



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of Inspector General
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Robert P. French
Director
Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
2605 Interstate Drive
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110-9364

Dear Mr. French:

The Department of Commerce Office of Inspector General is initiating an audit of the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) grant awarded to your agency by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. This audit is required by Public Law 110-53—Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007.

The objective of our audit is to determine whether your agency's use of these grant funds meets all federal requirements. In particular, we will assess whether (1) you have met the 20 percent match for acquiring and deploying interoperable communications equipment, and (2) claimed costs are reasonable and allowable under the award. We will also examine whether your agency and its subgrantees have complied with applicable federal laws, regulations, and grant terms and conditions.

As a first step in our audit, we have scheduled a meeting with you for Tuesday, November 4, at which time we will discuss these objectives fully.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the audit, please contact John S. Bunting, our Denver regional inspector general for audits, at (303) 312-7663, or me at (202) 482-5643.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judith J. Gordon".

Judith J. Gordon
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation