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Mr. Paul Rainwater
Executive Director
Louisiana Recovery Authority
150 N. Third Street, Suite 200
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Dear Mr. Rainwater:

I am pleased to inform you that HUD is partially accepting Louisiana's Amendment Number 3 to the Disaster Recovery Action Plan to administer Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) supplemental funding for Hurricanes Ike and Gustav under P.L. 110-329. HUD has partially accepted the State's Action Plan Amendment Number 3 requesting to use \$112,099,040 of its \$212,099,040 categorized as statewide unmet needs. HUD is making available \$90,000,000 for five (5) of the six (6) programs outlined in the amendment. The remaining \$22,099,040 budgeted for the First Responder Interoperable Communications Program is not being made available due to ineligible costs associated with the program (e.g., the purchase of handheld radios unassociated with storm damage). The balance of funds for statewide unmet needs will be made available as the State submits acceptable amendments to its Action Plan which describe proposed initiatives in greater detail, including a method of distribution and description of eligibility criteria.

Programs and activities for which HUD will make funding available include the following:

- Municipal Infrastructure Program (\$30,000,000)
- Economic Revitalization (\$40,000,000)
 - Business Loan and Grant
 - Innovative Promotion Grant Program
- Fisheries Industry Modernization (\$5,000,000)
- Pilot Comprehensive Resiliency Program (\$10,000,000)
- Nonprofit Homeowner Rehab Program (\$5,000,000)

Program/Activity not being funded by this Action Plan Amendment:

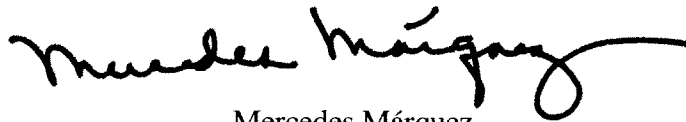
- First Responder Interoperable Communications (\$22,099,040)

This action plan amendment provides program details for the requested portion of funds budgeted for statewide unmet needs. The State has adequately described the type of assistance and program/activity administration (eligibility and project criteria) for each program. Action Plan requirements for the programs and activities listed above (including methods of distribution, citizen participation, and descriptions of program application processes and eligibility criteria) have been adequately identified and included in the State's previously accepted Action Plan and Action Plan Amendments.

HUD will continue to work with the State to develop viable solutions for eligible activities directly linked to damages caused by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike (e.g., damaged towers, systems, relevant systems support equipment and/or facilities).

The Department remains committed to assisting the recovery of the State of Louisiana from the devastating effects of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. If you or any members of your staff have any questions, please contact Ms. Yolanda Chávez, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs, at (202) 708-2111.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mercedes Márquez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mercedes Márquez
Assistant Secretary