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Mr. W. Ross Ashley III  
Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
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Dear Mr. Ashley:

We plan to begin an audit of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA's) Public Safety Interoperable Communications grants program, which is administered by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants office.

We have scheduled an entrance conference for Thursday, June 19, 2008, with the appropriate grants officials to discuss our objectives. We also are coordinating our audit with the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General.

The purpose of our review is to assess management of the grant program by NTIA and the FEMA grants office and to report to Congress as required by amendments to Section 3006 of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 (Title III of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Public Law Number 109-171).

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

Sincerely,

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