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During FY 2012, the EPA worked cooperatively with our federal, state and tribal partners to advance the agency's mission. We made strides in protecting human health and the environment while also increasing efficiency in our business processes and enhancing internal controls. Additionally, I am pleased to present the *FY 2012 Financial and Program Performance Highlights* report in an online only format, allowing for easy access to additional information about our programs and performance.

As EPA's Chief Financial Officer, I must ensure that we adhere to the highest standards of financial management and stewardship in carrying out our mission. For the 13th consecutive year, EPA's Office of Inspector General issued an unqualified or "clean" opinion on the agency's financial statements.

Among our other financial management accomplishments, this year the EPA launched Compass, the agency's new, re-scoped financial system on time and within budget. We revised our internal procedures that promote timely, efficient and effective resolution of audit findings and recommendations and implemented new guidance to reduce conference spending. In response to an OMB directive, the agency developed payment procedures to accelerate processing of payments to small business while maintaining effective internal controls. The new processes were accomplished while ensuring the EPA continued to be a leader in the Federal government at keeping improper payments to a minimum.

We have also made great progress encouraging new approaches to solving environmental problems. These new approaches have potential to provide more cost-effective solutions to environmental challenges. During FY 2012, the agency released its Roadmap on Technology Innovation for Environmental and Economic Progress to promote sustainable technology innovation and examine a broad range of approaches to solving the country's most pressing current environmental problems and preventing future ones. Additionally, the EPA, along with American University, sponsored the first Technology Market Summit to bring together government, industry, academia, and investment decision makers to accelerate the development and adoption of technologies to achieve economic growth through environmental protection.

The EPA made significant achievements over the past year, and I look forward to continuing our success through collaboration with our partners and stakeholders and implementing innovative strategies to help meet the challenges ahead.



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