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Debra S. Ritt, Inspector General

Subject Audit of Executive Compensation and Revenue Recognition Practices for Smithsonian Business Ventures

On April 12, 2006, we initiated an audit of executive compensation and revenue recognition practices for Smithsonian Business Ventures (SBV). This is to inform you that we are expanding the scope of this audit to include compensation practices for executives Smithsonian-wide.

The auditor-in-charge for this project is Brian Lowe. We welcome any comments or suggestions you have regarding this audit, and are interested in any issues you feel should receive special attention. Please contact Stuart Metzger at 275-2159 or Brian Lowe at 275-2146 if you have any questions or comments, or would like to meet to discuss our audit plans.