

# Spotlight

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### 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 Transportation Security Administration (TSA) took corrective action to address its prior year IT control deficiencies, issues continued to be identified that impact TSA financial data.

## Information Technology Management Letter for the TSA Component of the FY 2013 DHS Financial Statement Audit

### What We Determined

During fiscal year (FY) 2013, TSA took corrective action to address prior year IT control deficiencies. For example, TSA made improvements over configuration management controls relative to the scripting process. However, during FY 2013 we continued to identify general IT control deficiencies related to controls over security management, access controls, and contingency planning for TSA core financial and feeder system. Collectively, these IT control deficiencies limited TSA's ability to ensure that critical financial and operational data were maintained in such a manner to ensure confidentiality, integrity, and availability. In addition, these deficiencies negatively impacted the internal controls over TSA financial reporting and its operation. Also, we noted that TSA did not fully comply with the Department's requirements of the *Federal Financial Management Improvement Act*.

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