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Gil H. Harden is the Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Office of Inspector General (OIG), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). In this capacity, Mr. Harden is responsible for all audits of the Department of Agriculture and its worldwide operations and programs, and for the management of staff of approximately 200 auditors, information technology specialists, and administrative support personnel.

Mr. Harden formerly served as Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit in USDA. His responsibilities included audit work in the areas of food safety, nutrition assistance, animal and plant health, and marketing. He was also responsible for program audits for Forest Service and Rural Development, which includes business, housing, and utility loans and grants.

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Mr. Harden is a graduate of Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi, with a Bachelor of Business Administration. In 1994, he completed the requirements necessary to be licensed as a Certified Public Accountant. He is a native of the Mississippi Delta and currently resides in Alexandria, Virginia.