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NRO reaches an unprecedented financial management milestone

For the thirteenth year in a row, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) achieved an unmodified opinion (clean audit) for fiscal year 2021 from independent auditors for its annual financial statements.

“We are leading the Intelligence Community in fiscal accountability,” said NRO Director Dr. Chris Scolese. “The effective management of our resources is not only an important indicator of the strong financial health of our organization, but it provides assurance to our partners, stakeholders, and overseers that we will reliably and consistently deliver on our mission.”

An unmodified or “clean” opinion means that the financial statements present fairly the financial position and the results of the organizations operations in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The report noted continued enhancements to the NRO’s management control structures. NRO managers can confidently use this information in day-to-day decisions knowing it is accurate and reliable.

The NRO Office of the Inspector General contracted with the independent public accounting firm Kearney & Company, to conduct the annual audit of financial statements. Kearney evaluated the reliability of financial data supporting financial statements, the accuracy of the statements, and the accuracy of footnote disclosures in accordance with guidance issued by the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board, the Office of Management and Budget, and other authoritative guidance.

“The NRO’s ability to meet our financial management objectives for the thirteenth year shows the commitment our organization has made to efficient business operations,” said Chief Financial Officer and Director of the NRO’s Business and Plans Operations Directorate Misty Tullar.

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