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Office of the Secretary  
of Transportation  
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Subject: INFORMATION: Audit Announcement—  
FAA's Management and Maintenance of Air  
Traffic Control Facilities  
Federal Aviation Administration  
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To: Assistant Administrator for Financial Services  
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The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) provides air traffic control services at over 300 Agency-operated air traffic control facilities throughout the Nation. According to FAA, many of these facilities are over 25 years old and some may have exceeded their useful life expectancy and may not meet current operational requirements. Additionally, Congress and other stakeholders have expressed concern regarding whether FAA has adequately funded necessary facility repairs and improvements, as the Agency's capital account has remained flat over the past several years.

The Office of Inspector General plans to conduct an audit to evaluate whether FAA has an adequate system in place to repair, replace, and modernize its air traffic control facilities. We are conducting this review in response to a May 31, 2007, request from Representative James Oberstar, Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Specifically, Chairman Oberstar requested that we examine the overall state of FAA facilities and determine what corrective actions are required. The objectives of this audit will be to determine if FAA has (1) developed and implemented a comprehensive strategy to effectively manage the replacement, repair, and modernization of its air traffic control facilities and (2) allocated sufficient funds to carry out those activities.

We plan to begin this audit the week of June 25, 2007. We will contact your audit liaison to arrange a formal entrance conference. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Angela McCallister, Project Manager, at (202) 366-1451, or Daniel Rville, Program Director, at (202) 366-1405.

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