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Washington, DC – The Department of Homeland Security Inspector General, Richard L. Skinner, announced today the selection of James L. Taylor, Jr. to fill the position of Deputy Inspector General.

Mr. Taylor currently serves as the Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Director, Office of Financial Management at the Department of Commerce. He is also the current Chair of the CFO Council Policy and Practices Committee. Under his direction, the Department of Commerce obtained the first of six clean financial statement audit opinions, and reduced material weaknesses from 11 to 0. Mr. Taylor led the Department's successful effort to obtain a "Green" on the Financial Management President's Management Scorecard's Improving Financial Performance Initiative.

Prior to his work at Commerce, Mr. Taylor held the position of Deputy Chief Financial Officer at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), where he was directly responsible for all financial operations, with expenditures of over \$ 4 - \$10 billion annually, and 2800 staff in ten regional offices.

Immediately prior to joining the FEMA, Mr. Taylor served as Assistant Administrator for the Federal Insurance Administration (FIA), where he was responsible for all financial, personnel, facilities, strategic planning and other administrative operations and policy for the FIA, a self funded activity charged with managing the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The NFIP included cash flow in excess \$3 billion from the sale and servicing of flood insurance premiums from 3 million policyholders, with over \$300 billion of insurance in force

Taylor has been the recipient of numerous awards for outstanding accomplishments, including the Donald T. Scantlebury Memorial Award for Excellence in Financial Management in 2005; the Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Executive in 2004; the Gold Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Financial Management in 2003; and, the Director's Award for Outstanding Achievement in 2000, while at FEMA.
