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Our office staff sponsored a booth at the conference where we enjoyed talking to all the participants.
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Wayne Berggren, CFM with the DHS/FEMA TRO was one of the speakers at the conference.



Susan Veillon, CFM presented the gift basket to the winner of the drawing Sarah Markway Stack with UNO.

By The Numbers: FEMA Recovery Update in Louisiana

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NEW ORLEANS, La. -- Since hurricanes *Gustav* and *Ike* struck the State of Louisiana in the month of September, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and its federal partners have worked together helping those affected by the storms recover. So far, more than **\$300 million** has been approved by FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for mission assignments, individual assistance, public assistance and SBA loans to hurricanes *Gustav* and *Ike* applicants. Here is an update on the services and assistance they have provided since the hurricanes struck, as of close of business October 16th, 2008.

More than **\$94.6 million** has funded mission assignments to other agencies for such things as blue roofs, generators and dead animal removal. Upon completion of its Blue Roof mission on Oct. 6, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) collected **14,569** right of entry forms. Of the Blue Roof forms collected, the USACE installed approximately **10,525** Blue Roofs found eligible for the program.

\$34.1 million in Public Assistance funding has been obligated to state agencies for execution of the State's evacuation support plan, for emergency protective measures including search and rescue and other projects.

\$109,641,132 disbursed to individuals eligible for Individual Assistance for Hurricane *Gustav*.

\$21,647,666 disbursed to individuals eligible for Individual Assistance for Hurricane *Ike*.

244,867 home inspections have been issued for hurricanes *Gustav* and *Ike*. Of these, **223,779** homes damaged by these hurricanes have been inspected.

At this time, **17** Disaster Recovery Centers [DRCs] are open, and more are expected to open in the near future.

A total of **30,776** applicants have been seen at these DRCs.

FEMA's community relations teams have met with **93,820** individuals face to face.

A total of **\$33.7 million** in "Other Needs Assistance" has been disbursed to *Gustav* and *Ike* applicants.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved **\$40.5 million** in loans to **1,290** Louisiana homeowners, renters, businesses & private non-profit organizations due to damages from hurricanes *Gustav* & *Ike*. The SBA is the primary source of federal funds for long-term disaster recovery for owners of private property, including homeowners, renters, non-farm businesses of all sizes and private non-profit organizations. These low-interest loans cover costs of repair or replacement of damaged real estate, personal property and business assets not fully covered by insurance or other aid, and for small businesses, such loans cover working capital needs caused by the disaster.

All **64** parishes were declared for Public Assistance for Hurricane *Gustav*.

53 parishes were declared for Individual Assistance for Hurricane *Gustav* including: Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Catahoula, Concordia, E.B.R., East Carroll, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Franklin, Grant, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, LaSalle, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse, Orleans, Ouachita, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Richland, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Terrebonne, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, W.B.R., West Carroll, West Feliciana and Winn.

24 of Louisiana's parishes were declared for Public Assistance for Hurricane *Ike*. The parishes are Acadia, Allen, Beauregard, Bienville, Calcasieu, Cameron, Concordia, Desoto, Iberia, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafourche, Plaquemines, Red River, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Terrebonne, Union, Vermilion and Vernon.

20 parishes were declared for Individual Assistance for Hurricane *Ike*. The parishes are Acadia, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Sabine, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion and Vernon.

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.



Congratulations !
 to everyone who has passed the CFM exam - especially our own
SUSAN VEILLON, CFM

FEMA EMI 2009 TRAINING SCHEDULE

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Contact (800) 238-3358 or see

www.training.fema.gov/EMIweb/

- January 12–15, 2009:** HAZUS MULTI-HAZARDS FOR FLOOD (E172)
- January 26-28, 2009:** BENEFIT/COST USER WORKSHOP (E275)
- February 2–5, 2009:** HAZUS MULTI-HAZARDS FOR HURRICANE (E170)
- February 2–5, 2009:** ADVANCED FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT CONCEPTS II (E282)
- February 23-26, 2009:** INTRODUCTION TO ARC GIS (E190)
- March 23–26, 2009:** UNIFIED MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (E212)
- March 23–26, 2009:** ADVANCED FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT CONCEPTS III (E284)
- March 30-April 2, 2009:** MITIGATION FOR TRIBAL OFFICIALS (E344)
- April 6–9, 2009:** RETROFITTING FLOOD-PRONE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS (E279)
- April 6–9, 2009:** BASIC HAZUS MULTI-HAZARDS (E313)



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NFIP TECHNICAL BULLETINS [TB] Revised

4 of the 11 series, w/input from the ASFPM and others, have been revised to provide effective and relevant guidance for complying with the construction requirements of the NFIP.

