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Memorandum

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Center's Information Technology Security and
Resource Management Activities
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Reply to
Attn of: JA-20

To: Research and Innovative Technology Administrator

The Office of Inspector General will perform an audit of the Volpe Center's Information Technology (IT) security and resource management activities in accordance with the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 and the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996.

The Volpe Center is responsible for approximately \$200 million of project work for federal, state, and private customers annually. It conducts various research on critical transportation initiatives such as development of global positioning system applications for all modes of transportation; provides technical support and system improvements to the Federal Aviation Administration's Enhanced Traffic Management System; and manages multiple systems and public-facing web sites to support Volpe and DOT business operations.

The objective of this audit is to determine the effectiveness of Volpe's IT security and IT resource management activities. Specifically, we will determine if (1) Volpe's information systems are properly accredited to support business operations; (2) Volpe's network infrastructure and connection entry points are adequately secured to protect the Center's critical information assets; and (3) Volpe is leveraging departmental IT resources to maximize cost savings.

This audit will be conducted at the RITA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and the Volpe Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference to discuss the audit. The project manager is Dr. Ping Sun. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 366-1496 or Ed Densmore, Program Director, at (202) 366-4350.

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