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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 18, 2018

TO: Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

FROM: Inspector General 

SUBJECT: Final Report on the Federal Communication Commission Wireless
Telecommunications Bureau Auctions Division Risk Management Process
(Project No. 16-AUD-11-05)

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) is providing the final report on the contracted audit of the risk management process within the Auctions and Spectrum Division (Auctions Division) of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Consistent with the OIG's authority under the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, including but not limited to sections 2(1)(2) and 4(a)(1), the OIG engaged Grant Thornton LLP, an independent certified public accounting firm, to conduct this audit. The audit was not intended as a substitute for any agency regulatory compliance review or audit.

Grant Thornton conducted the audit in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that Grant Thornton plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for the findings and conclusions based on the audit objectives.

The final audit report includes four findings that highlight weaknesses in the Auctions Division's internal control processes. In the first finding, the auditors note that the risk management process should be strengthened to increase the effectiveness. The remaining three findings discuss the lack of policies and procedures for bid monitoring, Need-to-Know List administration, and phone recording logs. The auditors provided 10 recommendations to address the findings. The Auctions Division provided a written response to the draft report, which is included in its entirety as an appendix to the report.

Grant Thornton is wholly responsible for the attached auditor report and the conclusions expressed therein. The OIG monitored Grant Thornton's performance throughout the audit and reviewed their report and related documentation. Our review disclosed no instances where Grant Thornton did not comply in all material respects with generally accepted government auditing standards.

If you have any questions concerning the Audit, please contact Robert McGriff, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, at (202) 418-0483; or Sophila Jones, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit, at (202) 418-1655.

Attachment

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