The Department of Transportation (DOT) has been designated by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as a Center of Excellence to provide cross-agency accounting system services with its Delphi financial management system. OMB requires service organizations to provide client agencies with an independent audit report describing system controls. Therefore, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) initiated a contract audit of the Delphi financial management system based on management’s assertions of the controls placed into operation. The objective of the audit is to examine the computer controls over the information technology and data processing environment, as well as the input, processing, and output controls built into the Delphi system.

Our independent contractor will render an opinion on the effectiveness of those controls for the 8 month period from October 1, 2005 through May 31, 2006. The final audit report will be issued by June 30, 2006. The independent contractor will also perform additional testing and prepare a follow-up audit letter covering the remainder of the fiscal year describing whether the control environment has significantly changed. The letter will be issued by September 30, 2006. This will enable all financial statement auditors for DOT and its client agencies to use the Delphi audit results for their FY 2006 Financial Statement audits.

The audit will be conducted at DOT Headquarters in Washington DC, and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, by Clifton Gunderson, LLP, an independent external auditor subject to OIG oversight. The
audit will be conducted in accordance with Standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable *Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards*.

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