

FOREWORD

This is the United States Department of Transportation's (DOT) fiscal year 2003 *Performance and Accountability Report*. It links programs to strategic performance areas, such that major program activities are traceable to a performance outcome and goal. In accordance with the Consolidation Act of 2000, this document integrates DOT's *Performance Report* with its consolidated Financial Statements and the resulting DOT Inspector General's opinion on DOT's statements, DOT Inspector General's 2004 report on the Department's Top Management Challenges, internal controls, and compliance with appropriate laws and regulations.

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