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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration

FROM: Ann Eilers 
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SUBJECT: Review of NTIA's Post-award Processes for Broadband
Technology Opportunities Program

As part of our continued oversight of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) we plan to review post-award processes for the program. The objectives of the evaluation will be to (1) assess the capabilities of the systems that NTIA will use to monitor recipients of BTOP awards; (2) identify and evaluate NTIA's planning for post-award activities; (3) evaluate the adequacy of the initial post-award steps that NTIA has taken with respect to recipients of awards in response to the first Notice of Funds Availability; and (4) determine whether NTIA has sufficient resources to perform post-award activities for BTOP.

Our evaluation will be conducted at NTIA's headquarters in Washington, D.C., and other locations as needed.

We have contacted the audit liaison to arrange for an entrance conference. Should you have any questions regarding our evaluation, please contact either Ann Eilers at (202) 482-4328, or Chris Rose at (202) 482-5558.

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