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

FROM: Ann C. Eilers 
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SUBJECT: Audit of BTOP Inventory Excess

We are conducting an audit of Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) inventory of excess equipment. Our objectives will be to (1) determine if grantees purchased equipment outside of the needs of the program for commercialization (i.e., warehousing equipment), (2) assess procedures taken by NTIA to identify recipients maintaining excess inventory, and (3) evaluate NTIA's procedures for disposition of excess BTOP award inventory, including construction equipment and vehicles.

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

We are working with NTIA's audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 482-2754 or Johnny Dawsey, Supervisory Auditor, Recovery Act Task Force, at (404) 730-2056.

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