



# Memorandum

**U.S. Department of  
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary  
of Transportation  
Office of Inspector General

Subject: **INFORMATION:** Audit Announcement–DOT's  
Information Security Program and Practices for  
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To: Chief Information Officer, DOT

As required by the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA), the Office of Inspector General is initiating its Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 audit of the Department of Transportation's (DOT) information security program and practices. As further required by FISMA, we will review a representative subset of DOT's systems and assess DOT's compliance with FISMA requirements.

Our audit objective is to determine the effectiveness of DOT's information security program and practices. We will also assess and report on FISMA security metric results and performance measures through CyberScope, as required by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The results of our assessment and our audit report will be incorporated into the Secretary's submission to OMB for FY 2011.

We plan to begin work immediately, and will conduct the audit at selected Operating Administrations and contractor sites. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. Louis King is the Program Director for this audit and Lissette Mercado is the Project Manager. If you have any questions, please call me at (410) 962-1729, or Louis King at (202) 366-4350.

cc: The Deputy Secretary  
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