## **STATE OF CONNECTICUT**Auditors of Public Accounts



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# **AUDIT SUMMARY**

Connecticut Airport Authority

Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2022 and 2023

#### **ABOUT THE AGENCY**



The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) operates Bradley International Airport and the state's five general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham). The authority's mission is to provide outstanding airport service and grow the regional economy. CAA is classified as a quasipublic agency subject to the requirements found in Chapter 12 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

#### **ABOUT THE AUDIT**

We have audited certain operations of the Connecticut Airport Authority in fulfillment of our duties under Sections 1-122, 2-90 and 15-120kk of the Connecticut General Statutes. The scope of our audit included, but was not necessarily limited to, the fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 and 2023. The objectives of our audit were to evaluate the:

- Authority's significant internal controls over compliance and its compliance with policies and procedures internal to the authority or promulgated by other state agencies, as well as certain legal provisions, including as applicable, but not limited to whether the authority has complied with its regulations concerning affirmative action, personnel practices, the purchase of goods and services, the use of surplus funds, and the distribution of loans, grants and other financial assistance;
- Authority's internal controls over certain financial and management functions; and
- Effectiveness, economy, efficiency, and equity of certain management practices and operations, including certain financial transactions

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

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Our audit identified an internal control deficiency.

## NOTEWORTHY FINDING



### **Finding**

Our initial review of five invoices for legal services identified a lack of sufficient detail to clearly verify the firm's hourly rates based on staff members' titles and years of service. Our further inquiries revealed that two invoices had inaccurate hourly rates, resulting in a \$1,293 net overpayment. Following our inquiry, the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) and its law firm reviewed invoices from July 1, 2022, through April 30, 2024, and identified \$6,695 in additional billing errors resulting in a total overpayment of \$7,988.



#### **Recommendation**

CAA should strengthen internal controls over its review of invoices to ensure that billed hourly rates are sufficiently detailed and match the rates in the contract.

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has been resolved

The Connecticut Airport Authority and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection should work together to devise mutually acceptable operating parameters for the provision of law enforcement services.

