



Report Highlights

Louisiana State University (LSU) and Related Campuses

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Why We Conducted This Audit

We conducted certain audit procedures at LSU and Related Campuses as part of the Louisiana State University System's financial statement audit for the year ended June 30, 2012, and to evaluate accountability over public funds.

What We Found

We tested controls, compliance, and financial reporting related to certain accounts such as cash, investments, capital assets, bonds payable, other postemployment benefits payable, net assets, student tuition and fee revenues, federal revenues, state appropriations, education and general expenses, and auxiliary revenues and expenses. We also evaluated controls and compliance for the federal Student Financial Assistance Cluster. Our procedures disclosed the following:

- Financial information related to accounts tested was fairly stated.
- An LSU System internal audit report disclosed that improper purchases using federal funds totaling \$159,167 were made by four employees within the Office of Academic Assistance at LSU at Eunice. Evaluation of these employees' procurement card activity revealed that purchases for personal use were concealed with altered or falsified documents.
- Cash in the amount of \$7,872 was discovered missing during the LSU Athletic Ticket Office's reconciliation of two ticket batches from sales relating to a baseball game. The cause of the missing cash has not been determined.
- Total revenues have risen over the past four years for LSU and Related Campuses despite a \$128 million decrease in state appropriations because of offsetting increases in other revenues (\$112 million) and tuition and fees (\$65 million). The increase in other revenues is primarily due to increases in capital appropriations (Business Education Complex, Chopin Hall annex, and South Campus land purchase), net auxiliary revenues, net investment income, and gifts.

