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Re: ATIS/TIA Completion of Initial CMAS Alert Gateway Draft Specification

Mr. Craver and Mr. Gusty:

On September 12, 2008, the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) and the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) provided a timeframe to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the development of the ATIS/TIA *CMAS Federal Alert Gateway to CMSP Gateway Interface Specification*. All technical issues have been resolved from the commercial mobile service provider (CMSP) perspective, and ATIS and TIA are pleased to attach the draft *CMAS Federal Alert Gateway to CMSP Gateway Interface Specification* (WTSC-JCMAS-2008-014R17).

As previously noted, ATIS and TIA are requesting input from FEMA on this specification. In particular, input is sought on Annex B of this document, which contains a list of open issues and questions for FEMA regarding the Federal Alert Gateway. ATIS and TIA look forward to receiving this input, as well as any reply to the proposed plan for the finalization of this specification as noted in our previous letter.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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