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Federal Facilities in Rural Areas Project Number: 03B3009B000

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for Auditing and Evaluation

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As required by the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Public Law 108-7), the Office of Inspector General has scheduled an audit of the Department of Transportation's Policies and Procedures for Locating Federal Facilities in Rural Areas. The objective of this audit will be to determine what policies and procedures are in place to give first priority to the location of new offices and facilities in rural areas, as directed by the Rural Development Act of 1972. We will also determine if the Department adhered to the established policies and procedures when locating new Federal facilities.

The audit will be conducted at the Office of the Secretary, selected Operating Administrations, and selected regional sites or facilities. We plan to begin the audit the week of June 16, 2003. The Program Director for the project is Glenn Griser, and the Project Manager is Leroy Davis. We will arrange an entrance conference through your audit liaisons.

If we can answer any questions, please call Robin K. Hunt, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Hazardous Materials, Security and Special Programs, at (415) 744-3090 or me at (202) 366-1992.

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