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To: Assistant, State, and Center Directors
Attn: IRM Chiefs

From: Director, National IRM Center

Subject: Narrowband Radio Carry Over Funds

Delays in the award of a Department of the Interior (DOI) radio contract and vendor competition has impacted the purchase of narrowband radios in FY98. The Washington Budget Office has coordinated with OMB to carry over FY97/98 narrowband radio funding into FY99. This funding will be exempt from the 1-2 percent target for annual carry over.

The radio contract was awarded August 21, 1998, with a second award in 60 days. As soon as the State Narrowband Plans are approved and sharing issues addressed, States may begin purchasing system radio equipment.

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