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# Memorandum

Subject: INFORMATION: Audit Announcement --  
Audit of the DOT Purchase Card Program,  
Department of Transportation  
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To: Senior Procurement Executive, DOT

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) will perform an audit of the Department of Transportation's (DOT) GSA SmartPay® purchase card program. In fiscal year 2010, DOT employees procured more than \$200 million in products and services with purchase cards. Recent OIG investigations have revealed control weaknesses within the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that have contributed to more than \$150,000 in fraudulent purchases made with these cards at taxpayers' expense.

Our audit objective will be to assess the adequacy of controls established to prevent and detect inappropriate or unauthorized use of DOT-issued purchase cards.

We will begin this audit immediately and conduct it at DOT Headquarters and select regional OA offices, depending upon specific program requirements. We will contact DOT's Director of Audit Relations to further discuss this audit and to establish an entrance conference.

The Project Manager for this audit is Mark Rielly. Should you have any questions, please call me at (410) 962-1729, or contact Mr. Rielly at (410) 962-0699.

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