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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Kent Rochford  
Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards  
and Technology and Acting Director  
National Institute of Standards and Technology

**FROM:** Andrew Katsaros  
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**SUBJECT:** Audit of NIST's Efforts to Conduct Research and Development  
for Public Safety Communications

We are initiating an audit with the objective to assess whether the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is appropriately using funds allocated by the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 to conduct public safety communications research and development, including NIST's management of the Public Safety Innovation Accelerator Program. Our fieldwork will be conducted at NIST's headquarters in Gaithersburg, MD, Boulder, Colorado, and other locations as needed.

We have scheduled an entrance conference for September 27, 2017, 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.