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The Honorable Tom Vilsack
Secretary
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As part of the Subcommittee's ongoing oversight of contract management, I am writing to request information regarding contract audits performed at the Department of Agriculture.

Please provide a list of all contract audits performed for the Department of Agriculture during fiscal year 2009 to the Subcommittee by May 1, 2010. Please include with your response an electronic table including the following information for each audit:

- (1) A brief description of the scope;
- (2) The name of the organization responsible for performing the audit and whether the organization is external to the Department of Agriculture;
- (3) Whether a written report was prepared by the auditors;
- (4) The time frame; and
- (5) The cost to perform each audit, if applicable.

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight is set forth in Senate Rule XXV clause 1(k); Senate Resolution 445 section 101 (108th Congress); and Senate Resolution 73 (111th Congress). An attachment to this letter provides additional information about how to respond to the Subcommittee's request.

Please contact Tesa Lanoy with the Subcommittee staff (202) 228-3978 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
Chairman
Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight

cc: Scott Brown
Ranking Member

Enclosure