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OFFICE OF THE
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Kickoff of FY 2014 National Program Manager (NPM) Guidance Development

FROM: Barbara J. Bennett /s/
Chief Financial Officer

TO: Assistant Administrators
Regional Administrators
General Counsel
Inspector General
Associate Administrators

I am pleased to begin the FY 2014 National Program Manager (NPM) Guidance development process with this policy memorandum.

The annual NPM Guidances are essential to advancing the achievement of agency priorities identified in the *FY 2011-2015 Strategic Plan* and our *Annual Plan and Budget*. The FY 2014 NPM Guidance development process translates the agency's budget choices and strategic goals into operational strategies to guide regional implementation with states and tribes.

As you know, we are collaborating with your staff to Lean the NPM Guidances as directed by the Executive Management Council. As a result, we are incorporating several key changes to the FY 2014 NPM Guidances including a consistent, streamlined format and a new centralized process for identifying and incorporating cross-program topics. I thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to improving this annual performance management process.

OCFO will be issuing Technical Guidance shortly to provide details about these changes and the FY 2014 NPM Guidance development process.

If you have any questions regarding this effort, please contact Kathy O'Brien at (202) 564-1167 or have your staff contact Marc Vincent at (202) 564-0876.

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