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Mr. W. Ross Ashley III
Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs
Federal Emergency Management Agency
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Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Mr. Ashley:

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

The purpose of our review is to assess management of the Public Safety Interoperable Communications grant program by NTIA and the FEMA grants office and to report to Congress as required by section 2201 of *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* (Title XXII, Pub. L. 110-53).

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) 482-2600.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett M. Baker".

Dr. Brett M. Baker
Assistant Inspector General for Audit

cc: Bradley A. Shefka, DHS Audit Liaison
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