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To: Customers and Stakeholders

As a Federal service provider for Agencies of the Department Agriculture (USDA), as well as many non-USDA Agencies, the National Finance Center (NFC) is subject to numerous legislative and regulatory requirements that are satisfied through internal control testing. Annual reviews of NFC's internal controls over financial reporting are performed to satisfy Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin 15-02, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*, and OMB Circular A-123, *Management's Responsibility for Enterprise Risk Management and Internal Control*. As suggested by both OMB Bulletin 15-02 and A-123 guidance, NFC meets these requirements by providing our customers a Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagements No. 18 (SSAE 18) report on whether (1) internal controls over financial reporting for NFC Payroll/Personnel and application hosting systems were designed properly to achieve specified objectives and placed into operation and (2) these controls that were tested were operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance that the related control objectives were met during the specified period. NFC controls are also assessed annually as part of the broader information security control assessments required by the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA) and OMB policy.

Based on the unmodified SSAE 18 report and all available FISMA security control assessment results to date, NFC can provide reasonable assurance that there are no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in its controls over financial reporting that are likely to be relevant to user entities internal control over financial reporting, as of August 31, 2017.

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