

**Amendment Number 3 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)**

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.

Gustav/Ike Proposed Action Plan Amendment No. 3 outlines programmatic details for \$112,099,040 allocated to the state earlier this year from a pool of funds set aside for states recovering from disasters in 2008. The Louisiana Recovery Authority's board of directors last month approved the plan to be published for its federally required public comment period. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated \$1 billion in Community Development Block Grant funds to Louisiana for Gustav and Ike recovery. To use federal CDBG funds, states must present action plans for federal approval. Action Plan Amendment No. 3 details \$112 million of programs dedicated to unmet recovery needs. These allocations include:

- Municipalities Infrastructure Program -- \$30 million;
- First Responders Interoperable Communications -- \$22,099,040;
- Economic Revitalization -- \$40 million;
- Fisheries Industry Modernization -- \$5 million;
- Pilot Comprehensive Resiliency Program -- \$10 million;
- Nonprofit Homeowner Rehab Program -- \$5 million.

This Amendment will be posted for public comment on October 9th, 2009.

This 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 Friday, October 9th, 2009, and must be received no later than 5:00 PM (CST) on Thursday, October 15th, 2009.

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>.