Memorandum

**U.S. Department of
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

Office of Inspector General

Subject: <u>INFORMATION</u>: Notification of Audit of the
Information Technology Omnibus Procurement
Program, DOT
Project Number: 01F6031F000

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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) has scheduled an audit of the Information Technology Omnibus Procurement (ITOP) program, as requested by the House of Representatives, Committee on Appropriations. In the Committee's report on the Department's Fiscal Year 2002 appropriations, OIG was directed to conduct a thorough review of the ITOP program and report findings and recommendations to the Committee no later than February 15, 2002.

The objectives of this audit will be to determine whether: (1) the ITOP procurement vehicle is so broad and flexible that it could be used by DOT agencies to evade departmental oversight or congressional scrutiny; (2) DOT agencies use this type of contract when they have contract professionals in-house who perform similar work; and (3) this procurement fits the main mission of the Transportation Administrative Services Center (TASC).

The audit will be conducted at TASC, selected Operating Administrations, and other Federal customers in Washington, D.C. We will begin our work in September 2001. The Program Director for the project is Rebecca Leng and the Project Manager is Michael Marshlick. We will arrange an entrance conference through your audit liaison.

If we can answer any questions or be of further assistance, please call me at (202) 366-1496 or Rebecca Leng at (202) 366-1488.

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