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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUZAN G. LEVINE Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training

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FROM:

CAROLYN R. HANTZ Assistant Inspector General for Audit

SUBJECT:

Audit of CARES Act UI Program Payment Promptness and Claimant Eligibility

Please be advised that the Office of Inspector General is initiating an audit to determine if CARES Act UI program benefits were paid promptly and only to eligible claimants. This audit will focus on the sufficiency of ETA's oversight and states' procedures to ensure UI benefits were paid promptly and only to eligible individuals for the period March 27, 2020 to March 14, 2021, which includes the extended period authorized by the Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act.

We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference to discuss the audit objective, scope, and methodology. We plan to begin work immediately after the entrance conference and appreciate your notifying appropriate agency officials of our plans.

If you have any questions, please contact Dwight Gates, Audit Director, at (404) 665-4364 or Mark Sanderson, Audit Manager at (404) 317-4954.

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