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Memorandum

Subject: ACTION/INFORMATION: Notification of Audit of FAA's Local Area Augmentation System Program Date: August 20, 2001

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To: Chris Bertram Assistant Administrator for Financial Services/CFO

The Office of Inspector General has scheduled an audit of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Local Area Augmentation System (LAAS) program. This satellite-based technology offers important safety and capacity benefits and plays an important part in FAA's new Operational Evaluation Plan. The objectives of the audit are to:

- (i) determine program cost, schedule, and risk,
- (ii) explore key issues affecting the successful development and deployment of LAAS for operational use.

Planned locations include FAA Headquarters, FAA regional offices, airports, and contractor facilities as determined necessary during our review.

We plan to begin our audit during the week of September 3, 2001. We will contact the audit liaison to arrange a formal entrance conference. Mr. Kevin Dorsey is the Project Manager for this audit. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call him at (202) 366-1518.

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