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Press Release

FEMA FINALIZES PREPARATIONS FOR HURRICANE RITA LANDFALL

WASHINGTON, DC - The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency continues to closely monitor the progress of Hurricane Rita and is making final preparations for the storm's anticipated landfall within 24 hours. FEMA again reminds residents in the Gulf Coast states to take heed to the instructions of local and state officials regarding appropriate emergency protective actions.

"Hurricane Rita is fewer than 24 hours from landfall and I urge residents to continue to listen to state and local officials. Residents in the Gulf Coast region should follow instructions of evacuation out of the area or to a nearby safe shelter if ordered to do so," said Acting FEMA Director R. David Paulison. "FEMA has rescue personnel and commodities in place in Texas, Louisiana and in the region and we continue to work very closely with all of our federal, state, and local partners as we prepare for landfall."

Update on FEMA activities:

* FEMA has pre-positioned enough commodities for four days including 45 truckloads of water, 45 truckloads of ice, and 25 truckloads of meals in Texas, along with 140 truckloads of water, 120 truckloads of ice and 73 truckloads of meals pre-positioned at federal facilities in Louisiana for Hurricane Rita. American Red Cross has capacity for 750,000 meals a day.

* The Department of Defense (DOD) has a mission assignment for 6 heavy-lift helos at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas and 6 heavy-lift helos at Ft. Worth TLC, boats and high-water vehicles to assist US&R task forces.

* The DOD has 49,381 (-5,083) Active Duty and National Guard personnel are on the ground or aboard ships supporting relief operations.

o 13,273 (-2,522) Active Duty.

o 36,108 (-2,561) National Guard.

Total aviation support in area includes 100 (Active Duty and National Guard) helicopters in Louisiana and Mississippi and 45 airplanes (Active Duty and National Guard).

* Over 450 medical team personnel and 17 Urban Search & Rescue Task Forces, almost 900 personnel, are pre-staging in Texas. 450 Urban Search & Rescue personnel are already staged in Louisiana.

* The state of Florida has released all FEMA's pre-positioned teams and assets and FEMA is in the process of moving these commodities to Texas.

* FEMA personnel and commodities are already in place in Louisiana and we continue to assess additional needs.

* FEMA is working with the Department of Transportation to mobilize 650 buses to assist with evacuations and is mobilizing a large number of ambulances to provide support with medical evacuations.

* Approximately 3,200 patients were MedEvac airlifted out of Beaumont, TX by DOD. And 204 patients remain for evacuation and 101 patients to be airlifted today by DOD from Ellington Air Field, in Houston, TX.

* FEMA is working with the DOD and have requested their help with the following:

- * Five 2-person communications teams to deploy to the most heavily impacted areas to support response and recovery efforts
- * Field hospitals to support 2500 beds
- * Field kitchen teams to set up feeding stations to feed victims.
- * Helicopters to move rescue teams and personnel to support isolated areas.
- * Temporary bridging capabilities to assist if roads are washed away.

Following is a list of actions that individuals keep in mind while preparing for Hurricane Rita:

* First responders may not be able to begin search and rescue efforts until days after the storm's landfall, due to unsafe conditions, and it is essential to prepare for at least 72 hours after the storm, with food, ice, water, batteries, flashlights, medicine, and other important materials.

* Please stay where you are if you are in a safe location until local authorities tell you it is safe to return to your home and do not attempt to drive on flooded or barricaded roads or bridges.

* Stay away from power lines and enter your homes or buildings with caution and make sure to check for gas leaks, electrical circuitry, and damage to sewage and water systems.

For more information on emergency preparedness, please visit [www.Ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) <<http://www.ready.gov/>> or www.fema.gov <<http://www.fema.gov/>> .

FEMA prepares the nation for all hazards and manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, trains first responders, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.

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Reminder if you have not yet responded. Many thanks! EL

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White House Liaisons:

As continued response for Hurricane Katrina and in preparation for Hurricane Rita, DHS is again interested in compiling a list of appointees who would be interested in assisting in the Gulf region or here in Washington. The immediate need is to identify individuals with specific public affairs experience who could deploy to the Gulf Region. We are looking for mid-level public affairs specialists who could work on rapid response, able to draft talking points and releases. If you have individuals who would be in a position to deploy to Baton Rouge, Mississippi, Texas or to help at DHS or FEMA HQ, please send us their relevant information in the spreadsheet attached.

In addition, there is a continued need for others to volunteer in this effort. Categories are below. If you have individuals interested, please send us their relevant information in the spreadsheet attached.

- 1.) Administrative/General Support
- 2.) Legislative Affairs
- 3.) General Communications/Public Affairs
- 4.) Community Relations/Public Liaison
- 5.) Logistics & Advance

We will depend on our White House Liaison colleagues for the following:

- 1) To ensure that individuals sent our way have the approval of their supervisor(s) and the White House Liaison
- 2) To ensure that volunteers would be a relevant asset to the above needs
- 3) To ensure that information is provided in the requested format and that all necessary information is provided
- 4) To maintain expectations - many volunteers may not be utilized for this purpose. DHS/FEMA will reach out to individuals who express interest and utilize those individuals on an as needed basis. We would request that interested individuals not contact DHS/FEMA directly.
- 5) Provide the information for volunteers in the attached template form via e-mail to Eric Leckey [(b)(2)] <mailto:[(b)(2)]> and Jocelyn Webster [(b)(2)] <mailto:[(b)(2)]> by 10:00 am tomorrow (Wednesday, September 22).

*Note: individuals deployed will be asked to have their home department/agency pay for all travel expenses (including housing, transportation, and per diem). This should be done in accordance with your department's/agency's normal travel policies.

Many thanks and please contact Eric Leckey with any questions at [(b)(2)]

DHS/IIMG
15 September 2005

LIST OF WAIVERS and DISPENSATIONS AUTHORIZED for HURRICANE KATRINA RESPONSE

STATE and LOCAL

- The Governor of the State of West Virginia during a proclamation today, waived the enforcement of all applicable laws governing the transport of oversized loads intended for relieve efforts for Hurricane Katrina.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

- **Fuel Waivers**
- On 9/13, EPA issued a second, temporary waiver of highway diesel fuel sulfur requirements through 10/5 for states that continue to be affected by disruptions to the fuel production and distribution system caused by Hurricane Katrina. This action will allow diesel fuel normally used in off-road equipment to be used in highway vehicles in those impacted states. The states affected by the second waiver of highway diesel requirements are: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Tennessee and the District of Columbia. In addition, EPA waived the federal enforceability of the summer grade gasoline required under state law in California, Eastern Texas and Phoenix, AZ. On 8/31, EPA waived the federal requirement for summer grade gasoline nationwide. Under normal circumstances that requirement ends in all parts of the country on 9/15, except for the three areas mentioned above which, under state laws, extend the requirement until 9/30 (Phoenix), 10/1 (Texas) and 10/1 (California). The three states have requested that EPA waive federal enforceability of these requirements.
- On 9/2, EPA granted a limited waiver from the reformulated gasoline (RFG) requirement for gasoline sold in the Richmond, VA metropolitan area through 9/9.
- On 9/13, , the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) extended the diesel waiver for States located in Petroleum Administration for Defense District (PADD) 1 (DC, ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, PA, MD, DE, WV, VA, NC, SC, GA, and FL) and PADD 3 (NM, TX, LA, MS, AL, and AR), including TN to allow the use of high sulfur diesel for on-road use until 10/5.
- In consultation with DOE, we are closely monitoring gasoline supplies as we consider requests for waivers in other areas.
- On 9/1, EPA granted Georgia's request to waive its state sulfur requirement through 9/15 which required clean burning gasoline to be sold in the 45-county area of Atlanta.
- On 8/31, to alleviate possible fuel shortages across the country and to help meet emergency demand, EPA granted a nationwide fuel waiver that allows refiners, importers, distributors, carriers and retail outlets to supply gasoline and diesel fuels that do not meet standards for emissions. The temporary waiver is in effect through 9/15.
- **Water Pumping** – On 8/30, EPA issued an enforcement discretion determination to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers facilitating the pumping of water out of flooded areas.

US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) FOREST SERVICE

- Waived campground fees for Hurricane Katrina survivors
- On 9/3, USDA Forest Service announced temporarily rescinding the fee requirement for campgrounds and the 14-day stay limit for camping on some National Forest System lands in the Southern Region. The normal fee range is \$4.00 to \$25.00 depending on the location.

