The Office of Inspector General (OIG) is initiating its audit of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 Financial Statements.

Our audit objectives are to determine whether: (1) principal DOT financial statements and accompanying notes are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; (2) DOT has adequate internal controls over financial reporting, including safeguarding assets; (3) DOT has complied with laws and regulations that could have a direct and material effect on the DOT financial statements or that have been specified by the Office of Management and Budget, including the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act; (4) financial information in the Management Discussion and Analysis is materially consistent with the information in the principal DOT financial statements; (5) internal controls ensured the existence and completeness of reported
data supporting performance measures; and (6) supplementary and stewardship information is consistent with management representations and the DOT financial statements.

In addition to the FY 2002 DOT Consolidated Financial Statements, component statements will be audited for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Highway Trust Fund. The FY 2002 FAA Financial Statements will be audited by an independent external auditor subject to OIG oversight. All other work will be performed by OIG staff.

If you have any questions, please call me at 366-1496.

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