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**SECRETARIES GUTIERREZ AND CHERTOFF TO ANNOUNCE NEARLY
\$1 BILLION IN GRANTS FOR FIRST RESPONDER COMMUNICATIONS**

Funding Announced for All 50 States, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Territories

WASHINGTON –U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez and U.S. Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Michael Chertoff **will announce the \$968 million Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grants to help state and local first responders improve public safety communications during a natural or man-made disaster on Wednesday, July 18, 2007.**

The PSIC Grant Program will assist public safety agencies in the acquisition, deployment, and training of interoperable communications systems to enhance interoperable communications of voice, data, and/or video signals. Commerce will award grants by September 30, 2007, as required by the Call Home Act of 2006.

**WHO: U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez and
U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff**

**WHAT: Announcement of Nearly \$1 Billion in Grants for First
Responder Communications**

**WHEN: Wednesday, July 18, 2007
10:00 a.m.
9:15 – 9:45 a.m. – Press Check-in**

**WHERE: U.S. Department of Commerce
Auditorium Stage
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.**

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