

Spotlight

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Why This Matters

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) appropriated \$1 billion to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for buying and installing baggage and passenger screening equipment at airports. This is one of a series of audits that we are performing to help ensure that Recovery Act funds were used for authorized purposes.

The objective of this audit was to determine whether costs invoiced by Sacramento County for an airport modification project were allowable, allocable, and reasonable.

DHS Response

TSA agreed to resolve the questioned costs and to verify that Sacramento County complied with the Buy American Act.

Costs Invoiced by Sacramento County for a Checked Baggage Screening Project Under Agreement Number HSTS04-09-H-REC148

What We Determined

TSA agreed to fund up to \$11,340,000 of modifications to Sacramento International Airport to accommodate the installation of new baggage screening equipment. Of the \$7,103,808 invoiced by Sacramento County for this project, we concluded that costs of \$246,479 for project management was questionable for reimbursement because the costs were not properly supported by the accounting records. In addition, we determined that Sacramento County complied with the requirements for submitting quarterly reports to the Federal Government and for paying prevailing wages, but could not support that it complied with the requirement for using goods manufactured in America in the construction of the project.

What We Recommend

TSA resolve the questioned costs of \$246,479 and verify that Sacramento County complied with the Buy American Act.

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