



Why This Matters

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) appropriated \$240 million to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) for stimulating economic growth in the United States. The largest share of the funding (\$142 million) was for the alteration or removal of obstructive bridges. USCG leveraged these funds with previous appropriations to initiate four bridge improvement projects.

Completion of these projects will facilitate safe and efficient navigation along the Nation's waterways and create or retain jobs in the construction sector.

DHS Response

The USCG agreed with the findings of the report and offered no additional comments.

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Use of Recovery Act Funds by the U.S. Coast Guard for the Alteration of Bridges Program

What we Determined

The USCG administered the Recovery Act Alteration of Bridges program according to plans and requirements. Three projects are over 75 percent complete and the fourth is approximately 40 percent complete. As of June 30, 2011, USCG reports that it had spent approximately 76 percent of Recovery Act Alteration of Bridges funds. For the quarter ending June 30, 2011, bridge owners reported funding approximately 200 jobs with Recovery Act funds.