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## Memorandum

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**From:** Comptroller General – Gene L. Dodaro  
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Since the Forensic Audits and Special Investigations team was formed in 2005 the team's body of work has resulted in numerous accomplishments and benefits to the Congress and the public. To ensure good work continues and to bring greater management attention to the group and more seamlessly integrate its work with GAO's program teams as well as the audit and investigative sides of the unit, today I am announcing several changes. These enhancements will also ensure greater attention to the issues that led to the need to produce the errata to the for-profit schools report and by the subsequent inspection.

The team will be restructured and renamed the Forensic Audits and Investigative Service (FAIS) team and I am pleased to announce that Rick Hillman, the current Managing Director of the Financial Markets and Community Investments team, has agreed to serve as the Managing Director of the new FAIS team. I am also pleased to announce that as part of this new FAIS team structure, Greg Kutz will serve as Director of Audit Services. Another executive will be brought in as Director of Investigative Services and a search is underway for that individual.

This new structure will provide greater emphasis on both forensic audits and investigations. We also will enhance the matrixed efforts the team conducts working with other teams across the agency to focus on investigative results that demonstrate the impact of identified management control and other problems. We will also increase the focus on some of our high-risk work such as the detection, correction and prevention of improper payments. The new FAIS team will be subject to GAO's rigorous regular internal inspections and external peer reviews. The inspection report on the for-profit school work identified areas to improve quality control and we will also move expeditiously to implement each of those recommendations and any new recommendations that come from the ongoing inspections of FAIS' portfolio of work. We are looking at FAIS staffing, workload and enhanced training to ensure we are well positioned to support the important work the team does both individually and with the support of other mission teams.

These changes are effective immediately. I hope you will join me in wishing Rick and Greg much success in their new positions.

## **Richard J. Hillman**

Rick Hillman will bring strong leadership to manage this restructuring. As a career-long GAO employee, Mr. Hillman has served GAO in many capacities. Mr. Hillman is currently Managing Director in the Financial Markets and Community Investment team and has led that team since 2005. In 1997, Mr. Hillman was promoted into GAO's Senior Executive Service as an Associate Director in the General Government Division working in the financial institutions and markets issues area. Prior to that, he was a Band III analyst in the Office of Program Planning and the Office of the Assistant Comptroller General for Planning and Reporting. Mr. Hillman also served for over six years in senior and supervisory information systems analyst positions in GAO's Information Management and Technology Division.

Mr. Hillman joined GAO's headquarters office entry-level program in 1976. He subsequently worked in GAO's Washington Regional Office until his reassignment to work in the accounting and financial auditing group in the Accounting and Financial Management Division.

Mr. Hillman graduated with honors with a B.S. degree in accounting from the University of Scranton. He also has completed additional course work in government management and in computer technology and information systems issues. He has earned numerous GAO honors throughout his career including GAO's Comptroller General's Award in 2009, Distinguished Service Award in 2003, and Meritorious Service Awards in 1986 and 1996 and other individual performance and teamwork awards.

## **Greg Kutz**

These changes will allow us to take better advantage of Greg Kutz's wealth of experience in forensic and other audit services. Mr. Kutz has been Managing Director of the Forensic Audits and Special Investigations Unit (FSI) and has served in that capacity since 2005. In 1991, Mr. Kutz joined the Government Accountability Office after 8 years at KPMG Peat Marwick. As a Senior Executive at GAO, Mr. Kutz has testified at congressional hearings over 80 times primarily on matters related to fraud, waste and abuse and other special investigations. Mr. Kutz has been responsible for reports issued by GAO and testimony relating to credit card and travel fraud and abuse, improper sales of sensitive military and dual use technology, tax fraud and abuse, wage theft, Hurricane Katrina and Rita fraud, and a variety of other high profile investigations. Mr. Kutz is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), and Member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Professional Standards and Practices Committee. He was also a 2010 Service to America Medals Finalist for Law Enforcement and Justice.