



# Memorandum

**U.S. Department of  
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary  
of Transportation  
Office of Inspector General

Subject: INFORMATION: Audit Announcement—  
DOT's Network Accounts Management  
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The Office of Inspector General plans to review the Department's management of network accounts. These accounts identify users and system resources and are crucial to securing the information contained in the Department's systems. Inadequate management of these accounts may result in unauthorized access to sensitive information, deficiencies in security training programs, and other critical vulnerabilities. The results of this audit will be used to support our statutory 2010 Federal Information Security Management Act audit.

Our audit objectives are to determine if the Department is (1) properly identifying all users and network devices for account management; (2) adequately establishing, activating, modifying, disabling, and removing accounts; and (3) sufficiently authenticating account users.

We plan to begin our work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. We will conduct our audit at DOT Headquarters, selected Operating Administrations, and if applicable, contractor sites. The Program Director for this audit is Louis C. King and the Project Manager is Lissette Mercado. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 366-1407 or Louis King at (202) 366-4350.

cc: The Deputy Secretary  
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