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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to provide you information regarding material changes in internal control related to the accounting and procurement processing and general computer controls the Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Administrative Resource Center (ARC) used for processing (financial management services) Customer Agencies transactions. KPMG, LLP prepared the latest Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE) 16 (Service Organization Control (SOC) 1, Type II) report dated August 30, 2016, which reflects their opinion on the description and suitability of the applicable internal controls as well as their operating effectiveness to achieve the related control objectives for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

ARC recognizes the need to maintain an appropriate internal control environment and report upon the effectiveness, as well as material changes to its internal controls. To the best of our knowledge, as of March 31, 2017, there are no material changes to the internal controls described in the aforementioned SSAE 16 report that would adversely affect the design or effectiveness of internal controls subsequent to the date of the SSAE 16 report.

In addition, the controls for ARC were designed with certain responsibilities required by the user entity (Complementary Customer Agency Controls in the SSAE 16 report). ARC’s controls should be evaluated in conjunction with an assessment of the strength of the user controls.

Finally, in order to conclude upon the design and operating effectiveness of internal controls for ARC, the current SSAE 16 report must be reviewed. This letter is not intended to be a substitute for the SSAE 16 report.

Sincerely,

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