



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**Office of Inspector General**  
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David Halstead  
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Dear Mr. Halstead:

The Department of Commerce Office of Inspector General is initiating an audit of the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) grant awarded to your agency by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. This audit is required by Public Law 110-53 – Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007.

The objective of our audit is to determine whether your agency's use of these grant funds meets all federal requirements. In particular, we will assess whether you and your subgrantees (1) will complete your interoperable communications investments by September 30, 2011; (2) have met the minimum 20 percent match for acquiring and deploying interoperable communications equipment, and for management and administrative costs; (3) have claimed reasonable, allowable, and allocable costs under the award; and (4) have complied with grant terms and conditions.

As a first step in our audit, we have scheduled a meeting with you for Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at which time we will discuss these objectives fully. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the audit, please contact Marie Barton, our acting Denver regional inspector general for audits, at (303) 312-7662, or me at (202) 482-2600.

Sincerely,

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