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

**FROM:** Andrew Katsaros  
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**SUBJECT:** Audit of Efforts Associated with Completing the LA-RICS Project

We are initiating an audit to assess the effectiveness of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA's) oversight of its grant award to the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority (LA-RICS). As part of our review, we will assess LA-RICS' efforts to meet grant objectives and provide the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) with lessons learned. We will focus on the period subsequent to the spectrum license agreement made between FirstNet and LA-RICS. Our fieldwork will be conducted at NTIA's headquarters in Washington, DC, and other locations as needed.

We have scheduled an entrance conference for November 2, 2016, at which time we can discuss our objectives further. Should you have any questions about this audit, please contact me at (202) 482-7859 or Chris Rose, Supervisory Auditor, at (202) 482-5558.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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