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Memorandum

To: David Sheppard, Acting Inspector General
From: Joel Neimeyer, Federal Co-Chair
Subject: Response to April 28, 2015 Memo on Need for EEO Services
Date: May 13, 2015

This memo is in response to your April 28th memo and our conversations on this subject over the past four months. This is a preliminary response. The agency agrees that we must address the lack of necessary and appropriate equal employment opportunity (EEO) services, and we thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Mr. John Whittington, Denali Commission General Counsel, has had a number of promising conversations and face-to-face meetings with staff from the US Department of Commerce – Office of Civil Rights (DOC-OCR) with respect to entering into a shared services agreement for EEO services as well as other similar services including reasonable accommodation consultation services, and Merit System Protection Board consultation services.

An agreement with DOC-OCR has not yet been reached. When and if such an agreement is executed, we will inform your office. In the event the Denali Commission and DOC-OCR cannot reach an agreement the Commission will work to establish a similar shared services agreement with another Federal agency.

As we have discussed previously, the Commission is too small to have our own EEO office and it would be better financially if we found another Federal agency willing to provide these services.

cc: Commissioners
Todd Zinser, Inspector General, US Department of Commerce
John Whittington, General Counsel, Denali Commission