Memorandum

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To: Chief Information Officer, DOT

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.

Our audit objective is to determine the effectiveness of DOT's information security program. Specifically, we will review the Department's progress in: (1) correcting security weaknesses identified previously in the air traffic control system; (2) establishing a secure IT operating environment at DOT's new Headquarters' building; (3) meeting the minimum Government security standards to protect sensitive information systems and data, and (4) implementing Earned Value Management to better monitor major IT investment projects.

The audit will be conducted at selected DOT Operating Administrations in Washington, DC, the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City, and selected contractor sites. We will contact your audit liaison to establish an entrance conference in order to discuss the audit. The Program Director for this audit is Ed Densmore. The Project Manager for the audit is Michael Marshlick. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 366-1496 or Ed Densmore at (202) 366-4350.

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