

Memorandum

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U.S. Department of Transportation

Office of the Secretary of Transportation
Office of Inspector General

Subject: **INFORMATION**: Audit Announcement –

DOT's Implementation of the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 During

Fiscal Year 2015

Department of Transportation Project No. 15F3015F000

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Reply to

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To: Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs/ Chief Financial Officer

On July 22, 2010, the President signed into law the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 (IPERA). The law mandates improper payment reporting requirements for agencies and oversight requirements for inspectors general. Since the law was enacted, the Federal Government has intensified efforts to eliminate incorrect payments made from Federal program funds, including wrong amounts, duplicate payments, and payments with insufficient documentation.

As IPERA requires, we are initiating an audit of the Department of Transportation's (DOT) implementation of IPERA during fiscal year 2015. Our objectives will be to determine whether: (1) DOT complies with IPERA's requirements as implemented by the Office of Management and Budget, (2) the improper payment information in DOT's Annual Financial Report is accurate, and (3) DOT is meeting its improper payment reduction targets for fiscal year 2015.

We will begin the audit this month and conduct it at DOT's Headquarters in Washington, DC. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 366-1407, or Kevin Dorsey, Program Director, at (202) 366-1518.

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cc: DOT Audit Liaison, M-1

¹ Public Law No. 111-204.