- The forests offering free camping include the Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana, the National Forests of Alabama, the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest in Arkansas, the Ouachita National Forest in Arkansas and Oklahoma and the National Forests and Grasslands of Texas. In all, 106 campgrounds are open without charge to victims of Hurricane Katrina as they transition through these first weeks of the disaster.
- Eligibility requirements associated with the rural housing program are being waived to expedite the relocation process by USDA Rural Development. 30,000 housing units across the country that the USDA Rural Development program has made available to displaced residents.
- 50,000 low-income residents in the affected areas who have mortgages through USDA are being notified of a 90-day minimum moratorium on payments to reduce the financial hardship.
- USDA is providing a 90-day moratorium on debt collection on electric, water and community facilities financed by USDA in the affected states. USDA has been in contact with over 50 Cooperatives in the three states to gather information on outages and recovery efforts.
- Secretary Mike Johanns announced that USDA is making more than \$170 million in emergency assistance available to agricultural producers suffering from Hurricane Katrina. This includes more than \$20 million in Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) funds to help producers repair damage to their lands. The ECP funding is available for certain counties in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. Also, a total of \$152 million in Farm Service Agency (FSA's) Emergency Loan Program is available to eligible producers who have suffered at least a 30 percent reduction in crop production or have sustained physical losses to buildings, chattel or livestock.
- Schools are being permitted to provide free meals to children who have fled areas devastated by the hurricane.
- USDA has authorized and continues to encourage states to pre-load electronic food benefit (EBT) cards with \$50 worth of assistance, which will enable displaced residents to immediately purchase food even before their application has been processed to receive complete benefits. These cards can then be distributed to displaced residents as they move from shelters to temporary housing.

DHS/IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

I-9 DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HIRING HURRICANE VICTIMS

- DHS announced today (6 September 05) that it will not sanction employers for hiring victims of Hurricane Katrina who, at this time, are unable to provide documentation normally required under Section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act. DHS will not bring sanction actions against employers for hiring individuals evacuated or displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina otherwise eligible for employment but who currently lack personal documents.
- Therefore, the Department of Homeland Security will refrain from initiating employer sanction enforcement actions for the next 45 days for civil violations, under Section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, with regard to individuals who are currently unable to provide identity and eligibility documents as a result of the hurricane. Employers will still need to complete the Employment Eligibility Verification (I-9) Form as much as possible but should note at this time that the documentation normally required is not available due to the events involving Hurricane Katrina. At the end of 45 days, the Department of Homeland Security will review this policy and make further recommendations.

DHS/CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION (CBP)

- The Commissioner of CBP has executed his authorities under 19 U.S.C. 1318 and 19 U.S.C. 1322. Under Section 1318, the Commissioner has granted CBP Port Directors and Directors of Field Operations the authority to close temporarily any Customs office or port of entry or take any other lesser action that may be necessary. In addition, the waiver will allow for the

importation of merchandise for humanitarian purposes without entry and without payment of duty, taxes, or fees.

- CBP is further issued guidance to the field to implement the Secretary's waiver of the statutory restrictions of the Jones Act to permit foreign flagged vessels to transport petroleum and refined petroleum products coastwise (U.S. port to U.S. port) until September 19.
- The Commissioner, CBP, has also amended CBP Directive 4510-016A, Customs Officers Responding to State Crimes, to permit arrests under state law by a CBP Officer, Border Patrol Agent, or other CBP law enforcement officer who is assisting, in an official capacity, the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, or Texas, and who is properly authorized to carry out arrests under state law or federal designation.

DHS/TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (TSA)

- To support the Hurricane Katrina disaster relief efforts, the TSA is temporarily exempting States from the prohibition in 49 CFR 1572.13(b)(1) against issuing new Hazardous Materials Endorsements (HMEs) for truck drivers' Commercial Drivers Licenses (CDLs) prior to receiving a "Determination of No Security Threat Assessment." This exemption applies only for the issuance of new HMEs, and is valid only through December 1, 2005. HMEs issued in accordance with the provisions of this exemption must be to support Katrina disaster relief efforts. The request for the driver to transport hazardous materials must originate from a state or federal entity. States are still required to provide each applicant driver's name, SSN, DOB and CDL number to TSA, and may not issue an HME until TSA conducts a name-based check based on that information. Additionally, the State must collect the required application and fingerprint information prior to issuing the HME.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

The Treasury, acting through the Internal Revenue Service, granted the following relief to Katrina victims:

- Taxpayers in affected areas will have until October 31, rather than September 15th, to make required tax payments, and all penalties and interest are abated. Anyone with a question regarding tax relief can call a special number for this issue at 1-866-562-5227.
- Tax penalties will not be assessed when dyed fuel is used for highway vehicles in affected areas. In addition, the Internal Revenue Service will not impose a tax penalty on a failure to meet the requirements of EPA highway diesel fuel sulfur content regulations if EPA has waived those requirements.
- The Securities and Exchange Commission has announced that it will provide extensions of filing deadlines and suspension of requirements to deliver documents to hurricane-affected areas.
- The Securities and Exchange Commission issued an order providing emergency regulatory relief to investors, companies, and securities firms affected by Hurricane Katrina.
- Treasury and the IRS are providing tax relief to hurricane victims and encouraging charitable giving during this difficult time of national disaster and recovery.
- The Treasury waived certain requirements for the low-income housing credit so that displaced victims, regardless of financial status, could have access to that housing during this time of great need.
- The Treasury, along with the Department of Labor and Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, has extended the deadline for employers in the affected areas to make minimum funding contributions to qualified retirement plans.
- The Treasury is also providing special relief to allow employers to adopt leave-based donation programs under which employees could forego vacation, sick or personal leave, and in turn their employers would make cash contributions to charitable organizations involved in relief efforts.
- On September 6, 2005, the IRS announced that it would expedite processing of applications for recognition of tax-exempt status for charitable organizations providing relief in affected areas.

- On September 7, 2005, the IRS issued a press release waiving enforcement of secured airport status requirement for fuel stored at airports that can be utilized for search, rescue and recovery efforts.
- On September 7, 2005, the IRS issued a press release announcing a public outreach effort working with the AICPA to ensure that affected taxpayers are aware of the relief provisions available to them under the tax law.
- On September 8, 2005, the IRS and Treasury issued guidance providing issuers of tax exempt bonds affected by Hurricane Katrina with additional time to file certain information returns and arbitrage rebate returns.
- Reminded the public that under section 139 of the Code, qualified disaster relief payments to individuals, including certain hazard mitigation payments, can be excluded from taxable income.
- Issued guidance providing plan administrators information regarding a determination that individuals affected by Hurricane Katrina have incurred a hardship, thus making them eligible to receive a hardship distribution from their 401(k) plan. The guidance will also clarify that plans that do not already provide for hardships may do so if the plan is amended by the end of 2006. The guidance will not provide relief from the 10% extra tax on hardship distributions, which requires a statutory change.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

- The Secretary of Defense has authorized the following increases in thresholds for procurements in support of Hurricane Katrina disaster relief operations:
 - Micro-Purchases- increased to \$15,000
 - Simplified Acquisitions- increased to \$250,000
 - Simplified acquisitions under the Test Program for certain Commercial Items- increased to \$10,000,000
- GSA, LAW the Secretary of Defense's determination has determined that conditions exist authorizing the increase in the thresholds for all agencies GSA provides support to in response to the disaster.
- These increases in the thresholds remain in effect until revoked.
- GSA has also reminded its contracting officers of the authority to use urgent and compelling circumstances
 - Urgent and compelling circumstances justify award on a limited competition or sole source basis
 - Urgent and compelling circumstances must be documented in the contract file
 - Urgent and compelling circumstances may be documented in the contract file post award
- Normal risks for increased procurement limits- GSA plans to manage through increased monitoring of transactions and continued application of its procurement "Get it Right" campaign.
- GSA has also reminded its contracting officers about waivers of the "Buy American Act "(BAA) based on "non-availability"
 - Non-availability can be determined if American made products can't be purchased in the time necessary to meet the requirement, or cannot be purchased at a reasonable price.
 - GSA has delegated this authority to contracting officers at or below \$100K
 - Waivers above \$100K must be made by the "Head of Contracting Activity" (HCA)
 - GSA has HCAs in each of its regions, in each of its services and at it s headquarters.
- Waiver of per diem limits in affected areas. Federal Department and Agency management may now issue blanket waivers to per diem requirements for travelers in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. This allows reimbursement for actual expenses to three times the normal per diem.
 - Effective August 29, 2005 through March 1, 2006, unless extended.

