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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITY

SUBJECT: Assessment of Electronic Absentee System for Elections (EASE) Grants
(Project No. D2015-D00SPO-0045.000)

We plan to begin the subject assessment in October 2014. We are conducting this assessment in response to a June 24, 2014, Congressional Request from Chairman Joe Wilson, and Ranking Member Susan Davis, Military Personnel Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee.

Our objective is to determine whether recipients of Electronic Absentee System for Elections (EASE) 2.0 grants inappropriately used grant funds to develop systems for the electronic return of a marked ballot. Additionally, we will determine how the DoD Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) office accounted for approximately \$85 million in Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation funds received between 2009 and 2013.

We will perform the assessment in coordination with the FVAP office. We may identify additional locations during the assessment, to include select States and localities that were recipients of EASE 2.0 grants. We will consider suggestions from stakeholders on additional or revised objectives or for future assessments.

Please provide us with a point of contact for the assessment within **10 days** of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact must be a Government employee – a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or the military equivalent. [REDACTED]

You may obtain information about DoD, Office of Inspector General from the DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense," April 20, 2012; DoD Instruction 7600.02, "Audit Policies," April 27, 2007; and DoD Instruction 7050.3, "Access to Records and Information by the Inspector General, Department of Defense," April 24, 2000. Our website is www.dodig.mil.

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