




Memorandum

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Department of Transportation

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To: Acting Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs

Every year, the Department of Transportation (DOT) obligates over \$70 billion to contracts and financial assistance in support of its mission to ensure the Nation has the safest, most efficient, and modern transportation system in the world. In 2014, Congress passed the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 (DATA Act)¹ to establish governmentwide data standards for financial data, and provide accurate and searchable spending data for policy makers and the public at USASpending.gov.

The DATA Act requires inspectors general to report to Congress on their agencies' compliance with the act. Accordingly, our objectives for this audit are to assess the (1) completeness, accuracy, timeliness, and quality of DOT's first-quarter fiscal year 2019 financial and award data submitted for publication on USASpending.gov and (2) DOT's implementation and use of the governmentwide financial data standards established by the Office of Management and Budget and Department of the Treasury. We have engaged KPMG LLP, an independent accounting firm, to conduct this audit subject to our oversight. KPMG will conduct its work in accordance with generally accepted Government auditing standards and the Council of the Inspectors General for Integrity and Efficiency's (CIGIE) *Inspectors General Guide to Compliance under the DATA Act*. The work will be done at DOT Headquarters in Washington, DC, and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City, OK. The audit report is due to Congress by November 8, 2019.

¹ Pub. Law No. 113-101.

We plan to begin the audit this month and have scheduled an entrance conference for March 18, 2019. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 202-366-5225, or Kenneth Prather, Program Director, at 202-366-1820.

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