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Dear Tom:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for all the work your staff has done in getting the Information Protection and Risk Management task order completed and awarded. As you know, this task order is one of the Deputy Assistant Secretary's highest priorities and is critical for the successful implementation of the 'gold standard' of security at VA.

Of special note, is the outstanding job that Mr. Tim Warrington did in supporting this effort. This was the VA's first endeavor with NIH and Mr. Warrington was there to do all the necessary hand holding required. He was always responsive to VA and was willing to go the extra mile to ensure that all the documentation required was completed. He also volunteered to work as a technical expert during the grueling process of vendor evaluations. Mr Warrington understood the importance of VA timelines and when the contracting officer suddenly became ill during a critical phase in the procurement effort, Tim stepped up to the plate to handle the last minute preparations. Tim should be commended for his efforts.

Tim's support on the contract effort is appreciated. I hope we get to work with him again on future endeavors. Again, thank you for all your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jaren Doherty".

Jaren Doherty, Associate Deputy
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Security