INFORMATION: Audit Announcement – DOT’s Compliance with the Requirements of the DATA Act for Fiscal Year 2017
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The Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014\(^1\) (DATA Act) requires the establishment of government-wide data standards for financial data such as Federal agency expenditures, contracts, loans, and grant programs. These standards are intended to make it easier for taxpayers and policy makers to review and track Federal spending activity with accessible, consistent, reliable, and searchable data.

The DATA Act also requires inspectors general to assess the completeness, timeliness, quality, and accuracy of the data submitted by agencies and their implementation and use of the data standards. Accordingly, we are initiating this audit to assess (1) the completeness, timeliness, quality, and accuracy of fiscal year 2017, second quarter financial and award data submitted for publication on USASpending.gov and (2) the Department’s implementation and use of the government-wide financial data standards established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Department of Treasury.

We plan to begin the audit immediately and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. We will conduct our work at DOT and FAA Headquarters in Washington, D.C, and the Enterprise Services Center in Oklahoma City, OK. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 366-1407, or George Banks, Program Director, at (410) 962-1729.

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\(^1\) Public Law No. 113-101.
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