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State Inspector General Releases Aviation Audit

The Virginia Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG) has released its Virginia Department of Aviation (DOAV) audit report outlining recommendations for strengthened financial agreements and controls between the agency and the 66 Virginia public-use airports it serves, including the Peninsula Airport Commission (PAC).

OSIG's broad scope involved a look at PAC as well as 62 airport funding projects across the state and the processes and procedures backing those agreements. OSIG's report is available on its website at www.osig.virginia.gov.

During the audit, OSIG obtained copies of audited financial statements, conducted interviews and observations with DOAV leadership and staff and benchmarked Federal Aviation Administration financial agreement standards with DOAV's business agreements.

"We thank DOAV Executive Director Randall Burdette and his staff for their full cooperation and assistance with this audit," said Acting State Inspector General Michael Westfall. "Our intent was to evaluate processes and procedures within DOAV's funding programs and identify critical areas for improvement to ensure state funds are used in accordance with regulations," he said.

OSIG's recommendations include increased tracking and oversight of funding projects; tightened agreements with airport sponsors to enforce compliance with state funding requirements; and ensuring DOAV has the right to audit records of vendors who receive state funds, as well as the right to withdraw grants. OSIG further recommends state funds are properly insured and DOAV performs routine audits of airport sponsors.

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