

## Memorandum

April 1, 2008

JA-20

Date:

Reply to

Attn. of:

U.S. Department of Transportation

Office of the Secretary of Transportation
Office of Inspector General

Subject: INFORMATION: Audit Announcement –

SAS-70 Review of the Enterprise Services Center

Project Mumber: 08F3007F000

From: Rebecca C. Leng

Assistant Inspector General for

Financial and Information Technology Audits

To: Larry Neff

Deputy Chief Financial Officer, DOT

The Department of Transportation (DOT) has been designated by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as a shared services provider, offering financial system services to other Federal agencies through its Enterprise Services Center (ESC). OMB requires service organizations to provide client agencies with an independent audit report describing associated internal controls in accordance with the Statement on Auditing Standard (SAS) 70 developed by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

In addition, the Department completed its consolidation of accounting operations during Fiscal Year (FY) 2007. ESC is now providing this service to all operating administrations within the Department. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) has contracted with an independent public accounting firm to examine the general computer and application controls, transaction processing, and financial reporting support services built into ESC service offerings.

The objectives of the audit are to determine whether (1) management's description fairly presents the controls actually placed in operation, (2) controls are suitably designed, and (3) controls are operating effectively. This will enable all financial statement auditors for DOT and its client agencies to use the ESC SAS-70 review results for their FY 2008 financial statement audits.

The independent public accounting firm will conduct the audit at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City, subject to OIG oversight. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. The program director for this audit is Nathan Custer; the project manager is Joann Adam. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 366-1496 or Nathan Custer at (202) 366-5540.

#

cc: Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs/Chief Financial Officer, DOT Chief Information Officer, DOT Chief Financial Officer, FAA Chief Information Officer, FAA Director, MMAC Karen Lynch, Acting M-1 Anthony Williams, ABU-100 Di Honey, AMB-1 J. B. Morgan, AMK-10