



Memorandum

**U.S. Department of
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation
Office of Inspector General

Subject: **INFORMATION:** Audit Announcement –
Oversight of Venice Municipal Airport Revenues
Federal Aviation Administration
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Reply to
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To: Assistant Administrator for Financial Services
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Airports nationwide continue to face challenges in complying with Airport Improvement Program grant assurances regarding the use of airport revenues. In August 2009, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reviewed land use at the Venice, Florida, Municipal Airport and found many of the same problems with revenue diversions that our office and the Government Accountability Office identified during the 1990s. In September 2009, at the request of Senator George LeMieux, we evaluated a constituent's concerns regarding the Venice Municipal Airport and identified issues warranting a more detailed review of the use of airport revenue.

Accordingly, the objective of our review will be to determine whether FAA's oversight ensures that the City of Venice is using airport revenues only for appropriate purposes and that the airport is as self-sustaining as possible.

We will conduct the audit at the Venice Municipal Airport and FAA's Headquarters, Southern Region, and Orlando Airport District Office. We plan to start the audit later this month and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. If you have any questions, please contact Darren L. Murphy, Program Director, at (206) 220-6503.

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