- Covers the affected counties as well as nearby since associates may need to stay some distance from where the work is done.
 - Agencies cannot exceed 300% of the applicable per diem rate.
 - Agencies cannot exceed 120 days of Temporary Quarters Subsistence Expenses (TQSE).
- For temporary duty travel (TDY) the waiver allows agencies:
 - To authorize on a blanket basis the use of actual expense for per diem (of up to 300% of the maximum).
 - To authorize per diem based on where lodging is obtained for those who cannot find it in the area to which they assigned.
- For relocation the waiver allows agencies:
 - To authorize TQSE to be anywhere rather than the required reasonable proximity to the new official duty station.
 - To authorize TQSE expenses at the locality rate rather than the lower Standard CONUS rate.
 - To authorize househunting trips under the actual expense allowances.
- GSA is granting a deviation from section 102-34.335 of the Federal Management Regulation (FMR) (41 CFR 102-34.335) to all agencies whose purchase of gasoline for motor vehicles has been impacted by Hurricane Katrina.
 - A deviation has been granted from the requirement that agencies use only the octane rating of gasoline recommended by the motor vehicle manufacturer where such grade of gasoline is not available.
 - This deviation allows the use of premium gasoline only if lower graded gasoline is not available.
 - This deviation is effective on September 8, 2005 and expires on March 1, 2006.
 - Agencies should be prudent in using premium gasoline only when a lower grade is not available.
 - Agencies should continue to routinely monitor the use of premium fuel through monthly reports provided by their charge card vendors.
- In recognition of recent gasoline price increases, the Administrator of General Services has determined the per-mile operating costs of a privately owned vehicle (POV) to be 48.5 cents for automobiles. (41 CFR 301-10)
 - Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5707(b), the Administrator of General Services has the responsibility to establish the POV mileage reimbursement rates.
 - As provided in 5 U.S.C. 5704(a) (1), the automobile reimburse rate cannot exceed the single standard mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
 - The IRS announced on September 9, 2005, a new single standard mileage rate for automobiles of 48.5 cents effective from September 1 to December 31, 2005. The previous POV reimbursement rate was 40.5 cents.

DHS/UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

- Coast Guard has granted an exemption of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act until 31 October 2005 to increase the percentage of foreign workers on offshore oil rigs damaged by Hurricane Katrina. We do this on a case-by-case basis, normally allowing no more than 25% of the crew as foreign workers. These foreign workers will carry Merchant Mariner Documents. The waivers will speed repairs to the oil and gas industry. Industry has told us of a shortage of US citizens with the right skills. This shortage is now exacerbated by the hurricane since many of the crew lived in the affected areas. We have received and approved three such requests addressing at least 195 workers on over 10 vessels. We have processed each of the three requests in less than 24 hours.

US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- **Aviation (OST, FAA)**
 - DOT's Office of the Secretary has issued emergency exemption authority on a temporary basis to permit foreign-flag airlines to carry passengers and freight to and from the U.S. and any foreign point in support of relief efforts (in effect until October 4, 2005), and to engage in certain "cabotage" operations to carry passengers from one U.S. city to another in support of the evacuation and relief efforts (in effect until September 19, 2005).
 - DOT's Office of the Secretary has issued an emergency exemption that will permit air carriers normally licensed only for private air transportation services to offer their services to the public at large, including government and private relief organizations, in order to assist in hurricane relief efforts. The exemption is in effect for 30 days, or until October 6, 2005, after which the need for continued exemption authority will be reviewed.
 - Federal Aviation Administration has issued interpretations of its regulations that ease flight and duty time requirements for crews to facilitate participation in relief flights, and to relax cabin safety requirements to allow the carriage of children over two years old to ride in a parent's lap, to allow more than three children in a row, etc.
- **Hazardous Materials (PHMSA).** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has issued emergency exemptions to Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi authorizing them to waive all hazardous materials transportation safety regulations (except those applicable to radioactive materials) on shipments to, from, and within the Hurricane Katrina disaster areas when necessary to support the recovery and relief efforts.
- **Highways (FHWA).** On a case-by-case basis, the Federal Highway Administration has waived the competitive bidding process for procurement of supplies and services on an emergency basis to facilitate debris removal, repair, and reconstruction of roads and bridges.
- **Maritime (DHS/MARAD).** DHS has issued a temporary waiver of the Jones Act to allow foreign flag vessels to carry petroleum and refined petroleum products, as well as petroleum released from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, in effect until 12:01 a.m., EDT, September 19, 2005.
- **Pipelines (PHMSA).** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has issued policy statement on website and through industry channels, recognizing that unusual situations may arise where pipeline operators may need to improvise with available resources or deviate from their existing process and procedures, but stressing that operators should abide with the intent of the pipeline safety regulations and document the reasons for deviations. In cases where clear choices must be made, operators are urged to take necessary precautions to protect people first, then the environment and property.
- **Trucks (FMCSA).** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has continued an extension of its regional declarations of emergency which ease its hours-of-service rules and certain other safety requirements applicable to truck drivers, for the Eastern and Southern Service Centers to cover emergency transportation of gasoline, diesel jet fuel, natural gas/CNG, propane and ethanol to, from or within the States of (Eastern) CT, DC,

DE, MA, MD, ME, NJ, NH, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT and WV; (Southern) AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, NM, OK, SC, TN and TX. The Western Service Center will extend its declaration for New Mexico only. These extensions cover the States identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as continuing to have an "extreme and unusual fuel supply circumstance" and for which EPA issued fuel waivers. To match the EPA waivers, the revised FMCSA declarations will be extended through 11:59 pm on October 5. In addition, the President's emergency declarations ease hours-of-service and other safety regulations for emergency relief efforts to, from, and within the stricken areas, regardless of commodity.

- **Transit (FTA).** The Federal Transit Administration has waived the public participation process in 49 CFR 604.11 that is required before a transit agency can provide charter service. Transit agencies must instead make a good faith effort to determine whether local private charter operators are able to provide that service and document those efforts. In addition, transit agencies should notify the American Bus Association and the United Motor Coach Association of their proposal to provide the service. There is no expiration date for this waiver.
- **Cross-Cutting and Other**
 - The President has waived the Davis-Bacon Act, permitting lower pay rates on construction rehabilitation projects.
 - The DOT Senior Procurement Executive issued a Class Justification for Other than Full and Open Competition for urgent and compelling procurements in support of recovery activities for Hurricane Katrina. This document allows procurement organizations to limit competition for procurements supporting recovery or restoration efforts related to Katrina and is good for 90 days (through December 1, 2005). (FAA, with its independent Acquisition Management System, is not subject to this class justification, but is expected to take similar action.)
 - The DOT Senior Procurement Executive has granted special procurement authority to support the recovery effort due to Hurricane Katrina. This recovery effort has been determined to be a contingency operation, thereby enabling increases in certain procurement thresholds and other procurement flexibilities pursuant to 41 USC 428a. Contracting Officers may use the authority provided in a memorandum issued by the Senior Procurement Executive for purchases that have a clear and direct relationship to the support of this national emergency.
 - The Deputy CFO has extended the use of purchase card past the September 9th end of fiscal year financial system cut-off date for actions related to recovery from Katrina. This will allow continued use of purchase cards until September 30 for recovery or restoration efforts related to Katrina.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Federal Student Aid Programs

- Modified rules for providing Federal student aid to transfer students who transfer from a postsecondary educational institution that is not operating due to the hurricane to another institution.
- Extended application filing dates for Federal student aid for students impacted by the hurricane.
- Extended various reporting dates required of postsecondary educational institutions.
- Directed student loan holders to grant an automatic three-month forbearance to any borrower whose address is in a FEMA declared disaster county.

- DoED is considering all requests from States and based on the State's need, the specific waiver is granted. These are not blanket waivers for each State. The Assistant Secretary for the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Henry Johnson is working with the affected States to determine needs.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Waiver under Section 1135 of the Social Security Act
- Waiver of the following requirements under titles XVIII, XIX, XXI of the act or regulations there-under for the affected areas under the declarations of emergency for Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi, and to the extent necessary to ensure sufficient health care items and services for persons enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP programs and to insure health care providers that furnish such items and services in good faith, but are unable to comply with requirements due to Katrina, can be reimbursed for services:
- Certain conditions of participation, certification requirements, program participation, etc of providers, facilities, etc
- Requirement that physicians and other health care providers hold licenses in the State in which they provide services, if they have a license in another state
- Sanctions under section 1867 (The Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, EMTALA) for the redirection of an individual to another location to receive medical screening examination pursuant to state emergency preparedness plan or transfer of patient who has not been stabilized if the redirection arises out of a Hurricane Katrina related emergency
- Limitations on payments under Medicare to permit enrollees to use out-of-network providers
- Sanctions and penalties arising from noncompliance with certain HIPAA privacy regulations
- Today, Mark B. McClellan, M.D., Ph.D., Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), announced that CMS has adopted a series of emergency policy changes to accommodate the needs of thousands of displaced Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) beneficiaries who have fled Hurricane Katrina and need urgent medical attention in their new host states.
- As announced by President Bush, special evacuee status will be granted to all those who fled states because of Hurricane Katrina.
- Accordingly, CMS is working with affected states to develop a new Medicaid and SCHIP application template, through which states may be granted emergency section 1115 demonstrations to provide temporary eligibility for all eligibility groups. Using this new program, evacuees displaced because of the storm will be able to quickly enroll in Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) in the state to which they have been evacuated.
- The Administration is working with Congress to provide financial support to states that provide Medicaid and SCHIP coverage to evacuees who are currently residing in their states. Consequently, CMS is allowing states to count the full expected cost of these temporary programs in their financial statements to determine federal payments.
- The following changes to Medicaid and SCHIP will be available to states through the special Section 1115 demonstration initiative:
 - States may waive the normal documentation requirements for verifying an evacuee's Medicaid or SCHIP status in his/her home state or any information relating to household income or employment;
 - The host state may provide temporary eligibility to applicants who are already enrollees in their home state. During the period of eligibility, the host state is required to verify circumstances of eligibility to the greatest extent possible;
 - Evacuees may apply using a simplified application in the host state;
 - Host states, at a minimum, will provide their own Medicaid and SCHIP benefit packages to the evacuees; and

- Host states must extend the expedited application process to evacuees who may be newly eligible because of new economic circumstances created by the hurricane (i.e., loss of job and income that may have made them ineligible prior to the storm).
- CMS has assigned staff to work with all states who are hosting evacuees to provide speedy access to Medicaid and SCHIP benefits to those in need.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

- Waiving NPS Campground/Entrance Fees for Evacuees from Hurricane Katrina
- We are asking that all parks wherever possible accommodate these visitors at no fee. With the Labor Day holiday upon us, we ask that parks implement an interim policy of waiving fees for Katrina evacuees through Monday, September 12th. Guidance will be issued by Friday, September 9th, concerning next steps and extensions as more information becomes available.

US ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS

- The USACE Mobile District is seeking a one time waiver to use pipeline dredge in Mobile Bay with thin layer disposal. All indications are that this will happen but need to do an expedited public notice because of change in disposal mode. New Orleans is not an issue, yet.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

On September 12, the U.S. Department of Education granted two waivers to the Mississippi Department of Education that are related to funds that Mississippi receives under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).

- One waiver granted an immediate 12-month extension of the time within which Mississippi has to obligate ESEA funds that the State has already received and had an original obligation deadline of September 30, 2005. This extension will allow the State and its districts an extra year to obligate any of those funds that may not yet have been spent.
- The other waiver relates to the maintenance-of-effort requirement under covered ESEA programs for affected school districts. While the effects of Hurricane Katrina on these effort requirements will not be experienced until the 2007-2008 school year, the Department has granted this waiver request and pledged to work with State and local staff to obtain additional information on the names of affected school districts and other relevant fiscal data that will help complete that portion of the waiver process as the actual deadlines occur.

Several hundred trailers of water and ice and dozens of trailers of meals-ready-to-eat (MREs) are pre-positioned today in Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Virginia to address the potential effects of Hurricane Ophelia if needed by the states. The Governor of North Carolina has declared a state of emergency and issued mandatory evacuations of potentially affected areas. In addition, federal agencies stand ready to provide the following support if necessary:

- **The U.S. Department of Agriculture** has identified food sources for meal support operations. Other emergency programs, such as food stamps, are prepared to be activated if required.
- **The U.S. Department of Defense** has Defense Coordinating Officers and Defense Coordinating Elements in place in North and South Carolina and a Defense Liaison Officer in Virginia.
 - **The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** has planning response teams on alert for North and South Carolina for temporary power, ice, water, debris, and logistics.
- **The U.S. Department of Energy** is prepared to track and access power outages and provide assistance to state and local governments and industry as required.
- **The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services** has staff in the Emergency Operations Centers in both North Carolina and South Carolina. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have readied Push Packages of medical supplies and equipment from the Strategic National Stockpile along with advisory teams of experts ready to assist both states. For information on hurricane preparedness and recovery information to protect your health see <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/index.asp>.
- **The U.S. Department of Homeland Security** has deployed a team to monitor the storm's progress and coordinate federal activity. Homeland Security components are providing further support:
 - **FEMA's National Disaster Medical System and Urban Search and Rescue** program have three Disaster Medical Assistance Teams, six Urban Search and Rescue teams and various other expert and medical personnel activated or deployed.
 - **FEMA's National Response Coordination Center** is operating at Level 1 Operations (24-7) in support of regional response efforts for Hurricane Ophelia.
 - **Daily video-teleconferences** are being conducted with the **National Hurricane Center**, **FEMA** headquarters, FEMA regional offices, the potentially affected states, and other emergency management personnel.
 - **U.S. Coast Guard** crews are pre-positioning search and rescue, pollution response and aides to navigation assets for post storm response. The Captain of the Port for Sector

North Carolina has closed the ports of Wilmington and Morehead City to all vessel traffic, and has instituted a safety zone to control vessel movements and port activities in North Carolina.

- **U.S. Customs and Border Protection** has air assets available to assist rapid needs damage assessment operations. Multiple Safe Boats, Sea Arks, law enforcement vessels, other vehicles and generators could be deployed if necessary.

- **U.S. Department of the Interior** agencies, including the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have alerted visitors and closed parks and wildlife refuges to expedite evacuation of areas in the hurricane's path. These facilities include the National Park Service Outer Banks Group, Wright Brothers National Memorial, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, Cape Lookout and Cape Hatteras National Seashores, Moores Creek National Battlefield and Pea Island Refuge. U.S. Geological Survey offices in North Carolina and Virginia are preparing for possible landfall, and a USGS storm response team has been activated.

- The **U.S. Department of Transportation** is coordinating with the **U.S. Department of Defense** and local authorities to provide for potential fixed-wing and rotor aircraft support.

- The **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** has seven on-scene coordinators (OSCs) available for deployment if necessary.

- The U.S. Department of Labor's **Occupational Safety and Health Administration** is prepared to provide technical assistance to ensure the health and safety of workers during hurricane clean-up and recovery.

The federal government is coordinating closely with state and local officials and emergency management personnel to maximize readiness and response efforts and to provide any assistance requested by the states.

Individual preparedness is crucial for citizens and their families before a storm, and residents should be prepared with 72 hours of supplies. All emergency kits should include as a minimum: first aid kits, emergency food and water, prescription medication, emergency cash and credit cards, valid identification, sturdy shoes and a change of clothes.

Comprehensive tips for disaster kits and family disaster plans are available online at www.fema.gov, www.ready.gov, and www.redcross.org.

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Subject: FW: UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TO THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA (All list, State & Local Affairs, SLGCP-All)

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Press Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Press Release

September 14, 2005

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TO THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA

Federal support to state and local officials and volunteer organizations continues around the clock in an effort to save lives, sustain life, and assist with law enforcement operations in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. The following facts provide an update to some of the important activities and

approximate numbers as of 2 p.m. EDT:

Households Funded	465,000
Type of Payment	
Direct Deposit	\$554.9 million
Check	\$472.3 million
Debit Card	\$20.6 million
Total Assistance Provided	\$1 billion

* People housed in shelters	112,000
MREs provided (meals)	24.1 million
Water provided (liters)	61.3 million

**The number of people housed in shelters is expected to decrease as people are provided long-term housing.*

- Department of Energy Secretary Samuel W. Bodman announced that he approved bids for the sale of 11 million barrels of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Combined with 12.6 million barrels of crude previously approved for loans, in response to the disruptions caused by Hurricane Katrina, these releases will provide 23.6 million barrels of crude for the U.S. market.
- U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta announced today that Mississippi will immediately receive \$5 million in federal emergency relief funding as a down payment on the repair or replacement of damaged roads and bridges throughout the state. Mississippi will receive the funds through the Federal Highway Administration's emergency relief program to reimburse the state for repairs to US 90, I-10 and other federally funded roads and bridges in the state damaged by Hurricane Katrina.
- The Environmental Protection Agency issued an advisory today urging the public to continue to use caution when entering hurricane damaged homes and buildings. Individuals planning to return to their homes or businesses should remain alert for leaking natural gas lines, and carbon monoxide poisoning from using un-vented fuel-burning equipment indoors. EPA is warning people to remove contaminated materials in order to reduce moisture and humidity that can present serious long-term health risks from micro-organisms. For more information visit www.epa.gov.

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Ahmad, Usman

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Press Office
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Press Release

September 13, 2005

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TO THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA

Federal support to state and local officials and volunteer organizations continues around the clock in an effort to save lives, sustain life, and assist with law enforcement operations in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. The following facts provide an update to some of the important activities and

approximate numbers as of 2 p.m. EDT today:

Households Funded	430,000
Type of Payment	
Direct Deposit	\$510.4 million
Check	\$434.8 million
Debit Card	\$20.6 million
Total Assistance Provided	\$965.8 million

Lives Saved (<i>rescues performed</i>)	49,800
* People housed in shelters	129,000
MREs provided (meals)	23.3 million
Water provided (liters)	58.8 million

**The number of people housed in shelters is expected to decrease as people are provided long-term housing.*

- Schools and districts nationwide are opening their doors to the hundreds of thousands of children without schools. The Department of Education launched a website, Hurricane Help for Schools, at www.ed.gov/katrina. The site helps match schools with displaced students with companies, organizations, other schools and individuals willing to donate.
- Work on repairing the Twin Spans Bridge that carries traffic on Interstate-10 between New Orleans and Slidell, La., started yesterday following Friday's award of a \$31 million contract to Boh Brothers Construction of New Orleans. The eastbound span will be repaired first, providing one lane of traffic in each direction.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has more than 100 crews responding to more than 6,400 requests in Operation Blue Roof in Mississippi. The operation provided repairs to more than 200 roofs over the last 24 hours and estimates that 23,000 roof repairs will be required. Operation Blue Roof sign-up centers are now open in Jackson, Harrison, Hancock, Forrest, Stone, Lamar, Marion, Jefferson Davis, and Pearl River counties in Mississippi.

