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## **OIG Seeks Review of All Katrina Aid to Tulane**

A new audit by Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Homeland Security, has recommended that Louisiana officials review the more than \$290 million in Hurricane Katrina recovery aid awarded to Tulane University by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The OIG audit, the third in a series examining subgrants of FEMA funds made to New Orleans-based Tulane in 2005 by Louisiana officials, specifically recommended that FEMA recover \$13 million of unsupported, ineligible and double-billed costs claimed by the school for a \$36 million storm recovery project.

“The small percentage of Tulane’s massive aid package we examined in this audit identified an extraordinarily high level of questionable costs,” said Inspector General John Roth. “I am concerned that problems we found might also be present in other projects. Louisiana and FEMA officials owe the taxpayers a comprehensive accounting of all of the funds they invested in Tulane’s recovery.”

Read Report: [OIG-15-01-D “FEMA Should Recover \\$13.0 Million of Public Assistance Grant Funds Awarded to The Administrators of the Tulane Educational Fund, New Orleans, Louisiana.”](#)

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