

Report Highlights

Department of Military Affairs

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Why We Conducted This Audit

We performed certain procedures at the Department of Military Affairs (LMD) as a part of the 2023 Single Audit of the State of Louisiana. We also conducted procedures at LMD to evaluate internal control and compliance with laws and regulations and to evaluate accountability over public funds for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.

What We Found

 LMD incorrectly reported Community Development Block Grants/State's program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii (Assistance Listing 14.228) expenditures totaling \$7,146,584 as National Guard Military Operations and Maintenance Projects (Assistance Listing 12.401) expenditures on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

In addition, LMD did not draw federal funds for the National Guard Military Operations and Maintenance Projects in a timely manner, resulting in delays in federal reimbursements and potential lost interest revenues. Our test of 44 voucher transactions requesting reimbursement of federal program expenditures disclosed that for 40 (91%) of the transactions tested, LMD delayed drawing federal funds for times ranging between 63 and 516 days after the expenditure was made, resulting in \$5,957,524 of untimely federal drawdowns.

• We reviewed the status of the prior engagement findings reported in the LMD procedural report dated August 2, 2021. We determined that management has resolved the prior engagement findings related to Failure to Certify and Approve Time and Attendance Records Timely and Theft of Cash Receipts.