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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Uzoma Onyeije  
Board Secretary  
First Responder Network Authority

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**SUBJECT:** Audit of First Responder Network Authority's Efforts  
to Address Federal Agency Challenges

We are initiating an audit of the efforts FirstNet has taken to include federal government needs and requirements into the planning of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN). Our objective will be to assess FirstNet's effectiveness in addressing federal agency challenges with respect to the development and planned operation of the NPSBN.

Our fieldwork will be conducted at FirstNet's headquarters in Reston, VA, and other locations as needed.

We have scheduled an entrance conference for June 10, 2015, at which time we can discuss our objectives further. Should you have any questions about this audit, please contact me at (202) 482-6020 or Chris Rose, Supervisory Auditor, at (202) 482-5558.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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