



Memorandum

U.S. Department of
Transportation

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation
Office of Inspector General

Subject: **INFORMATION**: Audit Announcement–
DOT's Readiness to Implement the Digital
Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014
Department of Transportation
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To: Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs/
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The Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014¹ (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 will allow taxpayers and policy makers to easily track Federal spending with accessible, consistent, reliable, and searchable data.

The Data Act also requires inspectors general to assess the implementation of the data standards. Accordingly, we are initiating this audit to assess the Department's plan for implementing the Data Act and its progress to date.

We will begin the audit immediately and conduct it at DOT and FAA Headquarters in Washington, DC. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. 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 113-101

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