

EMOT Measures & Processes

EMOT activities are accomplished by instituting proactive measures and a comprehensive process to:

- Enhance accountability over federally provided funds, materials, and equipment;
- Provide advice on ways to prevent and detect systemic problems in order to deter fraud, waste, abuse; and mismanagement;
- Evaluate whether federal responders have adequate resources, systems, procedures, and decision making authority to effectively perform assigned responsibilities; and
- Coordinate with other federal, state, and local government auditors, investigators, and evaluators.



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Disaster Fraud Hotline

If you have knowledge of fraud, waste, abuse, or allegations of mismanagement involving disaster relief operations, you can:

- Call the Disaster Fraud Hotline at (866) 720-5721
- Fax the Disaster Fraud Hotline at (225) 334-4707
- Email: disaster@leo.gov
- Write:

National Center for Disaster Fraud
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4909

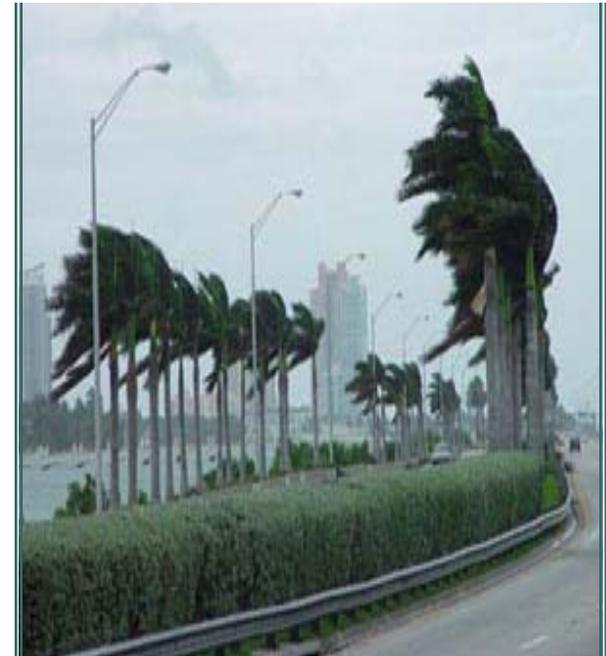
Calls can be made anonymously or confidentially



**Homeland
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**Emergency Management
Oversight Team
(EMOT)**



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Inspector General Act

Under the authority of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, and Homeland Security Act of 2002, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG) serves as an independent entity to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness; to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse; and to keep Congress and the Secretary of DHS informed of problems in DHS programs and operations. The OIG performs audits relating to the programs and operations of DHS, inspects department activities to recommend corrective action, and investigates allegations of illegal or unethical activities.

Mission

Office of Emergency Management Oversight:

The DHS OIG's Office of Emergency Management Oversight's (EMO) mission is weighted heavily toward prevention, including reviewing internal controls, and monitoring and advising DHS and FEMA officials on contracts, grants, and purchase transactions before they are approved. This allows EMO to stay current on all disaster relief operations and provide on-the-spot advice on internal controls and precedent setting decisions. EMO is responsible for providing an aggressive and ongoing audit and investigative effort to ensure that disaster relief funds are being spent appropriately, while identifying fraud, waste, and abuse as early as possible.

Emergency Management Oversight Team:

The Emergency Management Oversight Team's (EMOT) mission is to (1) promote an effective federal response to an event, (2) provide quality advisory information, (3) enhance accountability and transparency, and (4) strengthen relationships among federal, state, and local oversight officials.

EMOT Deployment:

EMOT frequently deploys to a Joint Field Office, the National Response Coordination Center, the Regional Response Coordination Center, and the National Processing Service Center. The teams consist of Auditors, Analysts, and Investigators and are a FEMA resource to educate the public and emergency response personnel on accountability.



FEMA Disaster Grants Subject to Federal Audit:

EMO conducts audits of FEMA grants. The IG Act gives EMO auditors access to all records of any Grantee and Subgrantee as well as any entities receiving federal funds through the grant process. In Fiscal Year 2011, EMO questioned the spending of over \$336 Million. Audits concentrate on;

- Eligibility
- Contracting Methods
- Support for spending
- Duplicate claims

For a recap of FY 2011 audits see OIG-12-74 Capping Report at:

http://www.oig.dhs.gov/assets/Mgmt/2012/OIG_12-74_Apr12.pdf

Oversight Activities

- Interviews and meetings
- Internal Control and Audit briefings
- Field observations / referrals
- Targeted activities (i.e. contracting)
- Program delivery activities (Mission Assignments, Housing, Public Assistance)
- Baseline and trending
- State activities between the time of the event and the date the disaster was declared
- Audits and Investigations

Deployment Reporting

- The EMOT may issue Management Advisory Reports to alert FEMA on issues needing management attention.
- EMO may issue position papers to advise FEMA on a particular activity or program that needs to be observed or monitored in greater depth.



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