



March 11, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM W. BEACH
Commissioner
for Bureau of Labor Statistics

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FROM: CAROLYN R. HANTZ
Assistant Inspector General
for Audit

SUBJECT: Audit of Bureau of Labor Statistics
Survey Response Rates,
Project No. 17-P21-002-11-001

Please be advised the Office of Inspector General is initiating an Audit of the Bureau of Labor Statistics Survey Response Rates. Our focus will be on challenges posed by declining statistical survey response rates. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule a meeting to discuss the following:

- Objective: How has BLS addressed challenges posed by declining statistical survey response rates and what was the impact on the reliability and costs of economic information developed by BLS?
- Scope: BLS planned and implemented processes and procedures on survey data collection for Principal Federal Economic Indicators.

We plan to begin work immediately after our meeting and would appreciate your notifying appropriate agency officials of our plans. If you have questions, please contact Tracy Katz, Audit Director, at (202) 210-0769, or katz.tracy@oig.dol.gov.

cc: William J. Wiatrowski
Deputy Commissioner

Nancy Ruiz de Gamboa,
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