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Press Release

September 12, 2005

HIGHLIGHTS OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TO THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA

Federal support to state and local officials and volunteer organizations continues around the clock in an effort to save lives, sustain life, and assist with law enforcement operations in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. The following facts highlight some of the important activities and approximate numbers as of 2 p.m. EDT today:

Households Funded	364,000
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Type of Payment	
Direct Deposit (EBT)	\$423 million
Check	\$375 million
Debit Card	\$20.5 million
Total Assistance Provided	\$818.5 million

Lives Saved (<i>rescues performed</i>)	49,800
People housed in shelters	141,500
MREs provided (meals)	22.5 million
Water provided (liters)	53.3 million

- The U.S. Department of Labor announced today the creation of a new Web site designed to connect workers impacted by the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina with employers who want to hire them. The Katrina Recovery Job Connection can be found at <http://www.jobsearch.org/katrinajobs> or through America's Job Bank at www.ajb.org.
- The Environmental Protection Agency, in coordination with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, posted water sample data from the New Orleans flood on the EPA website. The results show that public and emergency responders should avoid contact with standing water. Results available at <http://www.epa.gov/katrina/testresults/index.html>.
- The U.S. Postal Service continues to reconnect Gulf Coast residents with their mail, now providing full delivery service to some 82 percent of residents and businesses affected by Hurricane Katrina. More than 98,000 households of affected residents have filed a Change of Address. Also during the last week, the Postal Service has distributed more than 20,000 Social Security checks to residents at mobile locations in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) delivered several thousand items of clothing today to Hurricane Katrina evacuees in Jackson, Miss., with a pledge to delivery more items throughout the week. CBP and ICE officials seized the clothes for violations of U.S. trademark laws. The total pledged donation to Mississippi is estimated at approximately \$15 million in value and includes over one million pieces of seized clothing items. Houston and San Antonio also received deliveries of seized items.

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Press Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Press Release

September 9, 2005

HIGHLIGHTS OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA

Federal support to state and local officials and volunteer organizations continues around the clock in an

effort to save lives, sustain life, and assist with law enforcement operations in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. The following facts highlight some of the important activities as of 2 p.m.:

Lives Saved (<i>rescues performed</i>)	48,586
Shelters 774	People housed in shelters 248,200
FEMA responders	8,100
U.S. Coast Guard personnel	4,000
National Guard personnel	46,200
Active Duty Military	20,000
MREs provided (meals)	18.3 million
Water provided (liters)	40.7 million

- Nearly \$460 million in expedited aid to individuals has been provided by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency in the 48 hours since the agency activated the expedited assistance program. More than 230,000 eligible households are receiving payments of \$2,000 to help pay for their emergency needs of food, shelter, clothing, personal necessities and medical needs.
- Three states have established donations hotlines to help manage the overwhelming outpouring of generosity shown by people from around the world:
 - Mississippi, **1-866-230-8903**
 - Alabama, **1-877-273-5018**
 - Louisiana, **1-866-334-8304**

The FEMA Donations Hotline is **1-800-440-6728**. To date, over 84,000 offers have been received through this line and calls are coming in at a rate of about 12,000 per day.

- President Bush named Sept. 16, 2005 a national day of prayer and remembrance to honor the victims and survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

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Ahmad, Usman

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Press Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Press Release

September 8, 2005

HIGHLIGHTS OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA

Federal support to state and local officials and volunteer organizations continues around the clock in effort to save lives, sustain life, and assist with law enforcement operations in areas affected by

Hurricane Katrina. The following facts highlight some of the important activities as of 2 p.m.:

Lives Saved (<i>rescues performed</i>)	47,300
Shelters 750	People housed in shelters 235,200
FEMA responders	7,500
U.S. Coast Guard personnel	4,000
National Guard personnel	45,000
Active Duty Military	19,000
MREs provided (meals)	17 million
Water provided (liters)	37.4 million

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency is implementing a new assistance delivery tool by issuing debit cards to the thousands of evacuees at the Houston Astrodome. Currently, the amount of money being distributed through the expedited assistance program is \$2,000 per household.
- The Department of Health and Human Services has a toll-free hotline for people in crisis in the aftermath of this disaster. People in crisis are urged to call **1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)**. Callers will receive counseling from trained staff who will listen and assist in getting the mental health help callers need.
- Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao, Treasury Secretary John W. Snow, Commerce Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez and Social Security Commissioner Jo Anne B. Barnhart will travel to Texas, Louisiana and Alabama on Friday to assess both near-term and long-term economic needs of the Gulf Coast region, and discuss assistance available to individuals and small businesses in the region.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced today that more than \$170 million in emergency assistance is available to agricultural producers suffering from Hurricane Katrina.
- Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales met with Department of Justice personnel today in the affected area to discuss relief and anti-fraud law enforcement efforts. Justice is leading a task force with FBI and the Federal Trade Commission to investigate disaster-related fraud crimes such as insurance fraud and charity fraud.

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Subject: FW: NICCL UPDATE 44 - DEBIT CARD RELEASE - SEPT. 7 - KATRINA

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Subject: NICCL UPDATE 44 - DEBIT CARD RELEASE - SEPT. 7 - KATRINA (HSAs and Staff, Emergency Mgrs and Staff)

Below is a release from FEMA re: debit cards which went out today. Thank you.

FEMA GETTING ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS

WASHINGTON, DC - As the response efforts to get people out of harms way and placed in safe clean environments continues, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency is reaching out to individuals and assisting them in the application process for disaster assistance. The registration process is one of the first steps in receiving aid through FEMA's programs, and assistance is being expedited to assist those in need.

Expedited assistance to help people with their emergency needs of food, shelter, clothing, and personal necessities is being made available to individuals as they apply to FEMA on line at www.fema.gov, or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), TTY 800-462-7585. FEMA personnel are fanning across the nation visiting shelters and setting up disaster recovery centers staffed with individuals to assist in the

process of providing expedited assistance.

"We realize that many victims do not have access to the usual means of even registering for assistance, and FEMA is initiating efforts to bring the registration process to those in need," said Homeland Security's Principal Federal Official for Hurricane Katrina response and head of FEMA Michael D. Brown.

Currently, the amount of money being distributed through the expedited assistance program is \$2,000 per household. This expedited assistance is made available by FEMA to those residents severely impacted by disasters from Mississippi and Louisiana who do not have the usual means of identifying damage to their property or unable to provide the immediate documentation necessary.

This emergency assistance is provided to help with disaster needs such as transportation, clothing, rental housing, other housing accommodations, and food, and is included in the calculation of total benefits for which victims are eligible.

Once individuals register with FEMA for assistance, funds will be made available either through the use of electronic transfer to put funds directly in individuals' bank accounts, debit cards in some locations, or by check that can be delivered directly to individuals through the US Postal Service. The US Postal Service and FEMA have been coordinating to be sure mail is able to be forwarded and delivered to individuals staying in shelters.

In instances where individuals do not have access to direct deposit banking means, or are unable to receive checks, FEMA is also implementing a new assistance delivery tool of issuing debit cards to the thousand of evacuees at the Houston Astrodome. The program at the Astrodome, in coordination with the US Treasury, will consist of FEMA teams assisting people in the registration process, with additional assistance from the banking community to deliver the debit card on site.

Once the registration process is complete, individuals without electronic funds transfer (EFT) will receive their card with a personal identification number (PIN) and the assistance will be loaded onto the card within 24 hours, allowing the debit cards to be used at any automated cash machine (ATM), or at any location accepting bank cards with the *MasterCard* logo. Those with EFT capabilities do not have to wait 24 hours as their funds will transfer quickly.

The use of the debit card program may also be offered in other large shelters where FEMA has assisted in moving the evacuees into those areas.

The emergency funds distributed through debit cards do not provide victims with more assistance than what others may get, but simply utilizes a new delivery method for expedited assistance. The expedited assistance being made available to individuals will only be a portion of the total assistance many people may need, and normal eligibility determinations will result in subsequent payments of assistance in the future.

Affected individuals in designated counties can register online for disaster assistance at www.fema.gov or call FEMA's toll-free registration line 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) - TTY 800-462-7585. Victims are encouraged to register on-line due to the possibility of high call volume. If registering by phone, owners of commercial properties and residents with only minor losses are urged to wait a few days before calling so those whose homes were destroyed or heavily damaged can be served first. Phone lines are open 24-hours, 7 days a week.

FEMA prepares the nation for all hazards and manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, trains first responders, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.

