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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Karin O'Leary

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations and Administration, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information and

NTIA Administrator

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

**FROM:** Arthur L. Scott, Jr.

Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

**SUBJECT:** Audit of NTIA's Public Wireless Supply Chain Innovation Fund

Award Process for NOFO I (#2025-511)

We are initiating an audit of NTIA's Public Wireless Supply Chain Innovation Fund program. Our objective is to determine whether NTIA had an adequate review and selection award process to ensure grant recipients met requirements of the Innovation Fund program's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) I—Research and Development, Testing and Evaluation.

We plan to begin this work immediately. Our team will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss the specific nature of our audit with you, including our objective and 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 Analee Striner-Brown, Director for Telecommunications, at (202) 893-8759.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

cc: Michael Dame, Associate Administrator, NTIA