

Spotlight

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Why This Matters

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 (Recovery Act) appropriated \$210 million to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for modifying, upgrading, or constructing 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 were allowable, allocable, and reasonable according to the grant agreement and applicable Federal requirements.

DHS Response

We did not require a response to this report because the report did not contain recommendations.

For Further Information:

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Costs Claimed by Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. under Fire Station Construction Grant Number EMW-2009-FC-00409R

What We Determined

We determined that the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., (Fire Company) Brunswick, Maryland, incurred sufficient allowable, allocable, and reasonable costs to earn the \$2,431,161 grant award. In addition, we verified that the Fire Company submitted to the Federal Government the required quarterly reports on project activities. We also determined that the Fire Company included provisions in its contract for station construction to ensure compliance with the grant and Recovery Act requirements to pay prevailing wage rates and use American-made iron, steel, and manufactured goods in the construction of the fire station.