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**U.S. Department of  
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary  
of Transportation

Office of Inspector General

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Subject: INFORMATION: Review of the Department of  
Transportation's Oversight of Recovery Act  
Recipient Reporting  
Department of Transportation  
Project No. 10U3007M000

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On February 17, 2009, the President signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act), which designated over \$48 billion to the Department of Transportation (the Department).<sup>1</sup> Key provisions of the Recovery Act include preserving and creating jobs, promoting economic recovery, and tracking Recovery Act efforts to ensure transparency and accountability. The Recovery Act requires each recipient to periodically report accurate, complete, and timely data on the use of the Recovery Act funds.

The Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board requested that Office of Inspectors General conduct a series of reviews assessing their Department's oversight of Recovery Act recipient data. Accordingly, we plan to begin the first of our reviews in December 2009, to assess the Department's oversight of Recovery Act recipient reporting to determine whether, during the first Section 1512 reporting cycle in October 2009, the Department (1) identified inaccurate data or missing recipient reports, (2) identified the cause(s) of the inaccurate data or missing recipient reports, and (3) mitigated the causes/errors. If you have any questions or require additional information about this review, please call me at (202) 366-1427, or Madeline Chulumovich at (202) 366-6512.

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<sup>1</sup> Pub. L. No. 111-5 (2009)