

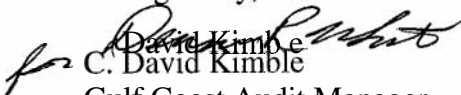
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Michael Bolch
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FROM: 
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SUBJECT: *Review of FEMA Contracts Awarded by Contracting Officers
Montgomery, Alabama, Joint Field Office
Report Number GC-AL-06-24*

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of the results of our review of contracts awarded by FEMA contracting officials at the Montgomery, Alabama, Joint Field Office (JFO). The objective of our review was to determine whether FEMA contracting officers complied with Title 48 of the Federal Code of Regulations, also known as the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), when selecting contractors for government services and products.

As of December 2, 2005, FEMA contracting officers at the JFO awarded 65 contracts totaling \$23.7 million. We reviewed 16 of these contracts, totaling \$17.9 million (see attached exhibit). We reviewed information in the official contract files, interviewed FEMA contracting officials, and performed other procedures deemed necessary.

We determined that FEMA officials at the JFO complied with FAR. Since this report contains no recommendations, a response is not necessary.

The nature and brevity of this assignment precluded the use of our normal audit protocols. Therefore, this review was not conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Had we followed such standards, other matters may have come to our attention.

We conducted this review in conjunction with the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) as part of its examination of relief efforts provided by the Federal government in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. As such, we have forwarded a copy of the report to the PCIE Homeland Security Working Group, which is coordinating Inspectors General review of this important subject.

List of Montgomery, Alabama, JFO Contracts Reviewed

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
HSFE04-05-P-5215	Lease of Travel Trailer Pads	\$9,000,000
HSFE04-05-L-5108	Interim Housing Facility	\$2,822,190
HSFE04-05-F-5107	Mosquito Control	\$2,808,400
HSFE06-05-P-6310	Lease of Travel Trailer Pads	\$1,035,000
HSFE04-05-L-5109	Lease of Mobile Shower Facilities	\$530,000
HSFE04-05-C-7054	Lease of Motor Homes	\$482,217
HSFE04-05-A-5114	Diesel Fuel for Selma Mobilization Center	\$432,000
HSFE-04-05-L-7085	Warehouse Space	\$210,000
HSFE04-05-P-5073	Refueling for Refrigerated Trailers	\$50,000
HSFE04-05-C-7207	Diesel and Gasoline for Response	\$275,000
HSFE04-05-P-5066	Upgrade Electrical Service at FEMA Facilities	\$40,000
HSFE04-05-P5072	Rental of Forklift and Pallet Jacks	\$60,000
HSFE04-05-L-5118	Rental of Support Vehicles and Tractor	\$75,000
HSFE04-05-C-7045	Refrigerated Trailers	\$49,300
HSFE04-05-P-5078	Copy Machine Rental	\$5,000
HSFE04-05-L-5117	Monthly Lease of Forklift	\$15,000
	Total	\$17,889,107

Auditors Raul Adrian and Marvin Burr performed this review.

Should you have any questions concerning this report, please contact me at (770) 220-5240.

Attachment

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