



September 9, 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. ERIKA McENTARFER
Commissioner of the U.S.
Bureau of Labor Statistics

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn R. Hantz".

FROM: CAROLYN R. HANTZ
Assistant Inspector General
for Audit

SUBJECT: Audit of Bureau of Labor Statistics
Protection of Embargoed Data
Project No. 17-P24-003-11-001

Please be advised the Office of Inspector General is initiating an audit of the Bureau of Labor Statistics protection of embargoed data. On multiple occasions in 2024, the Bureau of Labor Statistics allegedly released economic data early. Most recently, on August 21, 2024, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reportedly provided unreleased economic data to select analysts who called the bureau before it was released to the public. Our focus will be on how the Bureau of Labor Statistics protects economic data from early or unauthorized disclosure.

We will contact your audit liaison to schedule a meeting to discuss the objective and scope of the project. We plan to begin work immediately after our meeting and would appreciate your notifying appropriate agency officials of our plans. If you have questions, please contact Tracy Katz, Audit Director, at (202) 210-0769, or katz.tracy@oig.dol.gov.

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