




Memorandum

U.S. Department of
Transportation
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of Transportation
Office of Inspector General

Subject: INFORMATION: Audit Announcement—Federal
Aviation Administration's Air Traffic Control
Modernization Efforts
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To: Assistant Administrator
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The Office of the Inspector General plans to conduct an audit of Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) major acquisitions. FAA spends about \$2.5 billion annually on various capital projects, including new air traffic control systems. We are conducting this review at the request of the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure who asked us to update our May 2005 report and examine how existing projects are being impacted by plans for the next generation air traffic management system.

As requested, our objectives will be to examine (1) recent changes in the cost, schedule baselines, and expected benefits of FAA's major acquisition programs; (2) overall trends affecting FAA's \$2.5 billion capital account; and (3) how existing projects are being impacted by plans for the next generation air traffic system. During the audit, we plan to visit FAA Headquarters, the Joint Planning and Development Office, Air Traffic Control Facilities, and various FAA program offices, as well as meet with industry officials.

We plan to start the audit the week of July 24, 2006. Matt Hampton is the Program Director and Sean Woods is the Project Manager for this audit. Mr. Woods will be contacting the FAA liaison to arrange an entrance conference. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact him at (202) 366-1525.

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