



# Memorandum

**U.S. Department of  
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary  
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Subject: INFORMATION: Notification of Audit on Cost  
Issues of Air Traffic Consolidations

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The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is in the process of consolidating older Terminal Radar Approach Control Facilities (TRACONS) into new, single locations in Atlanta; Washington, D.C.; and Northern California. In Washington, D.C., for example, FAA is consolidating TRACONS from Baltimore/Washington International, Andrews Air Force Base, Reagan National, Dulles International, and Richmond into the new Potomac TRACON facility at Vint Hill, Virginia. Currently, FAA has plans for a consolidation in Boston and anticipates future consolidations in several other locations.

The Office of Inspector General plans to conduct an audit of Cost Issues of FAA's Air Traffic Consolidations. The objective of this audit is to evaluate whether FAA is ensuring that workforce-related expenses associated with facility consolidations are necessary, cost effective, and in the best interest of the Government.

We will contact your audit liaison officer within the next week to arrange an entrance conference.

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