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BATON ROUGE -- Today, the State Inspector General's Office issued a report taking issue with certain expenditures from the state Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission's market development fund. The report calls into question Commission actions with its advertising contractor, Creative Communications of Baton Rouge, owned by Randy Hayden. The investigation revealed that Mr. Hayden submitted invoices totaling \$32,000 for yearly safety seminars in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

The Department of Public Safety balked at paying those invoices due to a lack of supporting information, and asked Mr. Hayden to provide detailed documentation.

In response, Mr. Hayden submitted revised invoices with inflated and provably false expenditures, including:

- o Expenses for speaker fees when the speakers did not receive payment for the speaking engagement;
- o Timesheets for work performed by Creative Communications' employees who did not work on the safety seminar for which their time was billed, who were no longer employed by Mr. Hayden when the seminar was held, and who were living outside the state of Louisiana at the time when their services were billed;

- Expenditures for Creative Communications' staff working an entire three-day annual convention, rather than simply for the safety seminar at that convention; and
- Hourly charges for Creative Communications employees with an effective labor rate ranging from \$940 to \$2600 per seminar hour.

Inspector General Stephen Street said: "Our investigation found a contractor who chose to submit bills to a state agency with almost no supporting documentation—and when the state refused to pay them, his response was to send in new bills with false supporting documents."

The Inspector General made three recommendations to address the issues raised in the report, including that the state's chief procurement officer consider suspending or barring the contractor from further state work.

To obtain the full report, follow this link:

<http://oig.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/reports/2010/1080016.pdf>