

# Spotlight

Department of Homeland Security



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### Why This Matters

In May 2013, Representative Bennie Thompson, Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland Security requested that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) review the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) management of its advanced imaging technology.

### DHS Response

TSA expressed its appreciation for the OIG's work in planning and conducting this review.

## TSA's Management of Secure 1000SP Advanced Imaging Technology Units

### What We Determined

TSA's mission is to secure the nation's transportation system and ensure the freedom of movement for people and commerce. In 2007, TSA began deploying advanced imaging technology (AIT) to screen airline passengers for weapons, explosives, and other concealed objects. In 2009 and 2010, TSA purchased 251 Secure 1000SP AIT units from Rapiscan Systems. However, by May 2013, TSA had removed the units from service because the company could not develop enhanced software to enable the units to comply with newly imposed privacy requirements.

TSA purchased the 251 units and technical support services for \$41,653,702. However, TSA was unable to determine the deployment cost for the units because the task orders used do not segregate individual costs. TSA complied with property transfer regulations for the 251 units. TSA transferred 165 units to other Federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

During our fieldwork, we determined that TSA and Rapiscan Systems may not have sanitized sensitive security information from one unit's computer system prior to donating it to a state agency. We informed TSA program officials about the possible security concern and they promptly corrected the situation.

### What We Recommend

Our report contains no recommendations.

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