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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Jeff Bratcher Acting Chief Executive Officer First Responder Network Authority

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FROM:

Carol N. Rice Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Audit of FirstNet's Contract Oversight (#2020-360)

We are initiating an audit of the First Responder Network Authority's (FirstNet's) oversight of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) contract. Our objective is to determine whether FirstNet's actions for overseeing the NPSBN contract requirements related to network hardening and resiliency are sufficient to meet its program mission.

We are working with your office to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we can discuss our audit objective and scope in further detail. 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.

cc: Uzoma Onyeije, Audit Liaison, FirstNet