The Office of Inspector General is initiating its annual audit of the Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Information Security Program, as required by the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA). As part of our review, we will review a sample of information systems managed by DOT and contractor personnel and follow up on key issues from last year’s report.

The audit objective is to determine the effectiveness of DOT’s information security program. Specifically, we will measure progress made in (1) securing information systems and protecting sensitive agency information; (2) strengthening air traffic control system security to protect the Nation’s critical infrastructure; and (3) enhancing the departmental Investment Review Board’s abilities to identify performance gaps in major information technology investments.

The audit will be conducted at DOT Headquarters in Washington, D.C., selected field offices, and the newly established FAA Telecommunication Infrastructure at Melbourne, FL. We will contact your staff to establish an entrance conference in order to discuss the audit. The project manager for the audit is Nathan Custer. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 366-1496, or Ed Densmore, Program Director, at (202) 366-4350.

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