

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Inspector General**



Inspector General

July 1, 2019

Ernest Chrappah  
Director  
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs  
1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Director Chrappah:

This letter informs you that the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) plans to conduct an agency-wide evaluation of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA).

In light of Bill 23-0091, the “Department of Buildings Establishment Act of 2019,” which seeks to divide DCRA’s current portfolio of responsibilities between two new agencies: (1) the Department of Buildings; and (2) the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection,<sup>1</sup> the objectives of this evaluation are to: (1) determine how likely is it that Bill 23-0091 will achieve its stated objectives; (2) identify what changes DCRA could make that might increase the likelihood of achieving the Bill’s intended results before the legislation is put into effect; (3) assess DCRA’s current internal control environment; and (4) identify areas at risk of loss through errors, theft, or noncompliance with District law and regulations.

This evaluation will be conducted under standards promulgated by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency and the U.S. Government Accountability Office’s *Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government*.

This evaluation was not identified in our *Fiscal Year 2019 Audit and Inspection Plan*.<sup>2</sup> We expect to begin field work on or about July 1, 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> Department of Buildings Establishment Act of 2019, 2019 Bill Text DC B. 91.

<sup>2</sup> OIG website, available at <http://oig.dc.gov>.

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Fekede Gindaba, Task Order Administrator, will call to coordinate an entrance conference to discuss the evaluation process and to answer any questions you may have. Should you have any questions in the interim, please contact me at (202) 727-2540.

Sincerely,



Daniel W. Lucas  
Inspector General

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