

Spotlight

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Why This Matters

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Transportation Threat Assessment and Credentialing (TTAC) offices play an active role in determinations affecting whether individuals engaged in or with access to various aspects of the U.S. transportation system pose a threat to transportation or national security.

Ensuring that TSA follows Federal guidance during the personnel security process and that legacy TTAC offices adhere to standard internal controls for hiring and supervision minimizes the risk of an insider threat to security.

DHS Response

TSA noted internal controls and changes in human capital practices that it has introduced for senior level positions since the General Manager was hired.

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Issuance of a Security Clearance to a TSA General Manager

What We Determined

TSA Personnel Security appropriately applied Federal reciprocity and adjudicative guidelines in conducting its suitability determination and issuing a security clearance to a General Manager at TSA's legacy TTAC office. However, TTAC internal controls were weak on the hiring and supervision of the General Manager.