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The Honorable Rae Oliver Davis Inspector General U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th St SW Washington, DC 20410

Dear Inspector General Oliver Davis:

This required external peer review was conducted in accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) Inspection and Evaluation Committee guidance as contained in CIGIE's *Guide for Conducting External Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General* (2021). The peer review was conducted from October 21, 2022, through January 10, 2023.

We assessed the extent to which U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Inspector General Office of Evaluation (OE) complied with the CIGIE *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation*, *December 2012* (Blue Book). This assessment included a review of OE's internal policies and procedures, dated May 2020 and January 2022, implementing the Blue Book standards. It also included a review of three inspection and evaluation reports issued between October 2019 and September 2022 to determine whether the reports complied with Blue Book standards and OE's internal policies and procedures.

Overall Conclusion

We determined that OE's policies and procedures generally "were consistent with" the Blue Book standards addressed in the external peer review. Each of the three reports reviewed generally complied with the Blue Book standards. We did not identify any significant noncompliance and do not make any recommendations.

Enclosed are a Letter of Comment that describes our results and any issues that were not considered to significantly impact compliance with a Blue Book standard, a copy of your response to our draft report, and a description of our scope and methodology.



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Sincerely,

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