



Memorandum


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Subject: **INFORMATION:** Audit Announcement—Audit of
FAA's Progress in Transitioning to the FTI Program
Project No. 06A3011A000

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The Office of the Inspector General plans to conduct a follow-up audit of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Telecommunication Infrastructure (FTI) program. In April 2006, we reported that FTI is a high-risk and schedule-driven program that is unlikely to meet its December 2007 revised completion date. FAA agreed that a number of steps need to be taken to improve the management of the FTI effort to achieve the scheduled completion date. Both Congress and the Department have expressed interest in FAA's progress in implementing the corrective actions called for in our report.

The objectives of this audit are to (1) assess FAA's progress in developing an effective transition plan and realistic master schedule, and (2) determine if FAA is mitigating risks to air traffic control operations by coordinating activities and validating site-specific requirements before activating FTI service and disconnecting existing telecommunications service.

Our audit will be conducted at FAA Headquarters in Washington D.C., air traffic control field facilities, and other facilities as deemed necessary. We plan to start the audit during the week of June 5, 2006. Kevin Dorsey is the Program Director for this audit, and he will contact your audit liaison to arrange an entrance conference. If you have any questions or require additional information concerning this audit, please call him at (202) 366-1518.

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