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Subject: Second Annual Audit of the National Telecommunications
and Information Administration's Public Safety
Interoperable Communications Grants Program

As you know, we are required to annually assess management of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA's) Public Safety Interoperable Communications grant program and report to Congress in each of the next 3 years. We completed our first annual assessment of the program and issued our report in March 2009.

We plan on beginning our second annual assessment of the 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 FEMA 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).

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