

Spotlight

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Why This Matters

The *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*, as amended, (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 was to determine whether funds invoiced by the City of Atlanta for a project to modify the airport to accommodate new baggage screening equipment were allowable, allocable, and reasonable.

DHS Response

TSA concurred with the recommendation and said that it would work with the City to resolve the \$1,354,740 in questioned unsupported costs.

Review of Costs Invoiced by the City of Atlanta for a Checked Baggage Screening Project At Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport

What We Determined

We determined that out of \$12,816,163 invoiced to TSA for reimbursement, costs of \$1,354,740 were not adequately supported by the accounting records. We also concluded that the City complied with the requirements for submitting quarterly reports to the Federal government, for paying prevailing wages to contractor employees, and for using American iron, steel, and manufactured goods in the construction of the project.

What We Recommend

TSA's Contracting Officer resolve the \$1,354,740 of unsupported costs.

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