



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

January 23, 2024

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman, Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Oberman:

The Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA)¹ requires agencies to implement information security programs. The act also requires agencies to perform annual independent evaluations to determine the effectiveness of their programs and report the results of these reviews to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). To meet this requirement, the Surface Transportation Board (STB) has requested that we perform its fiscal year 2024 FISMA review. We have contracted with Williams Adley & Company, DC LLP, an independent public accounting firm, to conduct the review subject to our oversight.

The audit objective will be to determine the effectiveness of STB's information security program and practices. We will review a group of FISMA security metrics and performance measures selected by OMB and submit the results of our assessment through CyberScope² to OMB as required.

Williams Adley will begin the audit immediately and conduct its work at STB Headquarters offices in Washington, DC, and contractor sites. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. If you have any questions, please contact me or Leon Lucas, Program Director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Dorsey", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin Dorsey
Assistant Inspector General for Information Technology Audits

cc: STB Audit Liaison

¹ Public Law Number 113–283.

² A web-based application that collects security data from Federal agencies. OMB compiles the data and generates reports as FISMA requires.