Revised are:

TB 1 – Openings in Foundation Walls and Walls of Enclosures

TB 2 – Flood Damage-Resistant Materials Requirements

TB 5 – Free-of-Obstruction Requirements

TB 9 – Design and Construction Guidance for Breakaway Walls

The TBs are available from DHS/FEMA @ 1-800/480-2550 or www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodplain/techbul.shtm



taken from ASFPM News & Views October 2008



The 2009 Louisiana Floodplain Management Assn. [LFMA] Conference is scheduled for April 22-24, 2009 in Covington

watch for details in our March *FACTSHEET* and on the websites: www.lfma.org & <http://floods.dotd.la.gov>

Questions about FIRMs, a LOMA or LOMR-F, flood mapping procedures, or the map revision process?
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www.floodsmart.gov

Provides information about **how to prepare for flood events**, the **role communities play** in protecting their residents and business owners, and **how to find a local agent** who sells flood insurance.



“PRESIDENTIALLY DECLARED” DISASTER AID PROGRAMS

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Public Assistance is aid to state or local governments to pay part of the costs of rebuilding a community's damaged infrastructure. Generally, public assistance programs pay for 75 per cent of the approved project costs. Public Assistance may include debris removal, emergency protective measures and public services, repair of damaged public property, loans needed by communities for essential government functions and grants for public schools.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE @ www.fema.gov/government/grant/pa/index.shtm



HAZARD MITIGATION

Disaster victims and public entities are encouraged to avoid the life and property risks of future disasters. Examples include the elevation or relocation of chronically flood-damaged homes away from flood hazard areas, retrofitting buildings to make them resistant to earthquakes or strong winds, and adoption and enforcement of adequate codes and standards by local, state and federal government. FEMA helps fund damage mitigation measures when repairing disaster-damaged structures and through the Hazard Mitigation.

LEARN MORE ABOUT HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE @ www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmcp/index.shtm





The terms listed below will regularly be encountered by mapping partners, stakeholders, and users that are actively involved in the Flood Map Modernization (Map Mod) effort that has been undertaken by the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as part of its administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Many of these terms would be of particular interest to those involved in the evaluation and mapping of levee systems and levee-impacted areas.

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**We Wish You and Your Family
MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR !
Cindy, Sandra, Pam, & Susan**





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Louisiana Recovery Authority Moves Forward on Planning for Recovery Funding for Gustav, Ike
Board approves disposition plans for thousands of Louisiana Land Trust properties

BATON ROUGE, La. - The board of the Louisiana Recovery Authority today voted to approve a preliminary plan outlining the concept for spending anticipated federal funds for recovery from hurricanes Gustav and Ike, directing LRA and Office of Community Development staff to seek input from local leaders and write a full plan to take back to the board in November and for federally required public comment.

The plan would allocate pools of funds to parishes for infrastructure and housing repair programs to be administered with local discretion and state oversight.

"Today's action starts the ball rolling on Louisiana's plan for recovering from Gustav and Ike, one which focuses on letting local governments set priorities for housing and infrastructure repair," said David Voelker, chairman of the LRA's board. "The next few weeks will focus on discussions with local leaders and input from the public that will refine our approach to ensuring that Louisiana rebuilds safer and stronger than before." To view the preliminary draft of Louisiana's plan go to:

<http://lra.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/searchable/meetings/2008/10/GustavIkeCDBGPrelimActPlan.pdf>

The state of Louisiana will dedicate its allocation of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds allocated for recovery from hurricanes Gustav and Ike to repair damaged housing and infrastructure, elevate and buy-out flooded homes and address unmet economic development, agriculture and fisheries needs. The plan will also include the possible use of funds for hurricane protection systems in coastal areas.

For infrastructure and housing programs, the state will allocate dollars to each affected parish based on its level of damage to housing and infrastructure according to data from federal, state and local agencies. Using this allocation, the parishes will determine which housing and infrastructure options they wish to pursue, based on local priorities for recovery, and then submit a plan to the state for approval.

