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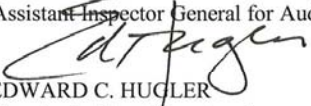
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MEMORANDUM FOR ELLIOT LEWIS

Assistant Inspector General for Audit

FROM:


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Subject:

 Response to Office of Inspector General Draft Audit Report -
*Recovery Act: DOL's Plan to Ensure Data Quality in
 Recipient Reporting (Report No. 18-10-001-01-001)*

This responds to the Office of Inspector's General October 26, 2009, draft audit report concerning DOL's plan to ensure data quality in recipient reporting under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA" or "Recovery Act"). The draft audit report is a reasonable assessment of the Department's efforts to ensure that recipients of Recovery Act funds timely and properly report; reported data are reviewed by DOL in accordance with government-wide guidance; and of our readiness to remediate any problems.

As we shared with your team throughout the audit, ETA, OSHA and OASAM - with oversight by the Department - have undertaken substantial measures to give clear and ample guidance to recipients, put procedures in place to monitor compliance, and follow up with ARRA fund recipients as necessary. Proof of the effectiveness of these measures is in the results—all ARRA grants and contractor recipients registered successfully and on time, and all ARRA grants and contractor recipients have reported on time. DOL is currently executing its plans for the data quality review phase of this first round of quarterly ARRA recipient reporting.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft report.

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