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MEMORANDUM FOR: Alan Davidson
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and
    Information and NTIA Administrator
National Telecommunications and Information Administration

FROM: Robert Johnston
Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: *Broadband: A Data Stroll, Version 2*

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Inspector General's (OIG's) Data Analytics has developed a second version of Broadband: A Data Stroll in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) OIG and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) OIG.

The objectives of the original product were to:

1. Raise awareness of the broadband programs as part of our oversight mission

2. Provide context that can supplement related work

3. Provide transparency on funding as it relates to broadband

This second release enhances our previous work by:

1. Reorganizing the layout for improved usability

2. Adding FCC award data and updated USDA and Commerce award data

3. Centralizing federal award data for all three agencies onto one map

4. Updating broadband availability information using FCC's most recent National Broadband Map

5. Leveraging live award data, when available, to display the current status of federal funds

This product uses publicly available data from Commerce, USDA, and FCC, as well as data visualizations to enhance the transparency of the broadband programs and associated federal funding.

The data stroll will be posted in its entirety on USDA OIG's ArcGIS Portal website (https://usdaoig.maps.arcgis.com) and Commerce OIG's website (https://www.oig.doc.gov).

If you have any questions or concerns about this data stroll, please contact me at (202) 793-3301, or your staff may contact Andrew Brown, Director of Data Analytics, at (202) 893-9803.

Attachment

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