




Memorandum

U.S. Department of
Transportation

Office of Inspector General

Subject: **INFORMATION**: Audit Announcement –
DOT's Implementation of the Improper Payments
Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 During
Fiscal Year 2017
Department of Transportation
Project No. 17F3017F000

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Reply to
Attn. of: JA-20

To: Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs/Chief Financial Officer

The Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 (IPERA)¹ requires agencies to assess every Federal program for improper payment risk, measure the accuracy of payments annually, and initiate program improvements to ensure payment errors are reduced. The law mandates improper payment reporting requirements for agencies and oversight requirements for inspectors general. For fiscal year 2016, the Department of Transportation (DOT) reported approximately \$55.5 billion in payments in programs or activities susceptible to significant improper payments. In addition, DOT estimated \$207.4 million as improper payments in these programs or activities.

As IPERA requires, we are initiating an audit of DOT's implementation of IPERA during fiscal year 2017. Our objective will be to determine whether DOT complies with IPERA's requirements as implemented by the Office of Management and Budget. We will begin the audit this month and conduct it at DOT's 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 Kevin Dorsey, Program Director, at (202) 366-1518.

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cc: DOT Audit Liaison, M-1

¹ Public Law No. 111-204.