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**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY**

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**Subject:** Inspector General Announces DOT's FY 2012 Top Management  
Challenges

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Inspector General has identified nine top management challenges for the Department of Transportation (DOT) for FY 2012. When issued, this report and the Department's response will be incorporated into the DOT Annual Financial Report, as required by law.

**BACKGROUND**

The issues covered in this year's report are listed below and will be presented in greater detail in the final report.

- **Enhancing DOT's Oversight of Highway, Bridge, and Transit Safety**
- **Ensuring Effective Oversight of Key Initiatives That Can Improve Aviation Safety**
- **Ensuring Effective Oversight of Hazardous Liquid and Natural Gas Pipeline Safety**

- **Ensuring Effective Oversight of ARRA Projects and Applying Related Lessons Learned to Improve DOT's Infrastructure Programs**
- **Managing the Next Generation Air Transportation System Advancement While Controlling Costs**
- **Managing DOT Acquisitions In a Smarter and More Strategic Manner to Maximize Limited Resources and Achieve Better Mission Results**
- **Improving the Department's Cyber Security**
- **Defining Clear Goals to Guide the Federal Railroad Administration in its Transformation**
- **Maximizing Opportunities to Expand Limited Federal Transportation Infrastructure Resources**

**FOLLOW-UP**

None required.

The Secretary

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