

**Amendment Number 4 to State of Louisiana Action Plan for Disaster Recovery – Utilizing
Funding from the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing
Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 110-329)**

- **AMENDMENT TO ALLOCATE GUSTAV/IKE REMAINING FUNDS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS AND STATE COST-SHARE RESERVES PROGRAM = \$100,000,000**
- **RESUBMISSION OF INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM REVISED = \$17,099,040**
- **ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION TO AGRICULTURE PROGRAM = \$5,000,000**
- **NON-SUBSTANTIAL CLARIFICATION ON AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAM**

The State of Louisiana was awarded an initial allocation of \$438,223,344 in CDBG Disaster Recovery funding from the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009 for the purposes of disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure, housing and economic revitalization directly related to the consequences of recent 2008 hurricanes Gustav and Ike. The State submitted its Disaster Recovery Action Plan to HUD for approval on January 8, 2009. The Action Plan submitted to HUD provided the framework for distribution of the initial \$438,223,344 of funding under the Act.

HUD approved \$309,791,652 of the Action Plan on March 19, 2009 and requested a clarifying Amendment be submitted for the remainder. The state submitted Action Plan Amendment Number One on May 18, 2009. HUD approved Action Plan Amendment Number One, which further details the distribution of funds and eligible program activities for affordable housing, fisheries, agriculture, coastal restoration, and administration, on July 24, 2009.

HUD issued notice of a second allocation for grant funds for CDBG disaster recovery of \$620,467,205 to Louisiana, as published in the Federal Register on August 14 (FR-5336-N-01). This notice requires the State to submit an Amendment to Louisiana's initial Action Plan for Disaster Recovery to provide further details for the distribution of funds and the eligible program activities for second allocation.

Amendment Number Two requested approval for the entire second allocation, with a majority of funds being added to existing program areas and the remainder allocated to statewide 'unmet needs.' Amendment Number Three detailed the new programs areas to be funded with \$112,099,040 of the funds to respond to statewide unmet needs and was approved on December 30, 2009 in the amount of \$90,000,000. This Proposed Action Plan Amendment Number Four details how the state intends to dedicate the remaining \$100,000,000 balance of 'unmet needs' funds, as well a revised interoperable communications program, removing \$5,000,000 due to component ineligibility in the submission in Amendment Number 3, and reallocation of that portion of funds to an existing state-implemented program to confront unmet Agriculture recovery needs.

This Proposed Amendment may be obtained via the Internet at:

<http://doa.louisiana.gov/cdbg/DRactionplans.htm>, or by contacting: Paul Catrou, Office of Community Development, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804-9095. The Proposed Action Plan Amendment will be published in Vietnamese and Spanish translations at the same website.

Written comments on the proposed Action Plan Amendment will be accepted for seven days from the date it is posted. Comments may be submitted beginning today and must be received no later than 5:00 PM (CST) on February 10th, 2010.

Comments may be sent to the attention of Paul Catrou at the above address or sent via facsimile to (225) 219-9605 to the attention of Paul Catrou. Comments may also be submitted via email at ocd@la.gov or through the online form at <http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/cdbg/dractionplans.htm>.