



Report Highlights

Department of Transportation and Development

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Why We Conducted This Audit

We performed certain procedures at the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) as a part of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the State of Louisiana, the Single Audit of the State of Louisiana, and to evaluate DOTD's accountability over public funds for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

What We Found

- For the fifth consecutive year, DOTD did not have adequate controls in place to ensure the Summary of Samples and Test Results Form (Form 2059), which is part of DOTD's project close-out documentation, was completed timely for projects of the Highway Planning and Construction Program. Untimely completion of the form delays validation that the sampling and testing results were in accordance with DOTD's quality assurance program. The absence of such documentation could result in a lack of support that the quality of materials and workmanship used met the requirements for a federally-funded project.
- DOTD did not adhere to policies designed to ensure compliance with federal wage rate requirements for construction projects funded through the Highway Planning and Construction program (Assistance Listing 20.205). Failure to follow established internal controls and guidelines set forth in DOTD's Engineering Directives and Standards Manual resulted in noncompliance with department policy and with the federal wage rate requirements; this could potentially result in contractors not paying laborers and mechanics the prevailing wage rates.
- Financial information relating to the following accounts was materially correct:
 - Capital Outlay Escrow - infrastructure, construction-in-progress, right-of-way, expenditures, and accounts payable;
 - Transportation Trust Fund - federal revenue (progress billings) and unearned revenue for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (Construction Subfund); and
 - Engineering and Operations - capital grant revenues (classification).
- As a part of the 2023 Single Audit, we performed procedures on DOTD's major federal programs, as well as the information submitted by DOTD to the Division of Administration's Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy on the status of a prior-year finding for the preparation of the state's Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings.

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