



Memorandum

**U.S. Department of
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation
Office of Inspector General

Subject: INFORMATION: Audit Announcement –
DOT Common Operating Environment (COE)
Security Controls
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To: Chief Information Officer, DOT

DOT's Common Operating Environment (COE) is designed to provide information technology (IT) services to the entire Department—exclusive of the Federal Aviation Administration—eliminate redundant services, and improve security through standardization and maintenance of a controlled IT environment. Security weaknesses within COE could impair DOT's ability to accomplish its mission. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) will perform an audit of the security controls.

The objectives of this audit are to determine whether (1) COE is secure from compromise, and (2) security weaknesses exist in COE.

We plan to start this audit in March, and will 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 or need additional information, please contact me at (202) 366-1407 or Joann Adam, Program Director, at (202) 366-1488.

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