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Press Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Press Release

September 7, 2005

HIGHLIGHTS OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA

The federal effort to save lives, sustain life, and support recovery and law enforcement operations in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina continues around the clock. The following facts highlight some of the important activities as of 2:00 p.m.:

Lives Saved (<i>rescues performed</i>)	47,000
Shelters 750	People housed in shelters 235,400
FEMA responders	7,500
U.S. Coast Guard personnel	4,000
National Guard personnel	41,500
Active Duty Military	17,000
MREs provided (meals)	11.9 million
Water provided (liters)	21 million

- As the response efforts to get people out of harms way and placed in safe clean environments continues, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency is reaching out to individuals and assisting them in the application process for disaster assistance. The registration process is one of the first steps in receiving aid through FEMA's programs, and assistance is being expedited to assist those in need.
- Expedited assistance to help people with their emergency needs of food, shelter, clothing, and personal necessities is being made available to individuals as they apply to FEMA on line at www.fema.gov, or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), TTY 800-462-7585. FEMA personnel are fanning out across the nation visiting shelters and setting up disaster recovery centers staffed with individuals to assist in the process of providing expedited assistance.
- The Secretary of Labor, Elaine Chao, signed a National emergency grant for more than \$100 million to create 25,000 temporary jobs in the disaster areas, largely to assist in clean-up and recovery efforts.

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Press Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Press Release

September 4, 2005

HIGHLIGHTS OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA

The federal effort to save lives, sustain life, and support recovery and law enforcement operations in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina continues around the clock. The following facts highlight some of the important activities as of 4 p.m.:

Lives Saved	17,000
Citizens Evacuated	35,000

Shelters	499	People housed in shelters	135,000
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MREs provided (meals)			4.8 million
Water provided (liters)			11 million

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From: Hoelscher, Doug L (DHS)
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2005 2:20 PM
To: Williams, Jan: [

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To:

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CC: [b(2)] MDavis@gwb43.com <MDavis@gwb43.com>
Sent: Sun Sep 04 12:00:42 2005
Subject: FW: REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT TO THE TRAVEL POOL WHILE VISITING THE DISASTER OPERATIONS CENTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

WHL Colleagues - it may be worth looking into whether each Dept. can have a blood drive this week at their HQ.

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TO: DHS Schedule C and SES Political Appointees

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For Immediate Release

September 4, 2005

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The American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

10:43 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: I've come to the Red Cross to, one, thank the good folks here who are working here. We've got people from around the country who have come to help heal the lives of those who have been affected by this terrible disaster.

I told some folks back there that the world saw this tidal wave of disaster ascend upon the Gulf Coast, and now they're going to see a tidal wave of compassion. There's over 5,000 Red Cross -- or nearly 5,000 Red Cross volunteers that are working long hours at shelters in 19 states to help these folks that have been displaced get their feet back on the ground.

I can't think of anything more encouraging for someone who has endured the tragedy of a storm than to have a loving soul say, I'm here to help you. And I want -- I want you to know a lot of people care for you. And that's -- that's the spirit of the Red Cross and it's volunteers.

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END 10:46 A.M. EDT

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Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 11:56 AM
To: Williams, Jan; sjenninas@nwh43.com;

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Cc: jcherry@gwb43.com; Jo
Subject: Re: OPA Staff Changes

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The theatre degree will come in handy as with mike davis' departure opa will need an infusion of drama...

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: Scott Jennings
To: [carc

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Diaz, Christine; [warren.pearson@hq.doe.gov; david_m.
Hoelscher, Doug L;

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CC: Jane Cherry; webster, Jocelyn S.
Sent: Wed Mar 01 11:39:52 2006
Subject: OPA Staff Changes

White House Liaisons and Staff -

Please welcome Jocelyn Webster as the newest member of the team here in Political Affairs. Jocelyn is my Political Coordinator and comes to us after a stint in the White House Liaison's office at the Department of Homeland Security. She is from Washington state and graduated from Santa Clara University, where she earned an English degree and is pretty close to finishing a Theatre degree as well.

And please congratulate Jane Cherry on her promotion to Associate Director of Political Affairs. Jane replaces Mike Davis, who has taken a position in the Criminal Division at the Department of Justice. Jane is from Arkansas and previously served in the Research Division of the Republican National Committee. She graduated from Wake Forest and has a degree in Political Science and International Studies.

Thanks! We look forward to our continued work with your offices.

jsj

J. Scott Jennings

Special Assistant to the President and
Deputy Political Director

The White House

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Ahmad, Usman

From: Eddy, John
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2005 10:31 AM
To: [b(2)]
Subject: RE: Informal DWHL Lunch

You could even send me an old one if you want

-----Original Message-----
From: Eric.Leckey [b(2)]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2005 10:27 AM
To: Eddy, John; [b(2)]
Subject: RE: Informal DWHL Lunch

Will do.

-----Original Message-----
From: [b(2)]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2005 10:07 AM
To: [b(2)]
Subject: RE: Informal DWHL Lunch

Thanks for setting it up Eric, I really had a good time... one favor, can you send us an example of your Friday newsletter. I have a feeling it might be better than ours and just wanted to see what you and Doug do with your free time!!

-----Original Message-----
From: [b(2)]
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2005 6:54 PM
To: Eddy, John; [b(2)]

[b(2)]
tg@gb43.com
Cc: [b(2)]
Subject: RE: Informal DWHL Lunch

Thanks everyone for coming today. It was great to catch up and to put a face with the name. Lets keep this going.

EL

From: Leckey, Eric
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2005 8:55 AM
To: [(b)(2)]

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Deputy WHLs, WHL Special/Staff Assistants, Amanda, Luke, Mike and Jane:

Reminder - RSVP to Christine Diaz today at [redacted] b(2) [redacted] or [redacted] b(2) [redacted] if you plan to attend.

Thanks!

Eric Leckey
Deputy White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security
Direct: [redacted] b(2) [redacted]
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From: Leckey, Eric
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2005 6:56 PM
To: [redacted] b(2) [redacted]; Eddy, John <DOJ>;
[redacted] (b)(2) [redacted];
[redacted] (b)(2) [redacted]; Frans, Luke; Becker, Amanda; Davis, Michael R.;
Cherry, Jane W.
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Thanks!

Eric Leckey

Deputy White House Liaison

Department of Homeland Security

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From: tg@gwb43.com
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Cc:
Subject: RE: Informal WHL lunch

Attachments: tmp.htm



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Mike and I will be there.

From: Hoelscher, Doug [mailto: b(2)]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2005 10:54 AM
To:

[(b)(2)]

Cc: Den Herder, Caroline
Subject: Informal WHL lunch

Team WHL, Amanda, Tim, Mike, Jane, and Luke,

I'm one of the rookies on the team so I thought it was my turn to organize an informal White House Liaison lunch - I was thinking Friday, June 17, 2005 from 12:00 - 1:30 pm at the Occidental Grille (1475 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC -- 202-783-1475). We can all get to know each other a bit more, share best practices, and most importantly escape from our offices for a short time.

Please RSVP to Caroline Den Herder by Wednesday, June 15 if you can make it.

Doug Hoelscher

White House Liaison

Department of Homeland Security

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From: Hoelscher, Doug L (DHS)
Sent: Saturday, September 03, 2005 10:57 AM
To:

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Cc: [JHuntsberry@gwb43.com^{b(2)}]; MDavis@gwb43.com;

Subject: Request for WHL's to join 1:00 pm EST conference call for TODAY, Saturday, September 3
Importance: High

Fellow WHL's, Amanda, Luke, Mike, and Jason.

I would like to request if possible that you join a conference call today to discuss additional targeted needs that your team may be able to provide from a surrogate standpoint.

1:00 pm EST

Call-in Information:

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Code: [b(2)]

Doug Hoelscher
White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security

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Ahmad, Usman

From: Leckey, Eric (DHS)
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2005 11:33 AM
To:

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mdavis@gwb43.com; jcherry@gwb43.com;

Subject: Advance Representative
Importance: High

Colleagues:

I am in search of an advance representative to deploy to the Gulf Region for 30 days. If you have someone within your agency that would be willing to do this, please forward my way ASAP. This person would be based in Baton Rouge but would travel the region to advance Admiral Thad Allen.

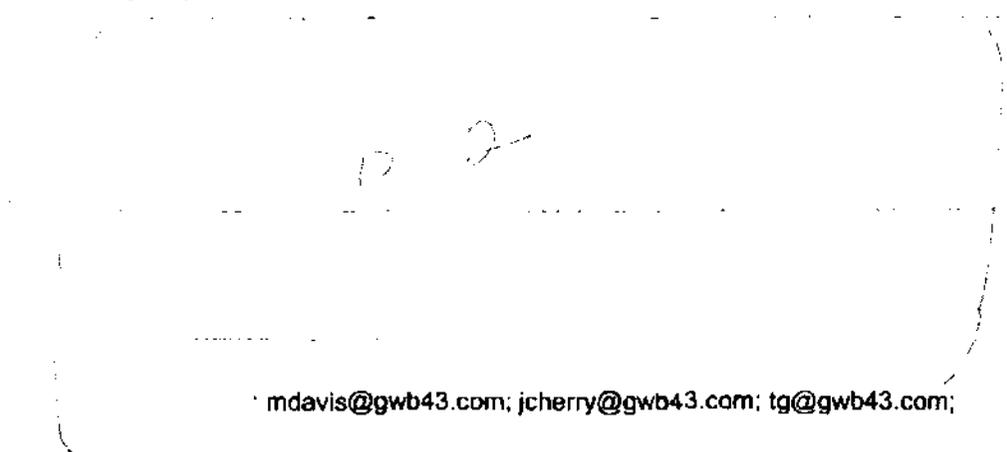
Thanks for all of your assistance.

