

# Office of Inspector General Kristofer B. Sullivan, Inspector General

OIG Audit Work Plan, Fiscal Year 2025-26

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Secretary,

I am pleased to present the Florida Department of Transportation (Department) Office of Inspector General's (OIG) Annual Audit Work Plan for fiscal year (FY) 2025-26.

Our Audit Work Plan is risk-based to provide broad coverage of Department programs, systems, and controls. The OIG's risk analysis is based on input from the Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, Chief of Staff, District Secretaries, and Functional Managers.

The activities outlined in our Audit Work Plan address the Department's major operations and optimize the use of our resources. We retain approximately 20 percent of our hours for Department projects that may be requested during the year. We also allocated a percentage of our audit resources for projects that may be requested by the Governor's Chief Inspector General (CIG) for projects with enterprise-wide focus.

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#### **RISK ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

Subsection 20.055(6)(i), Florida Statutes, (2024), and professional audit standards, require the OIG to develop risk-based, long-term, and annual audit plans, which consider resources and input from senior management. The methodology used for our risk assessment process is detailed below.

#### Define the audit universe

As part of our risk assessment process, we identified and determined auditable areas within the Department. The Department's major program areas are:

- Engineering and Operations
- Strategic Development
- Finance and Accounting
- Transportation Technology
- o Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Within each major program area are functional areas which comprise the audit universe. This universe is defined within our risk assessment process and updated on an annual basis.

#### **Identify major risks**

We surveyed Department management, including Assistant Secretaries, District Secretaries, Functional Managers, and OIG staff. They identified major risks, potential audit topics, and any concerns they had regarding fraud, waste, abuse, or potential wrongdoing in the Department.

#### Translate risks into measurable risk factors

We discussed the impact, likelihood, and risk type of each topic submitted. The following risk factors were also considered to assist in prioritizing topics: changes in leadership; new governing processes; and new information technology systems.

#### **Present topics to the Secretary**

The topics were presented to the Secretary for final review and feedback.

Finalize Annual Audit Work Plan (pages 5-7).

#### **FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 AUDIT WORK PLAN**

The OIG's Annual Audit Work Plan provides broad audit coverage and focuses OIG resources on areas with the greatest known risks. We dedicate resources to auditing Department processes, contractor and consultant contracts, intermodal grant programs, and examining federal reimbursement rates.

The OIG has 24 audit positions and 30,437 available hours allocated as follows:

| Total FY 2025-26 Potential Hours Available                 | 30,437 |
|--|--------|
| Carry-forward hours to complete FY 2024-25 projects        | 3,439  |
| Reserve 400 hours for CIG requests                         | 400    |
| Reserve 20 percent of hours for senior management requests | 5,400  |
| Recurring projects (Performance Measures, Rates, etc.)     | 4,810  |
| New topics identified through the risk assessment process  | 16,389 |
| Total FY 2025-26 Hours Allocated                           | 30,437 |

Our FY 2025-26 Audit Work Plan includes 58 topics, listed below. 1 Engagements with an asterisk (\*) indicate a specific contract or grant will be determined when the engagement is initiated. The long-term topics, required to be identified by statute, are on page 7.2

| Engineering and Operations |  |               |
|----------------------------|--|---------------|
| Area                       | Topic  | Project Type  |
|                            | 24C-009 Audit of Contract T4477                | Carry Forward |
|                            | 24C-007 District 7 Contract Modification E7J46 | Carry Forward |
| Construction               | 25C-010 Audit of a Contract TBD                | Carry Forward |
| Construction               | Construction Contract Audit – Project 1*       | New           |
|                            | Construction Contract Audit – Project 2*       | New           |
|                            | CEI Contract Audit                             | New           |
| Maintenance                | 25P-010 Fleet Management                       | Carry Forward |
| Mairiteriance              | 25P-005 Adopt-a-Highway                        | Carry Forward |
| Program                    | 23I-003 Gadsden County LAP Audit               | Carry Forward |
| Management                 | 21I-002 Utility Rates Procedures               | Carry Forward |
|                            | LAP Audit Project                              | New           |
| Right of Way               | ROW Parcel Acquisition                         | New           |
| Emergency                  | COOP   | New           |
| Management                 | Starlink                                       | New           |
| Safety                     | Safety Grant                                   | New           |
| Traffic                    |  |               |
| Engineering                | FDOT Intelligent Transportation System - Signs | New           |
| and Operations             |  |               |

