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AMTRAK CHAIRMAN APPOINTS NEW INSPECTOR GENERAL Theodore Alves highly respected in IG community

WASHINGTON— After a three month comprehensive national search, Amtrak Chairman Thomas Carper today announced his appointment of Theodore (Ted) Alves as Amtrak's new Inspector General.

Mr. Alves recently retired from 35 years of federal service, including serving as the Deputy Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) from 2006 to 2009 where he was responsible for supervising audits and investigations of federal transportation agencies. His start date is still being determined.

“Ted Alves is highly respected in the inspector general community and will provide the leadership, integrity, independence and objectivity required for the position,” Carper said.

From 2001 to 2006, Mr. Alves held three progressively responsible executive positions at the U.S. DOT, culminating in the position of Principal Assistant IG for Audits and Evaluations. He also has extensive audit experience at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Government Accountability Office, where he spent 22 years. In addition, he is a 2009 recipient of a Presidential Rank Award presented for his exceptional service to the American people and in recognition of his “sustained extraordinary achievement.”

Carper appointed Mr. Alves after naming a Selection Committee chaired by Amtrak board member Nancy A. Naples and comprised of Amtrak board vice chairman Donna McLean and two prominent former inspectors general, Ken Mead from the U.S. DOT and Gaston Gianni from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The Selection Committee sought and received input from the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), and the chairman engaged a leading executive search firm to assist with the process. Nearly 200 applicants were considered for the position.

Carper said he is eager for Mr. Alves to begin his work leading the team of professionals at Amtrak's Office of Inspector General.

About Amtrak

As the nation's intercity passenger rail operator, Amtrak connects America in safer, greener and healthier ways. Last fiscal year (FY 2009), the railroad carried 27.2 million passengers, making it the second-best year in the company's history. With 21,000 route miles in 46 states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian provinces, Amtrak operates more than 300 trains each day—at speeds up to 150 mph—to more than 500 destinations. Amtrak also is the operator of choice for state-supported corridor services in 15 states and for four commuter rail agencies. Visit Amtrak.com or call 800-USA-RAIL for schedules, fares and more information.

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THEODORE (TED) ALVES
Deputy Inspector General (Retired)
U.S. Department of Transportation

Mr. Alves was the Deputy Inspector General at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) when he retired in January 2009 after 35 years of Federal service. DOT is the federal agency responsible for achieving a safe, efficient, and effective transportation system that enhances the quality of life of the American people.

As the Deputy Inspector General, Mr. Alves was responsible for providing executive level leadership and direction of all Office of Inspector General (OIG) audits and investigations as well as overseeing operational support activities such as human resource, information technology, accounting and budgeting, and procurement activities for the OIG.

He served the DOT OIG for over eight years in several executive positions, including Principal Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Assistant Inspector General for Financial and Information Technology Audits, and Assistant Inspector General for Surface Infrastructure Audits.

Before joining DOT, Mr. Alves led the Financial Management Audits Branch at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He was responsible for overseeing financial statement, financial management, and information technology audits. Prior to joining FEMA, Mr. Alves spent 4 years as the Director of Information Technology and Special Audits at the U.S. Agency for International Development and 22 years with the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

Mr. Alves was born in Medford, Massachusetts and has a bachelor's degree in Management from Northeastern University, in Boston. He is a Certified Inspector General and a Certified Government Financial Manager. He is also a member of the Association of Inspectors' General, the Association of Government Accountants, and the Institute of Internal Auditors.

Mr. Alves has a son, Andrew, and lives in Potomac, Maryland.