



# Memorandum

**U.S. Department of  
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary  
of Transportation  
Office of Inspector General

Subject: **INFORMATION:** Audit Announcement—  
Intelligent Transportation Systems/Joint Program  
Office  
Research and Innovative Technology Administration  
and Federal Highway Administration  
Project Number 08A3005A000

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Reply to  
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To: Research and Innovative Technology Administrator  
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The Office of Inspector General plans to audit the Intelligent Transportation Systems/Joint Program Office (ITS/JPO). ITS encompasses a broad range of communication and information technologies that have the potential to move people and goods more efficiently and economically. Within the Department of Transportation, the JPO serves as the primary advocate for the ITS research and deployment program and is responsible for general program and budgetary oversight. Although administratively located within and staffed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the JPO is under the direction of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA). In 2005, Congress authorized \$110 million annually for ITS research through fiscal year 2009.

Our audit objective is to assess whether the JPO is effectively overseeing the ITS program through its efforts to: (1) provide strategic direction and cross-modal program coordination; (2) manage the ITS research budget; and (3) monitor program status, results, and outcomes.

We will conduct the audit at ITS/JPO, RITA, FHWA, and select Operating Administrations. We plan to start the audit the week of February 25, 2008, and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (202) 366-0500 or Darren Murphy, Program Director, at (206) 220-6503.

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