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AVIATION SECURITY: TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTATION (TSA) HAS MADE PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING REQUIREMENTS IN THE AVIATION SECURITY ACT (ASA) OF 2016

On September 07, 2017, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) released findings of its study conducted concerning the TSA's implementation of certain requirements in the Aviation Security Act of 2016.

Background. The GAO conducted this study to assess the measures TSA and airport operators use to control access to secure areas of airports considering the recent incidents involving aviation workers conducting criminal activity in commercial airports. The 2016 ASA required TSA to take several actions related to oversight of access control security at airports. The Act also contains a provision for GAO to report on progress made by TSA.

Summary. This report examines TSA's progress in addressing the applicable requirements of the 2016 ASA.

Findings. Of the 69 requirements within the 2016 ASA that were applicable to the TSA, 48 had been implemented as of June 2017. GAO also found that TSA had made progress in implementing requirements from the following 8 relevant sections of the Act: (1) conducting a threat assessment, (2) enhancing oversight activities, (3) updating airport employee credential guidance, (4) vetting airport employees, (5) developing and implement access control metrics, (6) developing a tool for unescorted access security, (7) increasing covert testing, and (8) reviewing security directives.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Shelley Ewalt.

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