



Thursday, September 26, 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR: CAROLYN HANTZ
Assistant Inspector General for Audit

FROM: SCOTT GIBBONS *SG*
Chief Data Officer

SUBJECT: Response to Recommendations in the Office of Inspector
General's Bi-Annual Audit on Compliance with the Geospatial
Data Act of 2018.

I appreciate the opportunity to respond to the Office of Inspector General's (OIG) findings and recommendations regarding Department of Labor (Department) compliance with the requirements of the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (GDA or Act). I broadly agree with the findings identified during the audit, and the recommendations to help move our data governance forward.

I am appreciative for the characterization of progress at the Department in meeting the requirements of the law, and the recognition that the collaboration between DOL's Data Board and the Departmental programs to improve data governance has demonstrated progress. The audit shows that DOL made progress in 8 of the 13 categories: most notably in the areas of creating and promoting methods for using geospatial data analytically to inform program administration, and some degree of progress in using data standards, establishing geospatial strategy, protection of privacy and confidentiality, non-duplication of data and ensuring high quality data.

I believe the recommendations proposed are reasonable and would be expected to improve geospatial data management and advance the Department towards better compliance with the GDA. The Department plans to revisit our Enterprise Data Strategy, Geospatial Data Strategy, and Open Data Plan during FY 2025 and will focus on how we can address the recommendations through better defining geospatial data and establishing enterprise approaches and pathways to enhancing location data quality consistent with how it's defined.

Thank you again for your cooperative approach to conducting this audit on a short timeline and for conducting the audit in a manner that helped us identify progress as well as areas in need of more focus.

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