

# Spotlight

Department of Homeland Security



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### Why This Matters

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has one of the largest motor vehicle fleets in the Federal Government, with more than 56,000 vehicles costing approximately \$534 million annually.

As of May 2013, DHS had more than 17,000 employees authorized to use home-to-work transportation. According to DHS, home-to-work transportation is a flexible and powerful tool to meet mission requirements and enhance overall responsiveness to emergencies.

### DHS Response

DHS provided formal comments to our report and concurred with all five of our recommendations.

## DHS Home-to-Work Transportation

### What We Determined

Our audit objective was to determine whether DHS has implemented appropriate internal controls to ensure that home-to-work transportation is justified and used efficiently. DHS has attempted to establish policies and procedures to ensure that its use of home-to-work transportation is effective and efficient, that data and reporting are reliable, and that it complies with applicable laws and regulations. However, the Department and the Components we reviewed do not adequately monitor and provide oversight of home-to-work transportation to ensure that the Components are complying with departmental guidance and consistently gathering timely, accurate information on eligibility and authorization, vehicle use, and the number of participants. The Department does not always ensure that home-to-work transportation applicants comply with eligibility requirements and that use of home-to-work transportation is authorized and justified. It has also not ensured that all Components using home-to-work transportation have complied with the annual reporting requirement. As a result, DHS does not have reliable and accurate data to determine whether participation is justified or to make informed decisions about the use of home-to-work transportation.

### What We Recommend

We made five recommendations to the Department to implement stronger internal controls, improve guidance on the home-to-work transportation program, and implement a department-wide, centralized data system to track and monitor home-to-work transportation information.

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