



# Report Highlights

## Recovery School District

### Construction Compliance Audit

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## Why We Conducted This Audit

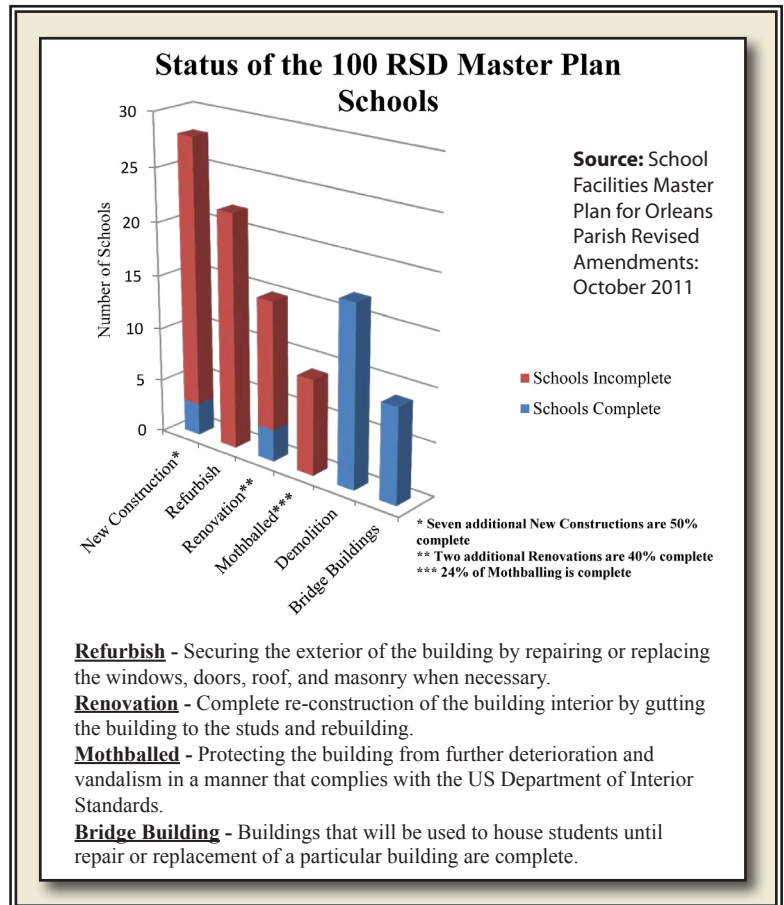
We performed a compliance audit of the Recovery School District's (RSD) Capital Construction Program to analyze planning, design, construction, and project management and to determine adherence to contractual obligations of all contracted parties during its execution. For the period August 1, 2011, through January 31, 2012, we analyzed construction projects with obligated funds totaling \$210,168,688.

## What We Found

- Some Architect and Engineer reports do not sufficiently inform RSD of the progress and quality of the work.
- Potential change order credits to RSD are not always adequately pursued.
- Of the 120 concrete reports, four indicated concrete had been poured without materials-testing inspectors present and three of the four appeared to have mislabeled concrete mix strengths.
- All required permitting was not complete before construction began on two schools, which resulted in change orders.
- Change orders were approved with overhead and profit that is greater than the 10% allowed by the contract.
- Change orders were approved with items that cost more than local construction market standards.

### FEMA Funding

Of the approximate \$1.1 billion in FEMA construction funding, RSD has used approximately \$330 million (31%) to make necessary repairs to existing schools, renovate three schools, complete construction of three new schools, and begin construction on seven additional new schools. As of January 31, 2011, those schools were approximately 50% complete.



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