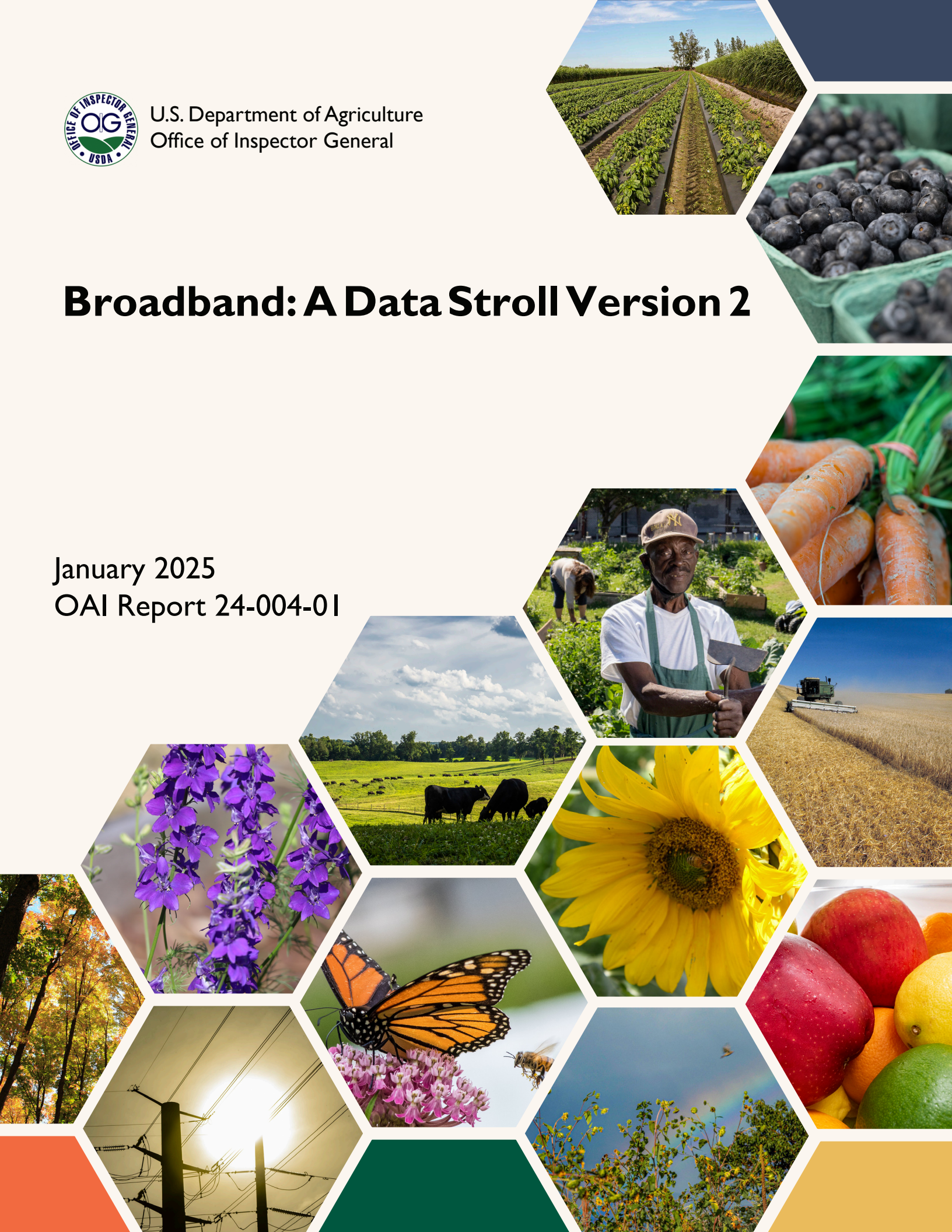




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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Inspector General's (OIG) Office of Analytics and Innovation has developed a second version of [Broadband: A Data Stroll](#) in partnership with the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) OIG and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) OIG. The objectives of the original product were to:

1. raise awareness of the broadband programs as part of our oversight mission,
2. provide context that can supplement related work, and
3. provide transparency on funding as it relates to broadband.

This second release enhances our previous work by:

1. reorganizing the layout for improved usability,
2. adding FCC award data and updated USDA and DOC award data,
3. centralizing federal award data for all three agencies onto one map,
4. updating broadband availability information using FCC's most recent National Broadband Map, and
5. leveraging live award data, when available, to display the current status of federal funds.

This product uses publicly available data from USDA, DOC, and the FCC and data visualizations to enhance the transparency of the broadband programs and associated federal funding.

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