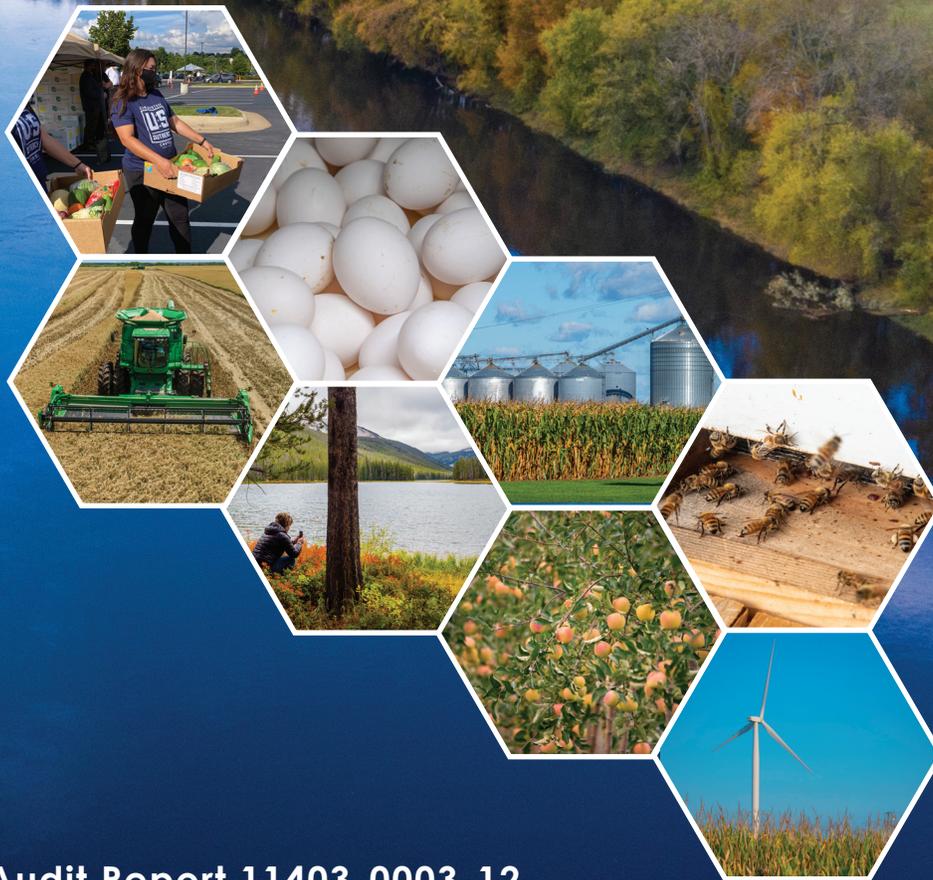


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SUBJECT: Independent Service Auditor's Report on the National Finance Center's
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This report presents the results of the examination of the description of the National Finance Center's (NFC) payroll and personnel system for processing user entities' payroll and human resource transactions throughout the period October 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 based on the criteria identified in NFC's assertion and the Office of the Chief Information Officer's (OCIO) assertion. This report also presents the results of the examination of the suitability of the design and operating effectiveness of NFC's and OCIO's controls included in the description to achieve the related control objectives stated in the description. The report contains an adverse opinion based on controls that were not suitably designed and operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance that the control objectives would be achieved.

We appreciate the courtesies and cooperation extended to us by members of your staff during our audit fieldwork and subsequent discussions. This report contains sensitive information that is being withheld from public release due to concerns about the risk of circumvention of law.

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