MEMORANDUM

TO:      Assistant Inspector General for Audit
         Assistant Inspector General for Investigation
         Assistant Inspector General for Information Technology
         Audits and Computer Crime Investigations
         Assistant Inspector General for Evaluation, Inspection, and
         Management Services

FROM:    Inspector General

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority to Enter Into Contracts and Other Agreements for
         Audits

I.      DELEGATION

Under the authority vested in me by Section 3(a) of the Inspector General Act of
1978, as amended (the Act), 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3, I hereby delegate to you, your
successor in function, and anyone serving for you in an acting capacity, the
authority under Section 6(a)(9) of the Act to enter into contracts and other
arrangements for audits, studies, analyses, and other services as necessary to carry
out the Office of Inspector General’s responsibilities relating to Department of
Education’s programs and operations.

II.     RESERVATION

The authority for obligation of OIG funds for such agreements is reserved to the

III.    REDELEGATION

This authority may not be redelegated.
IV. **CERTIFICATE AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

This delegation is effective upon certification by the Department’s Principal Delegations Control Officer and supersedes all previous delegations of this authority.

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/s/ John P. Higgins, Jr.

OGC Clearance and Date:  /s/ David Berthiaume, 8/3/2004

Certified Date:  8/3/2004

Departmental Delegations Control Officer:  /s/ Naty G. Beetle

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