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Kelly Hoggan, Ray Williams, Sarah Tauber (OSO), Kim Walton (CRL/OTE), and I briefed CHS Subcommittee staff on both the SPP and BDO programs. On SPP, Ray provided an overview of TSA's actions following the GAO's recommendations in their 2009 report. All recommendations have been closed out (Amanda had apparently heard otherwise from the GAO). Ray also discussed how federal positions are assigned to SPP airports based upon our models as well as each airport's individual requirements (e.g. whether it's a hub or spoke). As follow-up, majority staff requested a list of the factors TSA considers as part of its cost methodology, a more detailed explanation of the workforce utilization formulas used to determine FTE numbers, and a breakdown of costs at one representative federalized Cat X airport.

On BDO, Sarah provided a status update on Managed Inclusion and addressed questions on the security effectiveness of the process, including the value of the randomization mat. Sarah then provided an overview of the status of addressing the recommendations from the recent OIG report and of the ongoing validation study being performed by the American Institutes for Research. Majority and minority staff requested a follow-up briefing on the results of the study once it's complete. The briefing ended with a lengthy discussion of the ability of behavior detection to focus on stopping threats to aviation and not just other illegal activities.

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