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To: Chief Information Officer

The Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA) requires agencies to implement information security programs. The act also requires agencies to have annual independent reviews to determine the effectiveness of their programs, and report the results of these reviews to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). To meet this requirement, we have contracted with an independent public accounting firm to conduct the review of the Department of Transportation's (DOT) information security program and practices subject to our oversight.

The audit objective will be to determine the effectiveness of DOT's information security program in five function areas—Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond, and Recover. We will report on the review of FISMA security metrics and performance measures through CyberScope¹ as required by OMB.

The independent public accounting firm will begin this review in March 2019, and conduct it at DOT Headquarters, Operating Administration offices, and contractor sites. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 366-1407, or Abdil Salah, Program Director, at (202) 366-8543.

¹ A web-based application that collects security data from each Federal agency. OMB compiles the data and generates reports, as required by FISMA.

cc: The Deputy Secretary
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