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Dear Ms. Attwell Baker

Enclosed for your review is the Department of the Treasury's Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Annual Progress Report. This report provides an overview of the accomplishments that the Wireless Programs Office (WPO) has completed during FY 2008.

If you or any member of your staff requires any further information, please contact either Gary Allmond at 703-747-9222 or Ralph Robles at 202-285-7980.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

**FY2008 Annual Progress Report Findings  
Department of the Treasury**

**1 - What has your agency done to carry out the goals for the President's spectrum Policy Initiative this past year?**

The Department of the Treasury has reviewed its frequency assignments to ensure business needs continue to exist for current allocations. Those that were deemed obsolete or no longer required were deleted. The Department has continued to work with the Treasury budget office to incorporate the cost of spectrum in the wireless budget process. Lastly, the Treasury Wireless Programs Office (WPO) developed the FY 2008 Treasury-specific strategic spectrum plan.

**2 - Agency accomplishments toward implementing the June 2004 Spectrum Plan.**

Treasury is working to utilize shared, statewide wireless networks in states such as Alaska and Wyoming that are developing such systems. Treasury also continues to closely collaborate with the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security on the Integrated Wireless Network (IWN). Certain Treasury bureaus have decided to turn-in land mobile radios and exclusively use commercial services to satisfy their wireless voice and data requirements. Additionally, Treasury procured advanced radio propagation and engineering software utilizing the Telecommunications Systems Bulletin 88 (TSB-88) model to perform interference analyses, frequency nominations and propagation studies.

**3 - Improvements to capital planning and investment control procedures consistent with OMB guidance (2004 Executive Memorandum).**

Treasury conducts regular meetings with bureau representatives to evaluate emerging wireless technologies and commercial services. Representatives of the WPO evaluate and make recommendations on various emerging technologies that may enhance bureau mission performance. The wireless governance board evaluates the various options and makes financial decisions with regard to these technologies.

**4 - Development of second agency-specific strategic spectrum plan (2004 Executive Memorandum).**

The Department is completing the third Treasury strategic spectrum plan for submission in December 2008.

**5 - Process to evaluate proposed needs for spectrum, including an analysis and assessment of the most spectrum-efficient options and effective alternatives, to be reviewed by NTIA in connection with spectrum certifications (2004 Executive Memorandum)..**

The Treasury WPO has completed, or continues to perform, the following evaluation activities:

- Developed a map to identify Treasury's wireless systems and potential areas for improvement
- Completed all NTIA 5-year reviews for Treasury bureaus

- Completed Business Impact Analysis and Strategic Spectrum Plan surveys
- Updated the Treasury directive on radio frequency management which 1) states that all requirements for spectrum should be forwarded to the Treasury WPO for review and 2) provides guidance on best available means to satisfy requirements
- Provide guidance on requirements for spectrum certification through coordination with NTIA and other federal agencies, as appropriate.

#### **6 – Activities and progress with respect to use of spectrum for COOP and COG operations**

Treasury continues to deploy high frequency (HF) radios as part of the Treasury Emergency HF Radio Network. Frequency resources were previously coordinated and authorized.