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Office of Inspector General
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Ms. Janice Bruno
Texas Department of Public Safety
P.O. Box 4087
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Dear Ms. Bruno:

The Department of Commerce Office of Inspector General is initiating an audit of the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) grant awarded to your office by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. The 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 office'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, 2010, (2) have met the 20 percent match for acquiring and deploying interoperable communications equipment, (3) claimed reasonable and allowable costs under the award, and (4) complied with grant terms and conditions.

As a first step in our audit, we have scheduled a meeting with you for Tuesday, June 16, at which time we will discuss these objectives fully.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the audit, please contact John S. Bunting, our Denver regional inspector general for audits, at (303) 312-7663, or me at (202) 482-5643.

Sincerely,

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