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MEMORANDUM FOR: Alan Davidson
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration

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

SUBJECT: Evaluation of Broadband Deployment Challenges (#2023-455)

We are initiating an evaluation of broadband deployment challenges. Our objective is to identify potential challenges for deploying broadband to underserved and unserved communities.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your office to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss in further detail the specific nature of our audit—including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential data needs. If you have any questions about this audit, please contact me at (202) 577-9547 or Ms. Rosheek Williamson, Broadband Oversight Director, at (202) 578-3621.

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

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