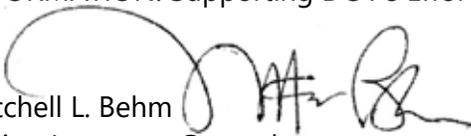




Memorandum

Date: April 20, 2020

Subject: INFORMATION: Supporting DOT's Efforts To Meet CARES Act Responsibilities

From: Mitchell L. Behm 
Acting Inspector General

To: The Secretary

Responding to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act is undoubtedly among the Department of Transportation's (DOT) highest priorities in this time of national emergency. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) shares DOT's commitment to swift and effective implementation of the Act's provisions. We are ready to support these efforts and work together to expedite our Nation's economic recovery while maximizing efficiencies, ensuring compliance, and promoting fraud awareness.

We acknowledge the inherent challenges in overseeing unprecedented funding amounts that require highly expedited distribution timeframes. To aid the Department in its efforts, we intend to provide an initial product in the coming months summarizing crosscutting oversight risks and suggestions for mitigating those risks. This product will leverage key insights from our longstanding body of work to bolster the Department's oversight of CARES Act grantees and contractors. Subsequent to this initial effort, OIG will announce future work related to oversight of the CARES Act as needed.

As the Department is aware, the volume of CARES Act funds and the speed with which they must be disbursed puts them at a higher risk for fraud, waste, and abuse. Working together, the Department and OIG can examine early indicators of potential misuse to ensure good stewardship of these critical funds. We encourage submitting any suspicions of fraud, waste, or abuse to OIG as soon as possible via the DOT-OIG Hotline¹ or direct communication with previously established OIG points of contact. Through our shared efforts to communicate

¹ Allegations may be reported via email, at hotline@oig.dot.gov; phone, at (800) 424-9071; or through our [online form](#).

fraud awareness and implement other proactive best practices, DOT and OIG can help maximize the efficacy of these vital CARES Act funds.

We reiterate our commitment to supporting the Department to meet its mission in our Nation's time of great need. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (202) 366-1959.

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