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MEMORANDUM FOR: Karin O'Leary
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations and Administration,
performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information and
NTIA Administrator
National Telecommunications and Information Administration

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

SUBJECT: Semiannual Evaluations of the Status of NTIA's Broadband Grant
Programs (2025-183)

We are initiating the 2025 semiannual evaluations of the status of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA's) broadband grant programs. Our objective is to evaluate the status of the following NTIA-administered grant programs that received broadband funding under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act:

1. Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program
2. Broadband Infrastructure Program
3. Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program
4. Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program
5. Digital Equity Act Programs
6. Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program

We plan to issue reports from this announcement in the third and fourth quarters of 2025. We will schedule an entrance conference immediately, at which time we will discuss in further detail the specific nature of our evaluation, including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential data needs. If you have any questions about these evaluations, please contact me at 202-577-9547 or Rosheek Williamson, Director for Broadband Oversight, at 202-578-3621.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this effort.

cc: Doug Kinkoph, Associate Administrator, Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth, NTIA