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**MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: Protecting Your Army Mass Transportation Benefit Program (MTBP)**

The Federal mass transportation benefits program encourages Federal employees to use public transportation by providing reimbursement for their eligible commuting expenses. The Army's program provides benefits to more than 20,000 Army employees, at a cost of over \$18 million per year, and is constantly growing.

A recent Government Accountability Office report on the Federal mass transportation benefits program reported numerous instances of fraud and abuse, and highlighted the need for improved program guidance and management controls. The Office of Management and Budget, in a memorandum dated 14 May 2007, stated that: "We must preserve the benefits of this program while eliminating the opportunity for waste, fraud, and abuse." OMB directed that Federal agencies implement stronger internal controls for the transportation benefit program not later than 30 June 2007.

Oversight of the Army's Mass Transportation Benefit Program outside the National Capital Region falls under the purview of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller). The ASA(FM&C) is fully supportive of the program, and is committed to ensuring that appropriate measures are in place to prevent waste, fraud and abuse of the program. The newly published policy and procedures guidelines provide augmented oversight and control measures, as well as clarifying program policies. This policy guidance is provisional, pending final staffing within HQDA.

I strongly urge both MTBP installation points of contact and program participants to ensure that the Mass Transportation Benefit Program is executed responsibly and within the rules, so that the benefit remains available to Army employees.

  
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