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Laura Pettus works on a variety of NTIA initiatives to support the communications needs of public safety officials. She is currently working to establish the State and Local Implementation grant program authorized under the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation act of 2012. In addition, Ms. Pettus serves on the senior management team for NTIA's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), a \$4 billion grant program that is expanding broadband access and adoption across the U.S., where she manages a portfolio of public safety infrastructure grants. She joined NTIA in February 2007 to serve as the Program Manager for the Public Safety Interoperability Communications (PSIC) Grant Program, providing guidance and assistance to the Assistant Secretary and senior NTIA officials during the development and implementation of this successful \$1 billion initiative to enhance interoperable communications capabilities for public safety agencies.

Prior to joining NTIA, Mrs. Pettus served as the citywide Grants Coordinator for the City of Alexandria, Virginia, where she worked with over 20 local agencies in the management of state and federal grants. As Grants Coordinator, Mrs. Pettus maintained responsibility for the management of the City's critical interagency grants dealing with homeland security, law enforcement, and disaster assistance. Mrs. Pettus began her work with the City as an Emergency Management Analyst for the Alexandria Fire Department. Her professional experience also includes service as the Director of Operations for a start-up pharmaceutical company and service as an economic research analyst for the Alliance to Save Energy.

Before arriving in the Washington, DC area, Mrs. Pettus worked in the Office of the Head Economist in St. Petersburg, Russia, to assist with balancing the city's first budget in the aftermath of the devaluation of the Russian ruble. Mrs. Pettus received a B.A. in Economics with Honors from Kenyon College and resides in Alexandria, Virginia.