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# Memorandum

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Progress in Implementing Key Elements of  
FAA's Controller Workforce Plan  
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In response to the anticipated surge in air traffic controller attrition, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) was directed by Congress in 2003 to prepare a detailed plan to ensure adequate staffing within the controller workforce. In December 2004, FAA issued the first in what was supposed to be a series of annual reports outlining FAA's plans for addressing that challenge. The report, entitled "A Plan for the Future: The Federal Aviation Administration's 10-Year Strategy for the Air Traffic Controller Workforce" details FAA's strategy for hiring approximately 12,500 new controllers to replace those expected to leave over the next 10 years. The plan also outlines various initiatives for increasing controller productivity.

The Office of Inspector General plans to begin an audit of FAA's progress in implementing the Controller Workforce Plan. The objectives of this audit are to (1) evaluate FAA's progress in implementing key staffing and training elements of its Controller Workforce Plan and (2) assess the effectiveness of other initiatives designed to increase controller productivity. We plan to begin the audit the week of June 26, 2006, and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference.

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