"The state's top recovery priorities are repairing homes lost in the storms and rebuilding our damaged infrastructure to a safer standard," said LRA Deputy Director Robin Keegan. "But each of our parishes faces unique circumstances after the storms and our people will be best served by programs that account for these factors. So we will present a 'menu' of options for how parishes can address housing and infrastructure damage and allow local leaders to select a combination of programs and administer them locally, rather than out of central offices in Baton Rouge."

Preliminary damage estimates from *Gustav* and *Ike* in Louisiana show:

- Approximately **12,000 homes flooded**;
- **Agricultural losses** total approximately **\$750 million**;
- **Infrastructure damages** total more than **\$1 billion**;
- **Homes suffering** some level of **damage** total **150,000 to 300,000**;
- K-12 and secondary **educational facilities** received **\$100-\$150 million** in damages; and
- **Business losses** total approximately **\$2.5-\$5 billion**.



Louisiana anticipates that its damage level could garner the state as much as \$1 billion in CDBG funding for the disasters. Congress approved the funds last month in a disaster relief measure signed by President Bush on September 30, 2008. The bill gives HUD until November 30, 2008, to push one third of the money to the states.

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To use CDBG funds, the state first must publish an Action Plan outlining the use of the funds. The board's vote today allows LRA staff to design programs that fit within the preliminary plan, publish the Action Plan for public comment and then return it for approval by the LRA's board in November.

The board heard updates from officials from Cameron and Terrebonne parishes at its meeting today. In addition, LRA staff will meet with parish leaders to discuss the state's planned CDBG programs and incorporate this input into the Action Plan that is ultimately brought back to the board for approval.

Staff will present the Action Plan to the board in November to go to public comment and then send it to HUD in December after legislative approval. Subsequent programs and programmatic changes that HUD deems major must be approved as "Action Plan Amendments" through the same process.

Louisiana Land Trust plans

In other action, the board approved Louisiana Land Trust property disposition plans for Cameron, St. Bernard and Terrebonne parishes, which account for more than 3,500 of the properties owned by the organization. The LLT is the entity that temporarily holds, maintains and insures properties the state purchases through the Road Home when homeowners select "option 2" or "option 3" under the program. The LRA board must approve parish plans for using the properties before their titles can be transferred to the parishes for redevelopment.

As of the end of September, the LLT owned 8,701 such properties, including 89 in Cameron parish, 3,873 in St. Bernard parish and 36 in Terrebonne parish.

Cameron Parish has identified parcels of land it will use for the purpose "of enhancing economic development, providing housing, preserving recreation/open space and ancillary initiatives." The remaining properties the parish will offer the previous owners the right of first refusal. After the 10-day response period, properties will be offered to adjacent property owners through a "Lot Next Door" style program. If there is no interest by adjacent property owners the property will be sold by public auction.

St. Bernard Parish will dispose of properties using five strategies:

- meeting public purpose use related to green space, recreation and draining;
- sale to adjacent property owners (Lot Next Door);
- meeting community identified neighborhood development priorities;
- preserving the historic character of the Friscoville/Arabi area; and
- sale to private entity for the development of new and affordable housing.



Terrebonne Parish is working to identify parcels whose reuse will address parish needs for:

- public improvements and public facilities;
- flood management;
- workforce and elderly housing;
- enhancing neighborhood;
- stability (Lot Next Door); and
- green space and spaces of ecological value.

The board had previously approved plans for Orleans and Jefferson parishes. The state received final approval on its plans from HUD in September. The state is completing federally required environmental reviews on LLT properties and signing cooperative endeavor agreements with the parishes in preparation for transferring titles for the properties to the parishes.

- To download documents and presentations from the meeting go to:
www.lra.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=calendar&tmp=detail&eventID=43

Created in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita in 2005, the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) is the coordinating and planning body leading the most extensive rebuilding effort in American history. The central point for hurricane recovery in Louisiana, the LRA works closely with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and partners with state and federal agencies to oversee more than \$20 billion worth of programs, speed the pace of rebuilding, remove hurdles and red tape and ensure that Louisiana recovers safer and stronger than before. For more information about the LRA and its 17-member board, visit www.lra.louisiana.gov



Our goal is flood loss reduction . . .

We are here to provide any guidance needed to assure that NFIP regulations are carried out and violations prevented.

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