

Spotlight

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Why This Matters

The *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* (Recovery Act) appropriated \$420 million to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for construction of land ports of entry. 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 objectives of this audit were to (1) determine whether funds obligated for administration and monitoring of projects were used for authorized purposes, (2) determine whether project monitoring was adequate, and (3) identify the status of obligations and projects as of October 4, 2011.

DHS RESPONSE

We did not require a response to this report.

Obligation of *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* Funds by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection for Land Ports of Entry

What We Determined

Funds obligated by CBP for project administration and monitoring and for information technology were for purposes authorized by the Recovery Act. Also, we concluded that CBP, the General Services Administration, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers established adequate oversight and monitoring processes and procedures over the construction and alteration projects. As of October 4, 2011, CBP reported obligations of \$375,453,047, and an unobligated balance of its Recovery Act appropriation of \$44,546,953. CBP indicated that \$35,881,420 of unobligated funds would be returned to the U.S. Treasury, and that it would retain \$8,665,533 for reconstruction projects if needed.

What We Recommend

The report did not contain any recommendations.

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