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

FROM: Ann C. Eilers 
Principal Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Review of the Acquisition of Equipment for BTOP Infrastructure
Projects

We are initiating a review of the acquisition of equipment for selected Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) infrastructure awards. Our objectives will be to (1) determine whether NTIA has the personnel and processes in place to effectively monitor grantees' equipment acquisitions, including security, inventory control, and report submittals; (2) assess whether grantees have appropriately acquired, tested, and implemented the most effective equipment; and (3) evaluate whether grantees are on track to complete the BTOP projects on schedule and achieve project goals.

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

We are working with the audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 482-2754 or Chris Rose, Senior Associate, Recovery Act Task Force, at (202) 482-5558.

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