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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS CONTRACTOR IMPROPERLY BILLED OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
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The Ohio Inspector General has completed an investigation today finding a contractor, Safety Technologies Inc., wrongfully over-billed the Ohio Department of Public Safety for security video and electronic door lock activation system improvements made at 20 Ohio State Highway Patrol posts.

In conjunction with the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the inspector general found Safety Technologies Inc. billed the state as if a fixed price contract existed and submitted invoices based on predetermined, estimated amounts. However, the terms of the agreement between the state of Ohio and the contractor called for billing to be based on actual materials used and labor expended at each patrol post.

Investigators for the inspector general and highway patrol also found that the actions of state officials precipitated the problem. Language in the agreement used by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services in contracting with Safety Technologies Inc. caused confusion, and Ohio Department of Public Safety administrators accepted improper invoices which lacked specific details required under the terms of the contract.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2013-CA00047 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2014Investigations.aspx>

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