



Memorandum

**U.S. Department of
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary
Of Transportation

Office of Inspector General

Subject: INFORMATION: Notification of Audit of
Subcontracted Tower Operations

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From: David Dobbs
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Reply to
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To: Donna R. McLean
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The Office of Inspector General is initiating an audit in response to a request by the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies, concerning FAA's Contract Tower Program. In his request, the Chairman expressed concerns about FAA's decision that allowed one of the contractors to subcontract some of its contracted tower operations. The Chairman also wanted to determine if FAA has implemented appropriate quality assurance controls to alleviate any safety concerns that could arise as a result of the subcontracting arrangement.

The objective of this audit is to evaluate FAA and the primary contractor's oversight of subcontractors to ensure that subcontracted tower operations are comparable in safety to FAA and contract towers.

We will contact your audit liaison within the next 30 days to arrange a formal entrance conference. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Daniel Ravielle, Project Manager, at (202) 366-1405, or Richard Kaplan, Program Director, at (202) 366-1402.

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