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Mr. Ward has over 35 years of combined Federal service—with the DOT OIG, Government Accountability Office (GAO), and United States Navy. With OIG since 2002, he has served both at the Washington, DC, Headquarters and in the Seattle regional office. Prior to joining OIG, he spent 15 years with GAO in Washington, DC. During his GAO and OIG careers, he led dozens of performance audits of federally funded acquisition and grant programs to identify ways to improve the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of program management, and made numerous recommendations for improving program outcomes. The work of his teams has resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars in funds put to better use at the Department of Defense and the Department of Transportation, including Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) programs. Upon his appointment to the Senior Executive Service in 2015, Mr. Ward served as the Assistant Inspector General for Aviation Audits, where he oversaw aviation reviews with an emphasis on airport grant funding, FAA acquisition and procurement, aviation safety, and program management.

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