

# Spotlight

Department of Homeland Security



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### Why This Matters

The Grand River Dam Authority received a \$9.15 million award from the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management, a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grantee, for damages caused by a January 2007 ice storm. FEMA provides such assistance to state, Tribal, and local governments, and certain types of private nonprofit organizations so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President. We perform audits of FEMA grantees and subgrantees, focusing on grants with potential for problems and areas that are of interest to Congress and FEMA.

### DHS Response

FEMA officials agreed with our finding and recommendation. FEMA's written response is due within 90 days.

## FEMA Public Assistance Grant Funds Awarded to Grand River Dam Authority, Vinita, Oklahoma

### What We Determined

Grand River Dam Authority generally accounted for and expended Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant funds according to federal regulations and FEMA guidelines. However, we question \$4,545 because Grand River Dam Authority's claim included contract costs not related to the disaster event.

### What We Recommend

We recommend that the Regional Administrator, FEMA Region VI, disallow \$4,545 (\$3,409 federal share) of ineligible contracting costs not related to the disaster.

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