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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION,
TECHNOLOGY, AND LOGISTICS
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY
NAVAL INSPECTOR GENERAL

SUBJECT: Audit of the Acquisition of the Navy P-8A Poseidon Aircraft
(Project No. D2012-D000AE-0176.000)

We plan to begin the subject audit in June 2012. Our objective is to determine whether Navy is effectively preparing the P-8A Poseidon program for the full-rate production decision. Specifically, we will evaluate whether the Navy is addressing the system shortfalls and increasing its sample size to fully assess system reliability as the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation advised both before and after the Low-rate Initial Production decision in August 2010. We will consider suggestions from management on additional or revised audit objectives.

We will perform the audit at the offices of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation; the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition); the Program Executive Officer for Air Anti-Submarine Warfare, Assault, and Special Mission Programs; the Program Manager for Maritime Surveillance Aircraft; the Chief of Naval Operations; the Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force; and the Defense Contract Management Agency. We may visit other DoD offices and contractor locations during the audit.

Please provide us with a point of contact for the audit within **10 days** of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government employee, a GS-15 or pay band or military equivalent. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and e-mail address by mail, by fax to (571) 372-7460, or by e-mail to audacm@dodig.mil.

You can obtain information about the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD)," 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 Web site address is www.dodig.mil.

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