



# Memorandum

**U.S. Department of  
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary  
of Transportation  
Office of Inspector General

Subject: INFORMATION: Audit Announcement–Security and  
Controls of the Automatic Dependent Surveillance-  
Broadcast System, FAA  
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Reply to  
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To: Federal Aviation Administrator

The Office of Inspector General is initiating an information technology security and controls audit of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) System in response to a request made by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

The objectives of this audit are to determine whether ADS-B (1) security requirements have been properly specified in the contract and satisfied by the contractor, (2) the contractor is following FAA's security architecture in developing ADS-B, and (3) security risks have been identified and mitigated by the contractor.

Our work will begin in December 2009. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference to discuss the audit. This audit will be conducted at the contractor (ITT) Master Control Center in Herndon, Virginia; FAA Technical Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey; and selected FAA ADS-B sites. The Program Director for this audit is Nathan Custer; the Project Manager is James Mallow. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 366-1407 or Nathan Custer at (202) 366-5540.

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