

AUDIT SUMMARY

Connecticut Green Bank

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Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2021

ABOUT THE AGENCY



The Connecticut Green Bank (Green Bank) supports the Governor's and Legislature's energy strategy to achieve cleaner, cheaper, and more reliable sources of energy while creating jobs and supporting local economic development. Its mission is to confront climate change and provide all of society a healthier and more prosperous future by increasing and accelerating the flow of private capital into markets that energize the green economy.

Pursuant to Section 1-120 of the General Statutes, Green Bank is a quasi-public agency subject to the requirements in Chapter 12.

ABOUT THE AUDIT

We have audited certain operations of the Connecticut Green Bank in fulfillment of our duties under Sections 1-122 and 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The scope of our audit included, but was not necessarily limited to, the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and 2021. The objectives of our audit were to evaluate the:

1. Agency's significant internal controls over compliance and its compliance with policies and procedures internal to the agency or promulgated by other state agencies, as well as certain legal provisions, including as applicable, but not limited to whether the agency 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;
2. Agency's internal controls over certain financial and management functions; and
3. 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 instances of noncompliance with laws, regulations, or policies and internal control deficiencies.

NOTEWORTHY FINDINGS



Finding



Recommendation

1




Green Bank contracts and loan agreements do not identify false statements as a violation of Section 53a-157b of the General Statutes and a class A misdemeanor. Green Bank loan agreements only identify false statements as a situation that could constitute a default.

Green Bank's contracts and agreements should identify false statements as a violation of Section 53a-157b of the General Statutes and a Class A misdemeanor to ensure compliance with Section 1-126 of the General Statutes.

2

Green Bank does not have a system or procedure to identify, track, and account for surplus funds.

Green Bank should design and implement a system to identify and track any surplus funds generated by the sales of bonds and bond anticipation notes to ensure compliance with Chapter XIV of its operating procedures manual.

<p>3 prior audit  RECOMMENDATIONS have been resolved</p>	Green Bank should comply with the reporting requirements in the Connecticut General Statutes.	
	Green Bank should offer its severance agreements closer to the employee's separation date. Green Bank should confirm that the position is not needed before entering into a separation agreement.	
	Green Bank supervisors should promptly approve employee timesheets each pay period. If a supervisor is not available, an appropriate designee with knowledge of the employee's attendance should approve the timesheet.	