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MEMORANDUM FOR: Laura B. Nicolosi
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FROM: Brandon Brown
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SUBJECT: Response to Recommendations in the Office of Inspector General's Biennial Audit on Compliance with the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (#23-26-01-001)

We 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). We agree with the findings identified during the audit and the recommendations to further our data governance efforts.

We note that the Data Governance Board's collaboration and efforts, along with Departmental program to improve data governance, are critical to our demonstrated progress. The audit shows that DOL initiated action and made progress on seven responsibilities, completed or met five, and made no progress to date on one. Overall, DOL maintained its status for 12 of the 13 responsibilities, and improved the status for one responsibility, Agency Record Schedules. We continue our commitment to use geospatial data to inform program administration, update and maintain DOL's Geospatial Data Strategy, protect privacy and confidentiality and ensure high-quality, non-duplicative data.

The Department plans to update and publish its Geospatial Data Strategy and Open Data Plan in FY 2027. We will focus on continued progress with the recommendations and supporting information provided by OIG. Specifically, we will address the following recommendations:

Recommendation	Responsible Party	Corrective Action Plan	Estimated Completion Date
1. Revise the DOL Geospatial Data Strategy, ensuring that geospatial-specific policies, procedures, and implementation	Brandon Brown, CDAO	The CDAO will update the Department's Geospatial Data Strategy to update the standards and guidance	January 29, 2027

guidance are clearly documented.		published in the current plan from 2022.	
2. Create a documented process that is aligned with the updated Geospatial Data Strategy to ensure: 1) all of DOL's geospatial data is included in its geospatial data inventory, and 2) improved data accuracy and quality.	Brandon Brown, CDAO	The CDAO will document the process of including all DOL's geospatial data in its Enterprise Data Inventory to ensure improved data accuracy and quality.	February 26, 2027
3. When implementing DOL's updated Geospatial Data Strategy and the geospatial data inventory process, develop a training program to ensure DOL officials with system and geospatial data responsibilities are aware of the requirements.	Brandon Brown, CDAO	The CDAO will provide training to agency Data Stewards via the Data Governance Board on the updated Geospatial Data Strategy and the geospatial data inventory process.	March 31, 2027
4. Create a plan to acquire sufficient funding to properly oversee and create data quality standards for geospatial data throughout DOL and its contracts.	DOL-OIG	OIG will elevate this recommendation to the Secretary of Labor to develop a plan to secure sufficient funding for GDA work.	Undetermined

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