



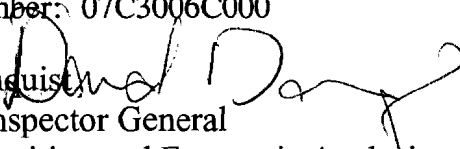
Memorandum

**U.S. Department of
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary
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Office of Inspector General

Subject: **INFORMATION:** Audit Announcement: Small Date: April 23, 2007
Community Air Service Development Program
Project Number: 07C3006C000

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In response to a request from the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) plans to conduct an audit of the Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP).

The SCASDP, which is administered by the Office of Aviation Analysis, was established in fiscal year 2000 to help small communities maintain/enhance their air service. Between 2002 and 2006, the SCASDP has made slightly over 180 grants totaling \$80 million.

The objective of this audit will be to determine the effectiveness of the SCASDP in helping small-hub and non-hub communities in achieving sustainable and reliable air service. As part of this project, we will review the SCASDP grants to determine: (1) which grants succeeded and which ones failed, and (2) whether certain project characteristics or project types lead to a greater likelihood of grant success.

We will conduct this audit in our headquarters in Washington, D.C. The Program Director for this project is Mitchell Behm. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (202) 366-1981, or Mr. Behm at (202) 366-1995.

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