



February 11, 2025

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Ben Page  
Acting Assistant Secretary for Economic Development  
U.S. Economic Development Administration

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

**SUBJECT:** Audit of EDA's FY 2019 Disaster Relief Grants Costs Claimed and Oversight (Project No. 2025-509)

We are initiating an audit of the Economic Development Administration's (EDA's) FY 2019 disaster relief grants costs claimed and oversight efforts. Our audit objective is to determine whether EDA grantees accounted for and expended disaster relief funds in accordance with federal laws and regulations. Specifically, we will determine whether EDA (1) claimed allowable, allocable, and reasonable costs under the financial assistance awards and (2) received the goods and services paid for by the awards.

We plan to begin this work immediately. Our team has scheduled an entrance conference for February 20, 2025, at which time we will discuss in further detail our audit objectives, scope, time frames, and any potential requests for data. If you have any questions about this audit, please contact me at (202) 577-9547 or Kelley Boyle, Director for Acquisition, Procurement, and Grants, at (202) 253-0856.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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