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**A Follow-up Review of the  
Transportation Security Officer  
Background Check Process**



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Preface

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) was established by the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (*Public Law 107-296*) by amendment to the Inspector General Act of 1978. This is one of a series of audit, inspection, and special reports prepared as part of our oversight responsibilities to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness within the department.

This review serves as a follow-up to our January 2004 report entitled *A Review of Background Checks for Federal Passenger and Baggage Screeners at Airports*. The current report was based on interviews with relevant agencies, direct observations, and a review of applicable documents and data.

The recommendations herein have been developed to the best knowledge available to our office, and have been discussed in draft with those responsible for implementation. It is our hope that this report will result in more effective, efficient, and economical operations. We express our appreciation to all of those who contributed to the preparation of this report.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard L. Skinner".

Richard L. Skinner  
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