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MEMORANDUM

May 8, 2026

To: Members, Subcommittee on Government Operations

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing titled “DoW Financial Management: Examining Progress and New Audit Approaches”

On Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. ET in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on Government Operations will host a hearing titled “DoW Financial Management: Examining Progress and New Audit Approaches.”

I. BACKGROUND:

The Department of War (DoW) is responsible for half of the federal government’s discretionary spending but is the only federal agency not to achieve a clean audit opinion on its financial statements. DoW is statutorily mandated to achieve a clean audit opinion by December 31, 2028.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

The purpose of this hearing is to examine DoW’s progress in addressing key weaknesses that have prevented the Department from achieving a clean audit opinion. This hearing will also provide an opportunity to evaluate the Department’s newly announced refined audit approach.

III. WITNESSES:

Mr. Thomas Harker
Deputy Chief Financial Officer
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Mr. Ryan A. Busby, CPA
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Operations
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Mr. Brett Mansfield
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