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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Project Notification:
EPA Investments in Information Technology Products and Services
Project No. OA-FY14-0307

FROM: Kevin Christensen, Acting Assistant Inspector General
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TO: Renee Wynn, Acting Assistant Administrator and Chief Information Officer
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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Inspector General (OIG) plans to begin preliminary research on the EPA's management of information technology (IT) investments. This project is included in our annual plan. The project will be conducted using applicable generally accepted government auditing standards. The anticipated benefit of this project is to help EPA business practices and accountability. The objective of the audit is to answer the following question:

“Are the EPA's IT investments efficiently and effectively managed to meet the agency's strategic goals and mission?”

We will contact your office's audit liaison to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objectives and the purpose of the preliminary research phase of our audit. We would also be interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any questions you may have about the project process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the course of the project.

We will provide updates monthly on the progress of the audit. To ensure the success and timely completion of the audit, we ask that the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) provide the following information to Gloria Taylor-Upshaw, Project Manager, who can be contacted at (404) 562-9842 or taylor-upshaw.gloria@epa.gov:

- For Capital Planning and Investment Control Medium and Lite IT investments: description, total spending for fiscal year 2014, time frame of investment, current evaluation, number of projects, project life cycle costs, cost variance and schedule variance.
- Guidance used by the agency for management of IT investments.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact me at (202) 566-1007 or christensen.kevin@epa.gov; or Michael Davis, Director, at (513) 487-2363 or davis.michaeld@epa.gov.

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