



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Inspector General
Washington, D.C. 20230

December 17, 2010

MEMORANDUM TO: Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary for
Communication and Information, National Telecommunications
and Information Administration

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd J. Zinser".

FROM: Todd J. Zinser

SUBJECT: Notification of Inquiry Related to Broadband Technology
Opportunities Program Award Made to Motorola

On November 1, 2010, the County Executive for Santa Clara, California, wrote to me expressing concerns about the \$50,593,551 Broadband Technology Opportunities Program award made to the San Francisco Bay Area Wireless Enhanced Broadband (BayWEB) project.

In order to respond to the County Executive's correspondence, I have asked my staff to obtain additional facts. Specifically, we intend to examine the procedures followed by NTIA in reviewing the initial complaint from the County of Santa Clara and City of San Jose prior to preparing its October 1, 2010, response, and subsequent actions to look into the issue. Second, we will review the valuation of equipment provided as matching share by the grantee, in addition to the equipment being purchased from the grantee as part of the BayWEB project.

We appreciate NTIA's cooperation in this matter. For further information, please contact me or Ann Eilers, Principal Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation, at 202-482-2754.

cc: Anthony G. Wilhelm, Director
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

