



Memorandum

**U.S. Department of
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation
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MARAD Management Controls Review
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Reply to
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To: Maritime Administrator

The mission of the Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) is to improve the U.S. marine transportation system to meet the Nation's economic, environmental, and security needs. MARAD's programs focus on maintaining shipbuilding and repair services, ports, water and land transportation services, and reserve shipping capacity. In recent years, MARAD has restructured its organization and taken on oversight for a significant influx of Federal funds, pointing to the need for a comprehensive review of the Agency's controls over its operations. Accordingly, our audit objective is to assess MARAD's management controls for (1) planning, performance measurement, and risk management; (2) organizational structure and workforce development; and (3) program implementation, monitoring, and oversight of core mission requirements.

We plan to begin this audit the week of October 20, 2014, at MARAD headquarters in Washington, D.C., and other sites as needed. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (202) 366-5630, or Toayoa Aldridge, Program Director, at (202) 366-2081.

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