In December 2015, President Obama signed into law the Cybersecurity Act of 2015. The act’s Section 406—Federal Computer Security—requires that by August 14, 2016 (240 days after enactment), inspectors general submit reports to Congress on information collected on national security systems and/or Federal computer systems that provide access to personally identifiable information. The act requires that the reports contain information on departments’ processes for granting or denying specific requests to obtain and use personally identifiable information, related information processing services, and a description of the data security management practices.

Our objective is to identify DOT’s (1) access controls, and (2) other information security management practices to safeguard the information stored in DOT’s systems covered by the Cybersecurity Act of 2015. This audit will also support our Federal Information Security Modernization Act audit.

We plan to begin this audit in March 2016, and will conduct it at DOT’s Headquarters in Washington, DC, and other locations where information on systems covered by the act reside. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 202-366-1407, or Abdil Salah, Program Director, at (202) 366-8543.

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