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Mr. Black currently serves as Chief Advisor for Strategic Planning and Program Oversight. In this role, Mr. Black leads the OIG's oversight activities for the Department of Energy's expanded mission programs created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Inflation reduction Act, the CHIPS and Science Act, and other new DOE programs. Additionally, Mr. Black leads the agency's strategic planning and performance reporting functions.

Mr Black began his career with DOE OIG in 1992 as an auditor where he led high profile performance audits in the Office of Environmental Management, Office of Nuclear Energy, the National Nuclear Security Agency, as well as major financial audits. In 1995, Mr. Black was recognized as the OIG "Auditor of the Year." In 2002, he was selected as Team Leader for the Idaho Falls Audit Office. In 2003, he was recognized as the OIG "Auditor of the Year." In both 2003 and 2008 Mr. Black was honored with an "Award of Excellence" from the President's Council for Integrity and Efficiency. In 2008, Mr. Black was selected as Director in the Office of Audits, serving in this role both in the Eastern Region, and Western Region over the next few years, leading major audit projects across the entire Department. In 2010, he was recognized with an "Award of Excellence" from the Council of Inspectors General for Integrity and Efficiency. Also in 2010, Mr. Black left the OIG for a short period to serve in a leadership development role in the Department's Office of Nuclear Energy as Special Assistant to the Deputy Manager for Nuclear Energy, where he led the 2010 contractor performance evaluation for the management and operating contractor at the Idaho National Laboratory. During the Recovery Act era, from 2009 through 2014, Mr. Black led oversight efforts for the major supplemental funding received in the State Energy Program(\$3.1B) and in the Office of Environmental Management (\$5.9B). Mr. Black authored an article highlighting this major expanded oversight campaign, which was published in a professional periodical (Internal Auditor, October 2014).

In 2017, he was selected as Acting Deputy Assistant for Audits and Inspections, leading all audits and inspections in the Western Region. In 2018, he was detailed to the Acting DOE Inspector General to lead the Strategic Assessment project, which entailed a top-to-bottom reform of the agency's strategic vision, mission, values, and strategic plan. In 2019, Mr. Black served a 3-year detail as Senior Advisor to the Inspector General, where he led major projects and initiatives from the DOE IG front office. Notably, he led the OIG's efforts to transition from the Cooperative Audit Strategy to an independent audit approach for the Department's management and operating contractors.

Mr. Black is known for his deep expertise in contractor operations in the field across the Department complex. As engaging speaker, he frequently is asked to speak at universities, professional conferences, government contractors, and for top leadership in Department of Energy on subjects spanning proper governance models, the value of independent oversight, strategic risk management as well as audit specific issues. In addition to those awards already mentioned, Mr. Black has been recognized with numerous agency awards for Audit of the Year, as well as teamwork awards and others,

Mr. Black has a BS in Accounting from University of Utah and an MBA from Idaho State University. He is a Certified Internal Auditor and Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the State of Idaho.