



Report Highlights

Louisiana Tax Commission

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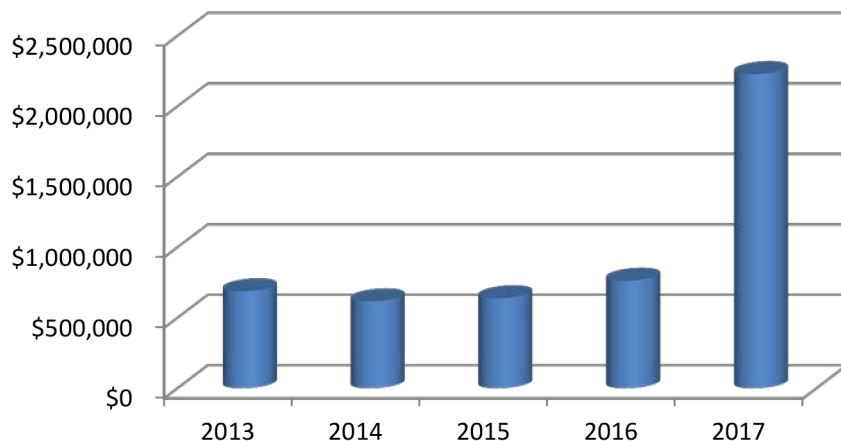
Why We Conducted This Work

We performed certain procedures at the Louisiana Tax Commission (LTC) to evaluate certain controls LTC uses to ensure accurate financial reporting and transparency, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and overall accountability over public funds for the period July 1, 2016, through May 31, 2017.

What We Found

- LTC did not have an adequate process for collecting change order fees from local tax assessors, resulting in the inconsistent collection and remittance of fees on change orders by assessors and possible loss of revenues to the state. Although the Louisiana Administrative Code provides for LTC to collect a \$20 fee for the filing of late change orders for reduced assessments, management has not formally defined the types of change orders this fee is applicable to and represented to auditors that no guidance has been provided to assessors to ensure consistency of collection on these fees.
- LTC did not timely deposit (within 24 hours of receipt) checks received for fees related to audits, assessments, and change orders, increasing the risk of loss due to error or fraud. In a review of 30 checks, all checks were deposited between seven and 84 days after receipt by LTC.
- We prepared a summary of assessment fees by fiscal year. Assessment fees increased significantly in fiscal year 2017, as the fee for the assessment of public service property increased from .01% in fiscal year 2016 to .04% in fiscal year 2017.

**Assessment Fees by Fiscal Year
(As of April 30, 2017)**



Source: Prepared by legislative auditor's staff using agency-generated reports.

View the full report, including management's response, at www.la.gov.