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Public Notice of a Classified Management Advisory Memorandum for the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Regarding Needed Improvements to the FBI's Response to Changing Operational Technologies

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is performing an audit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) efforts to mitigate the risks to sensitive FBI operations posed by technological changes and advances that may be employed by investigative subjects or adversaries. During our initial work on this audit, we determined that certain aspects of the FBI's efforts to respond to changing operational technologies were inadequate and required better communication and coordination, and prompt corrective action. We immediately alerted the FBI of our significant concerns and on December 19, 2022 we provided a classified Management Advisory Memorandum (MAM) (23-013) to the FBI Director. This posting is an unclassified, publicly releasable notice of the classified MAM.

The issues that we believed required immediate attention related to the FBI's overall approach and strategy for addressing these risks and its workforce's ability to identify and adapt to them. The classified MAM includes two recommendations that we believe will help ensure that the FBI employs a more robust and effective strategy to address the risks posed by changing operational technologies and that its workforce is better positioned to identify and adapt to those risks. The FBI concurred with both of our recommendations and stated that it has already begun taking necessary corrective actions.

Our audit of the FBI's efforts to respond to changing operational technologies remains ongoing, and the audit will incorporate, as appropriate, any actions taken by the FBI to address the issues presented in the MAM.