



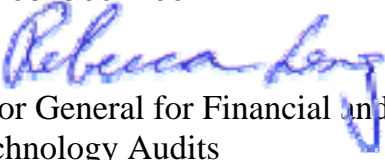
# Memorandum

U.S. Department of  
Transportation

Office of the Secretary  
of Transportation  
Office of Inspector General

Subject: INFORMATION: Audit Announcement—  
Department of Transportation Fiscal Years 2008  
and 2007 Financial Statements  
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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) is initiating its audit of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Consolidated Financial Statements for Fiscal Years (FY) 2008 and 2007. The audit will be conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin 07-04, "Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements."

There are two major changes to this year's financial statement audits. First, OMB has waived the requirement for stand-alone Highway Trust Fund financial statements. All Highway Trust Fund activities will be included in the Department's Consolidated Financial Statements for review. Second, OIG has selected an external audit firm to audit DOT's Consolidated Financial Statements. The same firm is also tasked with rendering an audit opinion on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) component financial statements.

In addition, the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) will continue selecting the audit firm for SLSDC component financial statements, which are not part of DOT's Consolidated Financial Statements. All these contract audits are subject to OIG oversight.

The audit opinions on FY 2008 and 2007 DOT Consolidated Financial Statements and FAA component financial statements are due to OMB by November 15, 2008. The audit will be conducted at DOT Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and at selected field offices. We will contact your audit liaison to establish an entrance conference in order to discuss the audit. The Program Director for this audit is Earl Hedges; the Project Manager is George Banks. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (202) 366-1496 or Earl Hedges at (410) 962-3612.

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