UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 14, 2013

TO: Chief Information Officer

FROM: for Thomas Cline Inspector General

SUBJECT: Report on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Website Security Assessment

The FCC Office of Inspector General (OIG) engaged the independent cybersecurity firm of Veris Group LLC to assess the Commission's website security. The assessment's primary objectives were to determine 1) the adequacy and the effectiveness of the controls over the FCC.gov website environment, 2) the adequacy of and compliance with the FCC's website related directives, policies and procedures, and 3) FCC's compliance with NIST guidance regarding website management and security, including security in public cloud computing.

The attached Veris Group LLC report identifies sixteen (16) findings and offers thirty seven (37) recommendations to address those findings. The draft findings and recommendations were provided to FCC management through the Notice of Findings and Recommendations (NFR) process. Management provided their comments, which were incorporated, where appropriate. Management's comments to the final report noted "ITC has no comment and accepts the report on the FCC Website Security Assessment."

Veris Group LLC also produced two management letters as part of the FCC Website Security Assessment. They contain observations that did not reach the level of a Notice of Findings and Recommendations (NFR), therefore they are not part of the final report. They are 1) FCC Directives vs. NIST Guidelines Analysis, and 2) FCC.gov and Terremark Datacenter Cloud Computing Observations. The OIG reviewed Veris Group LLC's reports and related documentation and made necessary inquires of Veris Group's representatives. Veris Group LLC is wholly responsible for the attached report and the conclusions expressed therein.

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