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The Honorable Bobby Jindal
Governor of Louisiana
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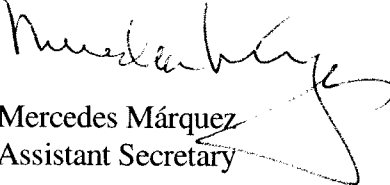
Dear Governor Jindal:

The Department is acknowledging Louisiana's Non-Substantial Amendment Number 34 to Action Plan 1 for disaster recovery through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) supplemental funding. These non-substantial modifications to Action Plan 1 further emphasize the State's position on providing assistance to disaster affected businesses through its economic development programs. This amendment also promotes the ongoing efforts of contracted lenders participating in the Small Firm Loan and Grant Program.

Amendment Number 34, submitted May 21, 2009, modifies the business eligibility requirements of the Small Firm Loan and Grant program consistent with the broader goals contained in Action Plan Amendment Number 2. Amendment Number 34 also clarifies that contracted lenders will use amounts generated by repaid loans in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Revolving Capital Fund agreements. In addition, the amendment allows contracted lenders to use up to 20 percent of amounts generated by repaid loans for reasonable costs associated with the administration of this program. Finally, Amendment 34 proposes to reallocate \$1,425,000 from the Small Firm Loan and Grant Program to the Technical Assistance to Small Firms Program.

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,


Mercedes Márquez
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