MEMORANDUM

December 5, 2019

To: Members of the Subcommittee on Government Operations

Fr: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing on “FITARA 9.0”

On Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee will hold its biannual hearing to assess implementation of the Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) and other information technology (IT) laws. A witness from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) will appear to discuss agency progress with the Acting Chief Information Officer (CIO) from the Departments of Homeland Security (DHS) and the CIO of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

I. FITARA SCORECARD

Committee staff and GAO work together to develop a scorecard to assess agencies’ FITARA implementation efforts. This scorecard is issued every six months and the ninth scorecard will be released on the day of the hearing. Agency grades will reflect GAO’s analysis of how agencies are performing in the following IT categories: (1) incremental development; (2) risk reporting; (3) portfolio management; (4) data center consolidation; (5) software licensing; (6) modernizing government technology; (7) information security management; and (8) CIO reporting structure.

II. WITNESSES

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