



Denali Commission
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Joel Neimeyer
Federal Co-Chair

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FROM: David Sheppard
Inspector General

SUBJECT: Review of the Denali Commission's Digital
Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014
Implementation Readiness

We are initiating a review of the Commission's Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 (DATA Act) implementation readiness. Our review objective is to determine the Commission's readiness to implement the DATA Act requirements.

The DATA Act was enacted on May 9, 2014, and it requires that federal agencies report financial and payment data in accordance with data standards established by the Department of the Treasury and Office of Management and Budget. It also requires that agency offices of inspector general (OIGs) review statistical samples of the data submitted by the agency under the DATA Act and submit reports biannually (starting November 2016) on the completeness, timeliness, quality, and accuracy of the data sampled and the use of the data standards by the agency.

Because agencies are not required to submit spending data in compliance with the Act until May 2017, OIG reports required by the DATA Act are delayed by one year (until November 2017). Therefore, this review will simply assess the Commission's readiness to implement the DATA Act requirements.

I will be in contact with you soon to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss the review's scope and methodology in greater detail. If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact me at (206) 220-7970. We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this review.

cc: Corrine Eilo, Chief Financial Officer, Denali Commission
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