPA assessed the CA in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) “WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certificate Authorities.” The assessment represents an evaluation of whether GPO management assertions related to the adequacy and effectiveness of controls over its CA operations are in all material respects fairly stated. The IPA firm issued an attestation report that expresses their opinion that the assertions of GPO management regarding its CA operations are fairly stated. This opinion is contained in the report, which is considered sensitive.