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SUBJECT: Broadband: A Data Stroll

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Inspector General's (OIG) Office of Analytics and Innovation has developed a public data stroll on the broadband program in partnership with the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) OIG called <u>Broadband: A Data Stroll</u>. The objective of this product is to:

- 1. raise awareness of the broadband program 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 product utilizes public data from USDA, DOC, and the Federal Communications Commission, and data visualizations to enhance the transparency of the broadband program, including the use of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding.

This product will be posted in its entirety to our website (usdaoig.oversight.gov).

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