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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY

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Subject: Inspector General Announces DOT's FY 2013 Top Management
Challenges

SUMMARY

The Office of Inspector General has identified nine top management challenges for the Department of Transportation (DOT) for FY 2013. When issued, this report and the Department's response will be incorporated into DOT's Annual Financial Report, as required by law.

BACKGROUND

The issues covered in this year's report are listed below and will be presented in greater detail in the final report.

- Ensuring The Next Generation Air Transportation System Advances Safety and Air Travel
- Enhancing FAA's Use of Data To Identify and Mitigate Safety Risks

- Overseeing Administration of Key Transportation Assets To Ensure Their Success and Sustainability
- Strengthening Existing Surface Safety Programs and Effectively Implementing New Safety Requirements
- Maximizing Surface Infrastructure Investments with Effective Program Oversight and Execution of New Legislative Requirements
- Adequately Overseeing Administration of High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Funds
- Strengthening Financial Management over Grants to Better Use Funds, Create Jobs and Improve Infrastructure
- Assuring Effective Management of DOT's Acquisitions to Maximize Value and Program Performance
- Managing and Securing Information Systems to Efficiently Modernize Technology Infrastructure and Protect Sensitive Data from Compromise

FOLLOW-UP

None required.

The Secretary

REVIEWED: _____

COMMENTS: _____

DATE: _____