



Memorandum

**U.S. Department of
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

Office of Inspector General

Subject: INFORMATION: Audit of Screener Security
Program

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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) is scheduling an audit of the screener security program established after September 11, 2001. The objective of this audit is to evaluate the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) policies, procedures, and practices to ensure air carrier passengers and their carry-on and checked baggage are adequately screened, as required by the Aviation and Transportation Security Act. Specifically, we will evaluate (1) pre-screening and hiring of the workforce, including screeners, screener supervisors and law enforcement officers; (2) controls over screening service contracts; and (3) screener initial and on-the-job training programs.

We recognize the important ongoing effort that TSA is making to establish the screener security program. Our goal is to report on TSA's progress in this effort. The audit will be conducted at TSA's Office of Aviation Operations in Washington, D.C. and selected locations nationwide. Our staff in San Francisco, California and Washington, D.C. will conduct the audit.

We plan to begin the audit the week of April 1, 2002. We will contact your audit liaison in the Office of Aviation Operations to arrange an entrance conference.

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