

# Spotlight

Department of Homeland Security



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### Why This Matters

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) appropriated \$210 million to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for building or repairing nonfederal fire stations. This is one of a series of audits that we are performing to help ensure that Recovery Act funds were used for authorized purposes.

The objective of this audit was to determine whether costs claimed by the Washington Township, MI, Fire Department for fire station construction were allowable, allocable, and reasonable.

### DHS Response

FEMA agreed to recover the \$78,020 of questioned costs.

## Costs Claimed by Washington Township, MI, Fire Department Under Fire Station Construction Grant EMW-2009-FC-01152R

### What We Determined

We questioned \$78,020 out of \$1,434,504 claimed for reimbursement under the grant. In addition, we verified that the Fire Department submitted to the Federal Government the required quarterly reports on project activities. We also determined that the Fire Department complied with the grant and Recovery Act requirements for paying prevailing wages to contractor employees and using American iron, steel, and manufactured goods in the construction of the project.

### What We Recommend

FEMA resolve the questioned costs of \$78,020.

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