

# Spotlight

Department of Homeland Security



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### Why This Matters

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), as amended, appropriated \$210 million to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for competitive grants for modifying, upgrading, or constructing non-Federal fire stations. FEMA awarded a grant of \$4,800,000 to the Chicago Fire Department to only construct a new fire station and requested reimbursement for \$4,395,000. It is paramount to ensure that the costs claimed by the Chicago Fire Department are allowable, allocable, and reasonable to protect the revenue.

## Costs Claimed by Chicago Fire Department Under Fire Station Construction Grant Number EMW-2009-FC-05246R

### What We Determined

We determined that the Chicago Fire Department had incurred sufficient allowable, allocable and reasonable costs to earn the \$4,395,000 it claimed for reimbursement. In addition, we concluded that the Chicago Fire Department complied with grant requirements for submitting quarterly Recovery Act reports to the Federal Government and for ensuring that contractors were paid prevailing wages and used American iron, steel, and manufactured goods in the construction of the new fire station. The report contains no recommendations.

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