



Memorandum

U.S. Department of
Transportation

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation
Office of Inspector General

Subject: **INFORMATION:** Audit Announcement–Vulnerability
Assessment of the Federal Aviation Administration's
(FAA) Operational Air Traffic Control System
Project Number 10F3016F000

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Reply to
Attn. of: JA-20

To: Federal Aviation Administrator

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) is initiating an information technology vulnerability assessment of FAA's operational Air Traffic Control (ATC) System. This audit was requested by the Ranking Members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Subcommittee on Aviation. The OIG has contracted with Clifton Gunderson LLP, an independent public accounting firm, to perform the audit subject to OIG oversight.

The objective of this audit is to determine whether operational ATC systems can be accessed by unauthorized users from inside ATC facilities through FAA's Mission Support/Administrative System Network.

This audit will be conducted at FAA headquarters in Washington, DC, and two FAA Air Route Traffic Control Centers selected by OIG. We plan to begin work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference to discuss the audit. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 366-4350 or Nathan Custer, Program Director, at (202) 366-5540.

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