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Ahmad, Usman

From: Hoelscher, Doug L (DHS)
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2005 4:53 PM
To:



mdavis@gwb43.com; jcherry@gwb43.com; tg@gwb43.com;

Subject: FW: Follow up information - Department of Homeland Security - National Conference Call with the nation's Governors (HSAs & Staff, EMs & Staff, Gov's COS, and Govs' DC Reps)

TO: WHL Colleagues

Doug Hoelscher
White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security

-----Original Message-----

From: Scholten, Gaylon <CTR>) **On Behalf Of** HSOC.State&Local
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2005 3:57 PM
Cc: ^DHS-State-and-Local-Affairs
Subject: Follow up information - Department of Homeland Security - National Conference Call with the nation's Governors (HSAs & Staff, EMs & Staff, Gov's COS, and Govs' DC Reps)
Importance: High

Dear Homeland Security Partner:

Please find the below information as a follow up to yesterday's conference call between Secretary Chertoff and the nation's Governors. FEMA has built the below list of states to be on standby to accept evacuees. States may receive a maximum of 500 evacuees on their scheduled day, or less, depending on their pre-identified shelter capacity. Please note that the number of evacuees available for transport will vary on a daily basis. Also listed below are the FEMA websites and phone information discussed on the call.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Office of State and Local Government Coordination
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**Hurricane Katrina – Priority List of States Receiving Evacuees
(September 8-14, 2005)**

Thursday, September 8th

Massachusetts, Wisconsin, South Carolina

Friday, September 9th

Iowa, Rhode Island, Michigan

Saturday, September 10th

Oregon, Ohio, Nebraska

Sunday, September 11th

South Dakota, Illinois, Indiana

Monday, September 12th

Missouri, Kansas, Nevada

Tuesday, September 13th

Minnesota, Montana, Pennsylvania

Wednesday, September 14th

Idaho, Colorado, Kentucky

Website and Phone Information:

Evacuee Registration:

1-800-621-FEMA (3362)

Hearing or speech impaired?

Call 1-800-462-7585

OR

www.fema.gov (Click on Online Individual Assistance Center)

Corporate Donations and Contract Work:

www.nerr.gov (DHS National Emergency Resource Registry)

The NERR stands ready to assist the coordination efforts between the resources that are needed and the resources that may be available from the private and public sectors. If you or your organization / agency / corporation have resources that may be made available to the response agencies, please list them in this Resource Registry.

FEMA Donations Hotline:

1-800-440-6778

Other Hurricane Information:

www.fema.gov

Ahmad, Usman

From: Hoelscher, Doug L (DHS)
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2005 7:51 PM
To:

tg@gwb43.com;

; mdavis@gwb43.com; jcherry@gwb43.com;

Cc: Leckey Eric (DHS); Boudreaux, Chad (DHS); Wood, John F (DHS); Mayer, Matt (DHS)
Subject: RE: 9/8/05 Update on Administration Political Appointees Utilized at DHS/FEMA

Update # 4 – 9/8/05

WHL Colleagues,

Thanks again for all of your help over the last several days. Here is latest update on Administration political appointees who have stepped forward to assist DHS/FEMA.

300 (up from 284 last night): Number of Political Appointees Who Have Offered to Volunteer

88 (up from 65 last night): Number of political appointees we have plugged into a DHS/FEMA needs

We will continue to utilize more folks (but probably in low numbers) over the next several days as further needs arise.

Political appointees who want to volunteer but who have not yet been utilized should also work through their home department/agency CHCO and take the first opportunity to volunteer that comes their way.

Thanks again,

Doug Hoelscher
White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security

6/18/2007

Ahmad, Usman

From: Hoelscher, Doug L (DHS)

Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2005 8:48 PM

To:

tg@gwb43.com;

; mdavis@gwb43.com; jcherry@gwb43.com;

Cc: Leckey Eric (DHS); Boudreaux, Chad (DHS); Wood, John F (DHS); Mayer, Matt (DHS)

Subject: RE: 9/6/05 Update on Administration Political Appointees Utilized at DHS/FEMA

Update # 3 - 9/7/05

WHL Colleagues,

Thanks again for all of your help over the last several days. I wanted to update you all on Administration political appointees who have stepped forward to assist DHS/FEMA.

284 (up from 280 last night): Number of Political Appointees Who Have Offered to Volunteer

65 (up from 55 last night): Number of political appointees we have plugged into a DHS/FEMA needs

We anticipate plugging in around 10 to 15 additional individuals tomorrow and will continue to utilize more folks (but probably in low numbers) over the next several days as further needs arise.

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Doug Hoelscher
White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security

6/18/2007

Ahmad, Usman

From: Hoelscher, Doug L (DHS)
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2005 8:44 PM
To:

tg@gwb43.com;

mdavis@gwb43.com; jcherry@gwb43.com;

Cc: Leckey Eric (DHS); Boudreaux, Chad (DHS); Wood, John F (DHS); Mayer, Matt (DHS)
Subject: 9/6/05 Update on Administration Political Appointees Utilized at DHS/FEMA

Update # 2 - 9/6/05

WHL Colleagues,

Thanks again for all of your help over the last several days. I wanted to update you all on Administration political appointees who have stepped forward to assist DHS/FEMA.

280: Number of Political Appointees Who Have Offered to Volunteer

55: Number of political appointees we have plugged into a DHS/FEMA needs

We anticipate plugging in around 20 additional individuals tomorrow and will continue to utilize more folks (but probably in low numbers) over the next several days as further needs arise.

Again, the willingness to help and your permission for them to help is much appreciated given the load that all our federal partners are carrying right now.

Thanks again,

Doug Hoelscher
White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security

Ahmad, Usman

From: Hoelscher, Doug L (DHS)
Sent: Monday, September 05, 2005 8:29 PM
To:

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Cc: tg@gwb43.com; mdavis@gwb43.com; jcherry@gwb43.com;
(02) Boudreaux, Chad (DHS); Wood, John F (DHS); Mayer, Matt (DHS)
Subject: Update on Administration Political Appointees Utilized at DHS/FEMA

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194: Number of Political Appointees Who Have Offered to Volunteer

42: Number of political appointees we have plugged into a DHS/FEMA needs

We will continue to utilize more folks over the next several days as further needs arise.

Thanks again,

Doug Hoelscher
White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security

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Ahmad, Usman

From: Hoelscher, Doug L (DHS)
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2005 9:03 AM
To:

mdavis@gwb43.com; jcherry@gwb43.com; tg@gwb43.com;

Subject: FW: White House Photo: Laura Bush at the Cajundome

Attachments: P090205kj-0188.jpg; P090205kj-0146.jpg; P090205kj-0334jas.jpg; P090205kj-0519.jpg; P090205kj-0307.jpg; P090205kj-0169.jpg

Doug Hoelscher
White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security

-----Original Message-----

From: Hoelscher, Doug
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2005 9:01 AM
To: Hoelscher, Doug
Subject: White House Photo: Laura Bush at the Cajundome

TO: DHS Schedule C and SES Political Appointees:

Attached are following photos:

-First Lady Laura Bush visits with a young boy displaced by Hurricane Katrina in the Cajundome at the University of Louisiana in Lafayette, La., Friday, Sept. 2, 2005. White House Photo by Krisanne Johnson

-First Lady Laura Bush visits with people affected by Hurricane Katrina in the Cajundome at the University of Louisiana in Lafayette, La., Friday, Sept. 2, 2005. White House Photo by Krisanne Johnson

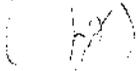
-First Lady Laura Bush meets with first responders to Hurricane Katrina at the Acadian Ambulance Center in Lafayette, La., Friday, Sept. 2, 2005. White House Photo by Krisanne Johnson

-First Lady Laura Bush hugs a young girl displaced by Hurricane Katrina during her visit Friday, Sept. 2, 2005, to the Cajundome at the University of Louisiana in Lafayette. "Some things are working very, very well in Louisiana," Mrs. Bush said. "And certainly this center is one of those..." White House photo by Krisanne Johnson

-First Lady Laura Bush leans down to comfort a woman and her young child inside the Cajundome at the University of Louisiana in Lafayette during her visit to the center, one of many created to accommodate victims of Hurricane Katrina. White House photo by Krisanne Johnson

-First Lady Laura Bush reaches out to a victim of Hurricane Katrina during a visit Friday, Sept. 2, 2005, to the Cajundome at the University of Louisiana in Lafayette. "The people of this part of the United States, the Lafayette area of Louisiana, are very, very warm people," said Mrs. Bush. "They've opened their hearts, and many of them have opened their homes, as well, to people from New Orleans -- family members and strangers." White House photo by Krisanne Johnson

