



### Why This Matters

Public Law 110-53, Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, as amended, requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Inspector General, to audit individual States' management of State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grants.

This report responds to the reporting requirement for the State of Connecticut. The audit included a review of approximately \$43.9 million in SHSP and UASI grants awarded to the State during fiscal years 2008 through 2010.

### DHS Response

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State of Connecticut concurred with and plan to implement all of our recommendations.

The findings in the report will be used to strengthen the effectiveness and efficiency of how FEMA executes and measures the subject grant programs. The agency recognizes the need to continue to improve the process, including addressing the recommendations raised in the report.

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## Connecticut's Management of Homeland Security Program Grants Awarded During Fiscal Years 2008 Through 2010

### What We Determined

In most instances, the State did an effective job of administering grant program requirements in accordance with grant guidance and regulations.

The State Agency, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection through its Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security administers the grants and developed written procedures for program administration, linked its Homeland Security Strategic Plan goals and objectives to the national priorities and DHS' mission areas, and allocated and spent funds based on national and State priorities. The State also had adequate controls over the approval of expenditures and reimbursement of funds. However, improvements are needed in strengthening subgrantee monitoring and obligating grant funds timely.

### What We Recommend

FEMA Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs Directorate:

- 1) Require the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection's Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to ensure that the monitoring plan complies with all Federal and State monitoring guidelines. The monitoring plan should include a subgrantee monitoring schedule with on-site and desk monitoring for all SHSP and UASI subgrantees.
- 2) Require the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection's Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to review and update its obligation and approval process to identify ways to shorten the time needed to meet grant requirements.