



Memorandum

**U.S. Department of
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

Office of Inspector General

Subject: **INFORMATION:** Notification of Audit of
FAA's Major Acquisitions

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The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) spends about \$3 billion annually to modernize the National Airspace System. As part of our oversight role, we plan to develop an overall status report on FAA's major acquisitions (such as satellite navigation and new weather systems) to assist congressional and agency decision makers in reauthorizing aviation programs. We prepared a similar analysis last year on 20 major air traffic control modernization initiatives that highlighted progress to date as well as changes to cost and schedule parameters.

Our objectives will be to evaluate program costs and schedule, and identify key issues affecting the successful implementation of FAA's major acquisitions. This audit is planned for FAA Headquarters and other locations as deemed necessary during our review. We plan to begin our review during the week of December 9, 2002.

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