

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

M E M O R A N D U M

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TO: Mr. Edward L. Blansitt, Inspector General

FROM: Nancy Navarro, Council President Hy

SUBJECT: Final Draft Report of Audit Survey of Selected Economic Development Operations—EDF Program

The County Council is in receipt of your recent survey of the practices of the Department of Economic Development related to its Economic Development Fund Grant and Loan Program. The Council continues to appreciate your diligent review of complex government programs, which is part of this County's continuing efforts to ensure integrity and accountability in governance.

The Council is encouraged that your review did not result in any formal findings, and looks forward to continuing to work with the Department of Economic Development to ensure that the Council and the public are provided with adequate and accurate information in support of economic development activities. In the first several months since Bill 14-12 became effective, results indicate that the legislative changes have improved the process. The Council will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of those reforms over the course of FY14.

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