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Report Highlights

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Why We Conducted This Audit

This audit was performed in response to an internal audit performed by the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (University) Internal Audit Department that identified problems with the university's food service provider, Sodexo Management, Inc. (Sodexo).

What We Found

Sodexo Overbilled the University for Catering Services and Provided Catering Services for the Former University Student Union Director at No Cost

From October 10, 2009 to November 7, 2013, Sodexo Management, Inc. (Sodexo), the University's food service provider, overbilled the University for catering services totaling \$5,454. Former Sodexo General Manager Patrick Pappion stated he directed the former Sodexo catering manager to inflate Sodexo invoices for catering services at the direction of former University Student Union Director Anthony Daniel. In addition, Sodexo appears to have provided catering services that benefited Mr. Daniel at no cost. By knowingly submitting inflated catering invoices to the University, Sodexo management may have violated state law. Also, if Mr. Daniel directed Sodexo management to inflate invoices for catering services while receiving catering services from Sodexo at no cost, Mr. Daniel may have violated the Louisiana Constitution and state law.

Former Student Union Director Received University Football Tickets Purchased with Marketing Support Funds

From June 21, 2010 through August 1, 2014, Sodexo used marketing support funds totaling \$41,637 to purchase University season game and bowl game football tickets. According to Sodexo management, football tickets were purchased at the direction of Mr. Daniel, who received the tickets and appears to have distributed them to University employees. University management failed to document the business purpose for the ticket purchases or the individual recipients of the tickets. Because of the lack of appropriate documentation, we could not determine whether the University received equivalent value in exchange for the football tickets. If the University did not receive equivalent value in exchange for the football tickets, it may have violated the Louisiana Constitution and state law.

Sodexo Provided Meals to Student Union Housekeeping Staff in Exchange for Cleaning Services

University Exchanged Season Football Game Tickets for Meal Plans

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