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Presentation on the Investigation and Audit related to Procurement Fraud/Collusion by the PBGC Director of the Procurement Department

Brooke Holmes was appointed Deputy Inspector General on February 27, 2022. In the previous 18 months, Brooke served as the Associate Director for Oversight and Accountability at the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC), where she worked with 22 Inspectors General to coordinate the oversight of more than \$5 trillion in pandemic relief programs and spending. Prior to the PRAC, Brooke worked for approximately five years at PBGC OIG; first as an Audit Manager, then as the Assistant Inspector General for Audit. Before joining PBGC OIG, Brooke worked at the Small Business Administration OIG, with the Marine Corps, and at the Naval Audit Service. Brooke served as an auditor and an audit liaison, where she learned the audit craft and saw how auditees experience the process. She has a wealth of experience leading, performing and overseeing audit engagements across a wide range of government programs. I am delighted that she returned to PBGC OIG to lead an office culture that emphasizes people and professional excellence.

Jonathan LaFrance serves as a Senior Special Agent and primary advisor to the Assistant Inspector General for Investigations. Jonathan is also the PBGC OIG representative in interagency investigative matters. He has led and coordinated a multitude of joint investigations with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies involving theft of government benefits, identity theft, bank and wire fraud, and embezzlement from pension plans. The Office of Investigations jurisdiction encompasses the entire U.S.; therefore, he routinely works with different U.S. Attorney's Offices through the entire country to prosecute these cases.

He joined PBGC OIG in July 2018 from DHS – FEMA, where he was the Operations Manager for the Internal Investigations Branch and led sensitive employee misconduct investigations of senior officials. He previously was a Special Agent in Charge at OPM – National Background Investigations Bureau, and he managed a team of 20 investigators. His federal career began as a Consumer Safety Officer with the FDA in the Office of Compliance and Enforcement where he investigated complaints regarding violations of federal tobacco laws. In 2006, he began his law enforcement career as a police officer with the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, DC.

Kara Burt is an Audit Manager at the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) OIG. She joined PBGC OIG in February 2019, and served as Auditor-In-Charge (AIC) for an audit of PBGC's Procurement Department following illegal activities by a procurement official, and this audit resulted in PBGC strengthening its internal controls over the contracting process. In addition, the investigative and audit teams for this procurement matter received a CIGIE Award for Excellence for Multiple Disciplines for their work. Ms. Burt previously worked in the Small Business Administration OIG, where she led performance audits of small business contracting programs. One of these audits, *Improvements Needed in SBA's Oversight of 8(a) Continuing Eligibility Processes*, received a CIGIE award. Her previous experience includes over 10 years with the District of Columbia OIG Inspections and Evaluations Division, where she led

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engagements on topics including human resources, education, and public safety. Ms. Burt is a Certified Internal Auditor and holds a Master of Public Administration degree.