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## 19-03 Colorado Springs Airport Physical Security

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### **Purpose**

The objective of this audit was to evaluate the physical access controls at the Colorado Springs Airport (Airport).

### **Highlights**

Based on the work completed in January 2019 and the statement below from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), we conclude that Airport physical access controls were in place and monitored by TSA. We could not verify the access control processes at the Airport first hand due to TSA regulatory limitations.

Our planned testing of Airport physical access controls was terminated due to sensitive security information constraints. Our planning and substantial research for the audit included physical access controls observation as well as review of Code of Federal Regulations Title 49: Transportation and TSA Sensitive Security Information Best Practices Guide. We also reviewed audit reports issued by the Office of Inspector General verifying TSA oversight of local airports. Furthermore, TSA provided the following statement regarding their ongoing oversight of the Colorado Springs Airport:

“The TSA Colorado Compliance Team ensure the integrity of the national transportation system by providing direct regulatory and security oversight of the measures implemented by transportation industry partners as required by the United States Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and mandated security programs. I have and will continue to conduct a very robust inspection schedule for the Colorado Springs Airport (COS) to include testing and oversight each fiscal year as directed by TSA headquarters and Federal Security Director (FSD). COS has completed FY18 inspection process with FY19 inspections being conducted or pending.”

This audit was conducted in conformance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing, a part of the Professional Practices Framework promulgated by the Institute of Internal Auditors.