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The Honorable Bobby Jindal  
Governor of Louisiana  
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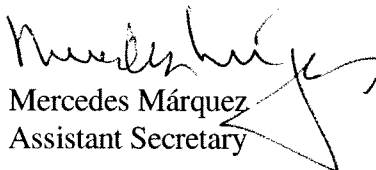
Dear Governor Jindal:

I am pleased to inform you that HUD is accepting Louisiana's Amendment Number 33 to Action Plan 1 for disaster recovery through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) supplemental funding. This amendment develops a pilot program to support the recovery efforts of Long Term Recovery Organizations (LTROs), Community Development Corporations (CDCs) and other nonprofits to secure and leverage resources to meet the need of homeowners working to complete their rebuilding process. The state recognized the success of these entrepreneurial efforts and has sought, through this amendment, to secure funding to continue assistance to homeowners.

Amendment Number 33, submitted June 26, 2009, will initially allocate \$20 million to develop the Nonprofit Rebuilding Pilot Program to help homeowners get back into their homes. The program is open to both participants and non-participants in the Road Home program. The Pilot will be a competitively awarded grant program that would provide grants to nonprofits and other organizations, including Units of Local Government that have a proven track record in assisting homeowners to meet the gap in rebuilding their damaged homes. These organizations would be committed to using program resources in disaster impacted parishes, and obligated to complete applicant in-take, inspections, title searches and triage of homeowners' needs.

The Department remains committed to assisting the recovery of the State of Louisiana from the devastating effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. If you or any members of your staff have any questions, please contact Mr. Nelson R. Bregón, General Deputy Assistant Secretary, at (202) 708-2690.

Sincerely,

  
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