| Strategic Development |  |               |
|-----------------------|--|---------------|
| Area                  | Topic  | Project Type  |
|                       | 25I-007 Northeast Florida Regional Airport             | Carry Forward |
| Aviation              | Miami Dade International Airport                       | New           |
|                       | Unmanned Aircraft System Program                       | New           |
|                       | 25I-008 CSX Transportation Rail Contract # ASS43       | Carry Forward |
| Freight & Rail        | Florida East Coast Railway 2024 Indirect Rate Review   | Recurring     |
|                       | CSXT 2024 Indirect Rate Review                         | Recurring     |
| Seaport               | 25I-006 Jacksonville Port                              | Carry Forward |
|                       | Manatee Seaport  | New           |
|                       | Port of Tampa  | New           |
| Transit               | 24I-006 Ride Solution Transit Audit                    | Carry Forward |
|                       | 25I-002 Hillsborough (HART)                            | Carry Forward |
|                       | Miami Dade Transit                                     | New           |
|                       | Jacksonville Transit Authority (JTA)                   | New           |
| Spaceport             | 24I-003 Spaceport Program Audit                        | Carry Forward |
| Doliny Diagning       | 25I-004 Miami-Dade (MDTPO)                             | Carry Forward |
| Policy Planning       | Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Audit Project | New           |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Although captured in the total programmed hours, some non-audit projects (e.g., computer forensics) and confidential (e.g., whistle-blower related) projects are not listed in these tables. Additionally, some project names have been combined for ease of reporting (e.g., CPA working paper reviews and corresponding cognizant letter).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Although a long-term audit plan is required by statute, the risk assessment process is conducted annually; therefore, the topics listed may not be included in future audit plans.

| Finance and Administration |  |               |
|----------------------------|--|---------------|
| Area                       | Topic  | Project Type  |
| O to all a m               | 25P-007 P-Card Audit   | Carry Forward |
|                            | Department FY 2026-27 Indirect Rate Review                                     | Recurring     |
|                            | Department Section 129(9)(a) Financial Review FY 2024-25 (Over-the-Road Buses) | Recurring     |
| Comptroller                | Department Section 129(A)(3) Financial Review FY 2024-25 (Toll                 | Recurring     |
|                            | Credits)   |               |
|                            | Department Value Pricing Pilot Program Review FY 2024-25                       | Recurring     |
|                            | Department Inventory   | New           |
| Human                      | HR DAVID Attestation Review  | Recurring     |
| Resources                  | Department Human Resource Hiring Practices                                     | New           |
|                            | Subcontractor Self-Certification   | New           |
|                            | CPA Work Paper and Cognizant Reviews   |               |
|                            | 25C-011 TLP Cognizant Review   | Carry Forward |
|                            | 25C-012 GAI Cognizant Review   | Carry Forward |
|                            | Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC., (GAI) Cognizant Review CY 2025                     | Recurring     |
| Procurement                | CliftonLarsonAllen (TLP Engineering Services, Inc.) Cognizant Review CY 2025   | Recurring     |
|                            | Baker Tilly US, LLP (Atkins) Cognizant Review CY 2024                          | Recurring     |
|                            | D.L. Purvine, CPA, PLLC (Kittelson) Cognizant Review CY 2024                   | Recurring     |
|                            | D.L. Purvine, CPA, PLLC (WGI) Cognizant Review CY 2024                         | Recurring     |
|                            | Aldrich CPAs + Advisors LLP (CONSOR Engineers LLC) Cognizant Review CY 2024    | Recurring     |
| Support Services           | Office & Warehouse Utilization   | New           |

| Transportation Technology |  |               |
|---------------------------|--|---------------|
| Area                      | Topic  | Project Type  |
|                           | 25P-012 IT Governance                                | Carry Forward |
| Information               | 25P-006 Review of Third-Party Risk Management        | Carry Forward |
| Technology                | Artificial Intelligence AI policy and tools          | New           |
|                           | Identification and Authentication - Access Controls  | New           |
|                           | CIG Enterprise Project: Data Protection and Security | New           |

| Florida's Turnpike Enterprise |   |              |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Area                          | Topic   | Project Type |
| Florida's<br>Turnpike         | FTE Section 129(9)(A) Financial Review FY 2024-25 (Over-the-Road Buses) | Recurring    |
| Enterprise                    | FTE Section 129(A)(3) Financial Review FY 2024-25 (Toll Credits)        | Recurring    |

| Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged |                                 |               |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Area  | Topic                           | Project Type  |
| CTD   | 25P-011 CTD - DAVID Attestation | Carry Forward |

#### **LONG-TERM AUDIT WORK PLAN POTENTIAL TOPICS**

The following were identified as potential long-term topics as part of the FY 2025-26 annual risk assessment:

#### **Engineering and Operations**

- Truck Parking Program
- Weigh Stations

#### Finance and Accounting

- Building Security
- Emergency Procurement Review
- Department Utility Rate Analysis
- PALM Implementation

#### Strategic Development

- Rail Programs (Aggregated Programming)
- Gainesville MTPO
- Panhandle Transportation Planning Organization Review

#### Transportation Technology

- Unpatched Legacy Systems
- Third -Party Vendor Risk
- IT Asset Inventory/IT Asset Purchase not Authorized by OIT

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#### STATEMENT OF ACCORDANCE

The Department's mission is to provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of our environment and communities.

The Office of Inspector General's mission is to provide independent and objective investigative and audit services that promote accountability, integrity, and efficiency within the Florida Department of Transportation and its partners.

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