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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Rights of Conscience Protections for Armed Forces Service Members and Their Chaplains (Project No. D2014-D00SPO-0142.000)¹

We plan to begin the subject assessment in August 2014. This assessment is being conducted in accordance with Section 533 of Public Law 112-239, "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013" (2013 NDAA), January 2, 2013, as amended, and Section 533 of Public Law 113-66, "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014" (2014 NDAA), December 26, 2013 .

The objectives for this assessment, as required by the Section 533 of the 2014 NDAA, are to determine:

1. The extent to which the Department of Defense issued and complied with regulations designed to protect the rights of conscience for service members;
2. The extent to which the Department of Defense issued and complied with regulations designed to protect chaplains' rights of conscience; and
3. The number of contacts regarding incidents involving the rights of conscience of a service member or chaplain received by the Inspector General of the Department of Defense and Inspectors General of U.S. Military Departments.

We will consider suggestions from management on additional or revised objectives or for future assessments.

We plan to contact or visit the following, among others:

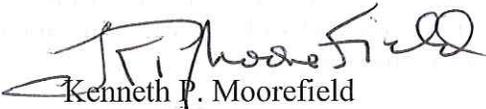
- Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Military Personnel Policy;
- Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
- Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness and Force Management
- The Inspectors General of the U.S. military departments;
- The Armed Forces Chaplains Board;
- DoD's Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity; and
- Service Equal Opportunity Headquarters.

For organizations identified in the distribution portion of this memorandum, please provide a point of contact for this assessment. The point of contact must be at or above GS-15 civilian grade, O6 military grade or pay band equivalent. Please include the contact's name, title, grade/pay band/rank, phone number, and e-mail address. We request management send the point of contact information to [REDACTED] within **10 days** of the date of this announcement.

¹ We are defining rights of conscience to include protections for issues of conscience, moral principle, or religious belief held by service members and chaplains.

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