



Why This Matters

Each year, issues related to information technology (IT) control deficiencies are identified at the component level during the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) annual financial statement audit. Although Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) took corrective action to address its prior year IT control deficiencies, issues continued to be identified that affect FLETC's financial data. Collectively these deficiencies negatively affect the internal controls over FLETC's financial reporting and its operation, and are considered to contribute to a material weakness at the Department Level.

Information Technology Management Letter for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Component of the FY 2012 DHS Financial Statement Audit

What We Determined

During fiscal year (FY) 2012, FLETC took corrective action to address one of the IT control weaknesses from the prior year. FLETC decommissioned the Student Information System, which was previously in the scope of the financial audit. However, during FY 2012, we identified IT general control weaknesses that could potentially affect FLETC's financial data. We determined that the most significant findings from a financial statement audit perspective were related to the Intelligence and Analysis/Operations Momentum database access control and configuration management. In addition, we noted that after several years of improved processes over technical security testing, FLETC needs better patch management over servers and workstations. Collectively, the IT control deficiencies limited FLETC's ability to ensure that critical financial and operational data were maintained in such a manner to ensure confidentiality, integrity, and availability.

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