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SUBJECT: Continuous Diagnostics and Mitigation Program Assessment

The Continuous Diagnostics and Mitigation (CDM) program provides Federal departments and agencies with capabilities and tools that identify cybersecurity risks on an ongoing basis, prioritize these risks based upon potential impacts, and enable cybersecurity personnel to mitigate the most significant problems first. Congress established the CDM program to (1) provide adequate, risk-based, and cost-effective cybersecurity and (2) more efficiently allocate cybersecurity resources. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) contracted with Constellation West to independently assess the implementation of the CDM program within the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and to recommend best practices. Constellation West issued a report to OIG on the results of the CDM assessment based on the analysis it has performed to-date.

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