



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

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8427 SouthPark Circle, 5th Floor
Orlando, FL 32819

October 3, 2019

Mr. Norman Rich, Chairman
Tri-County Airport Authority
1983 Airport Road
Bonifay, Florida 32425

Dear Mr. Rich:

Re: Federal Grant Award 3-12-0007-009-2013, PO SOG120007009

In 2018 the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), US Department of Transportation, concluded audit FI2018101 of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP). The audit report cites the Tri-County Airport Authority (FL) for \$45,291 in overpayments and questioned costs, detailed as follows:

- Tri-County Airport Authority was paid 100 percent of invoice amounts associated with four payment requests, despite the fact that it was eligible to receive payment for 90 percent of AIP eligible costs. As a result, Tri-County Airport Authority received \$30,291 more than it was eligible to receive in connection with these four invoices. The FAA advised the grantee of the improper drawdown, and the grantee reconciled the overdrawn amounts at close-out. The amounts exceeding the Federal share were offset at closeout of the grant award. The grant was closed on November 23, 2016, and no further action is needed to recover funds, since the Federal share was reduced at closeout.
- The Tri-County Airport Authority was paid \$15,000 in expense reimbursement for which no supporting documentation was provided. The auditor's questioned cost citation based on non-compliance with the supporting documentation requirements of regulations governing financial management standards for Federal awards [2 CFR §§ 200.302, 303, 333-337]. Specifically, the FAA paid \$15,000 for invoice #09262014, dated September 27, 2014. The FAA sustains the \$15,000 questioned cost finding, disallows the costs and deems the payment improper [31 USC § 3321 (f)].

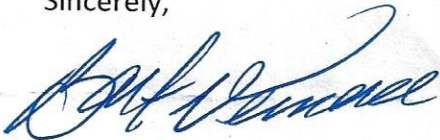
Please be advised that any funds paid to a grant recipient in excess of the amount to which the grant recipient is finally determined to be entitled under the terms of the Federal award constitute a debt to the Federal Government [2 CFR § 200.345]. As required by 31 § CFR 901.2, this letter serves as a request for repayment of the funds. To make payment, please remit \$15,000 by check made payable to the Federal Aviation Administration and include a copy of this letter with your remittance.

Mail your check to:

DOT-Federal Aviation Administration
General Accounting
ESC/AMK 325
6500 S. MacArthur Blvd
Oklahoma City, OK 73169

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter please contact (Chastity N. Clark, Program Manager) at (407-487-7226). Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bart Vernace", is written over a horizontal line.

Bart Vernace, P.E.
Manager

cc: Kay Ryder, Supervisory Aviation Technical Specialist
Jasmine Evains, Financial Program Manager
Jesse Carriger, Supervisory Aviation Technical Systems Specialist