



## FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION STIMULUS FUNDS NOW AVAILABLE

Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Department of Homeland Security has announced the Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grants. This program provides \$210 million for construction or modification of fire stations and aims to help communities bolster their emergency response capabilities while stimulating the economy through construction.

Key components of the program:

- All public fire departments are eligible
- Maximum individual project request is \$5 million
- Maximum community request is \$15 million
- Funds must be used within 36 months
- Selection criteria include:
  - Community's jobless rate
  - Site readiness (is land zoned properly?)
  - Potential benefits of project
  - Previous efforts to accomplish project
- Applications due July 10, 2009

Communities that have already been working toward or thinking of building or improving fire stations will have an advantage with this application. The timeline is not so short, however, as to exclude others who may benefit.

For questions about the grant, eligibility, or McKenna's grant preparation services, contact your McKenna planner as soon as possible or John Jackson at 888.226.4326 or [jjackson@mcka.com](mailto:jjackson@mcka.com).



*ARRA and FEMA funds are available for construction of new fire facilities.*



*The program aims to improve communities' fire fighting capabilities and create jobs.*