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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: City of Andalusia, Alabama
FEMA Disaster No. 1208-DR-AL
Audit Report DA-10-04

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) audited public assistance funds awarded to the City of Andalusia, Alabama. The objective of the audit was to determine whether the City accounted for and expended FEMA funds according to federal regulations and FEMA guidelines.

The City received an award of \$1.4 million from the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, a FEMA grantee, for emergency protective measures and repair of roads, bridges, and utilities damaged as a result of severe storms and flooding in March 1998. The award provided 75 percent FEMA funding for 4 large projects and 18 small projects¹.

The audit covered the period March 1998 to November 2000. During this period, the City claimed \$1,375,988 and received \$1,031,994 of FEMA funds.

The OIG performed the audit under the authority of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, and according to generally accepted government auditing standards. The audit included tests of the City's accounting records, a judgmental sample of expenditures, and other procedures considered necessary under the circumstances.

The OIG determined that the City accounted for and used FEMA funds according to federal regulations and FEMA guidelines. On November 6, 2003, City officials were informed of the audit results. Since this report contains no recommendations, a response is not required.

Should you have any questions concerning this report, please contact David Kimble or me at (770) 220-5242.

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¹ According to FEMA regulations, a large project costs more than \$47,100 and a small projects costs \$47,100 or less.