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**From:**   
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**Subject:** 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 4 years. OIG is mandated to audit a representative sample of a minimum of 25 grants before September 30, 2011.

We plan to begin an audit 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. We have scheduled an entrance conference for Thursday, June 12, 2008, with the appropriate NTIA officials to discuss our objectives. We 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 Public Safety Interoperable Communications grant program by NTIA and FEMA 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, Pub. L. No. 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.

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