NRO Receives Unmatched 12th “Clean” Financial Audit

CHANTILLY, VA—Today the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) announced it received its 12th consecutive, unmodified (clean) audit of its annual financial statements, an accomplishment unparalleled in the U.S. Intelligence Community.

“Excellence in fiscal stewardship is a hallmark of the NRO,” said NRO Director Dr. Christopher Scolese. “With today’s announcement of our 12th clean financial audit, the American people can continue to trust that the NRO manages their taxpayer dollars wisely and is accountable for delivering on our vital national security mission.”

The audit was conducted by Kearney & Company, an independent public accounting firm. Kearney evaluated the reliability of financial data supporting NRO financial statements, the accuracy of the statements, and related footnote disclosures in accordance with guidance issued by the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board, the Office of Management and Budget, and other authorities.

An unmodified or “clean” audit opinion means that the financial statements fairly present the financial position and results of the organization’s operations in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. NRO managers can confidently use this information in day-to-day decisions, knowing it is accurate and reliable.

“This 12th clean audit opinion is the result of the integrity, commitment, and experience of the women and men of the NRO,” said Misty Tullar, NRO’s Chief Financial Officer and Director of NRO’s Business Plans and Operations Directorate. “It is a testament to our strong commitment to accountability and responsible governance.”

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