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Subject: Approval of Initial Proposal Vol. 1
Award Number/FAIN: 22-20-B061
Admin POC: Veneeth Iyengar
Grants Specialist: Gabrielle Zelaya
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Dear Veneeth Iyengar,

Volume one of your entity's initial proposal, submitted on June 30, 2023, including any revisions during the review, has been approved by the Assistant Secretary for NTIA. This includes approval of the challenge process proposed in volume one.

This approval only applies to volume one and does not constitute an approval of your entity's volume two submission or initial proposal funding request, if submitted. Therefore, no additional funding is authorized by this approval, nor is your entity authorized to begin executing activities proposed in volume two or the initial proposal funding request (IPFR). Those activities and/or additional funding will be authorized once review of those parts of your initial proposal and the IPFR are deemed complete and approved by NTIA and NIST.

It is your entity's responsibility to execute the approved challenge process consistent with your volume one submission and revisions that took place during the review of that submission.

Please retain a copy of this letter in your official award file.

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