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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ben Page
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development and
Chief Operating Officer, performing the non-exclusive
functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary
U.S. Economic Development Administration

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur L. Scott Jr.", enclosed in a rectangular box.

FROM: Arthur L. Scott Jr.
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Audit of EDA's Pre-Award Processes for FY 2023
Disaster Relief Funds
Project No. 2026-545

We are initiating an audit of the Economic Development Administration's (EDA's) pre-award processes for FY 2023 disaster relief funds. Our objective is to assess whether EDA's pre-award processes effectively evaluated project eligibility and ensured compliance with applicable requirements for FY 2023 disaster relief funds.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss the specific nature of our audit with you, including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential requests for data.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