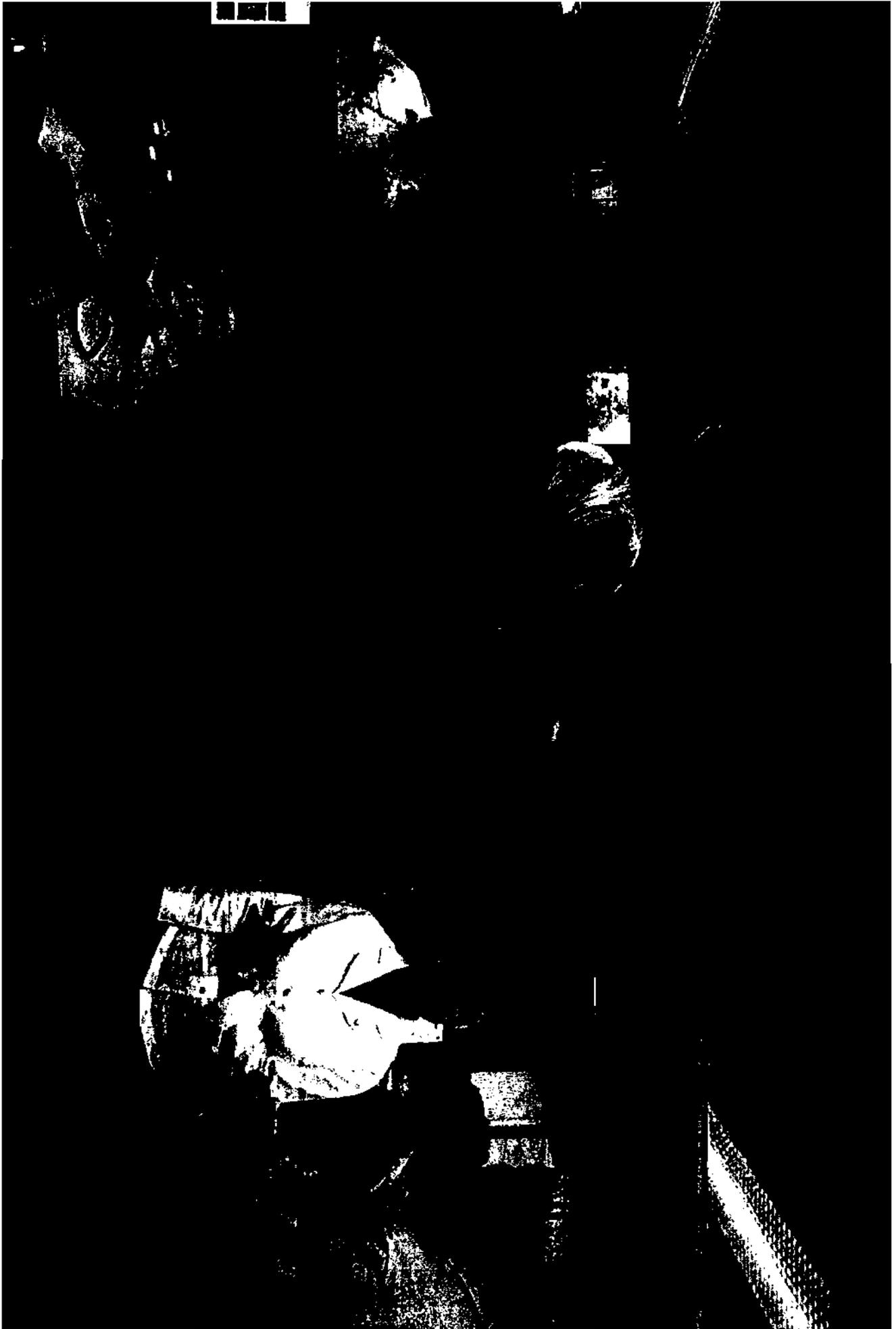
Doug Hoelscher
White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security















Ahmad, Usman

From: Hoelscher, Doug L (DHS)
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2005 2:18 PM
To:

([Handwritten initials])

Cc: mdavis@gwb43.com; jcherry@gwb43.com; tg@gwb43.com.
Subject: FW: HIGHLIGHTS OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA (All Lists)

TO: WHL Colleagues

Doug Hoelscher
White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security

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-----Original Message-----
From: Scholten, Gaylon <CTR. ([Handwritten initials]) On Behalf Of HSOC.State&Local
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2005 1:59 PM
Cc: ^DHS-State-and-Local-Affairs
Subject: HIGHLIGHTS OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA (All Lists)

Press Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Press Release

September 6, 2005

HIGHLIGHTS OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA

The federal effort to save lives, sustain life, and support recovery and law enforcement operations in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina continues around the clock. The following facts highlight some of the important activities as of 1 p.m.:

Lives Saved (rescues performed)

32,000

Shelters

559

People housed in shelters

182,000

FEMA responders

7,000

U.S. Coast Guard personnel

4,000

National Guard personnel

43,000

Active Duty Military

15,000

MREs provided (meals)

11.3 million

Water provided (liters)

18 million

* Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) are now open in Shreveport and Monroe, La., for people affected by Hurricane Katrina. Individuals having questions may visit the centers to meet face-to-face with recovery specialists of local, state, federal and volunteer agencies. Disaster victims are urged to register for assistance first by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or, if they have access to the internet, register online at www.fema.gov. The TTY number is 1-800-462-7585 for speech or hearing-impaired.

* Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns authorized states to pre-load electronic food benefit cards with \$50 worth of assistance, which will enable displaced residents to immediately purchase food even before their application has been processed to receive complete benefits. These cards can then be distributed to displaced residents as they move from shelters to temporary housing. The food stamp program is administered by states and fully funded by USDA. States are being notified of the authorization and urged to take advantage of it. Additional information and updates about USDA's hurricane relief efforts are posted daily on the Web site at <http://www.usda.gov> <<http://www.usda.gov/>> .

Ahmad, Usman

From: Hoelscher, Doug L (DHS)
Sent: Sunday, September 04, 2005 4:24 PM
To:

Cc: MDavis@gwb43.com;
Subject: Secretary Chertoff Memo - Voluntary Field Assignments for Hurricane Katrina Response
Importance: High
Attachments: Secretary Memo re Voluntary Field Assignments for Hurricane Katrina September 3 2005.pdf

FYI on the attached memo. Thanks to Christy Simon for calling it to my attention.

The effort to identify volunteers addressed in the attached memo is in addition to the effort we are undergoing to identify political appointees. The attached memo is a call for all employees in Departments/Agencies (career and political). Please let political appointees know that they can volunteer through this avenue too – these avenues are not mutually exclusive for political appointees. Folks will be plugged in on a first come basis.

Doug Hoelscher
White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security

----- Original Message -----
From: "Hill, Ken"
Sent: 09/03/2005 07:34 PM
To:
Subject: Secretary Chertoff Memo - Voluntary Field Assignments for Hurricane Katrina Response

Please pass the attached memo from Secretary Michael Chertoff to your Principals concerning a request for personnel assistance in response to Hurricane Katrina.

Thank you.

Ken Hill
Executive Secretary
Department of Homeland Security



Homeland Security

September 3, 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR: Heads of Departments/Agencies
FROM: Michael Chertoff 
SUBJECT: Voluntary Field Assignments for Hurricane Katrina

As part of our continuing unified response and recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, I am asking you to make some of your employees available to assist in the recovery initiatives of FEMA. As you all know, FEMA has an unprecedented job ahead over the upcoming months. This past week, Under Secretary Mike Brown requested the assistance of DHS employees to deploy on two-week minimum field assignments to assist in the response. I am pleased to report that this week more than 600 DHS employees, in addition to FEMA's extraordinary response team, have stepped forward to volunteer for this effort.

We anticipate needing up to 2,000 volunteers within the next seven days and are expanding our search to other Federal agencies. Working with the Office of Personnel Management, we are asking your Chief Human Capital Officers to help us locate Federal volunteers and to provide you with additional details and information about these temporary assignments.

I know you realize the extent of the assistance needed for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The collective talents and generous spirits of Federal employees are second to none. Thank you for your leadership. Your support for this massive recovery effort is much appreciated.

cc: Linda Springer, Director, OPM

Ahmad, Usman



From: Hoelscher, Doug L (DHS)
Sent: Sunday, September 04, 2005 3:44 PM
To:

(b7)

Cc: JHuntsberry@gwb43.com; JHuntsberry@gwb43.com; MDavis@gwb43.com; MDavis@gwb43.com; (b7)

Subject: RE: FEMA Request for Volunteers

To echo Tim, my intention was not meant to be critical in any way -- we realize all our federal partners are carrying important/heavy loads -- the needs for help expressed to us by our team have continued to grow and we appreciate your extra work to help adjust to those needs.

Doug Hoelscher
White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security

(b7)

-----Original Message-----
From: Hoelscher, Doug
Sent: Sunday, September 04, 2005 2:42 PM

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Subject: FEMA Request for Volunteers
Importance: High

We have received volunteers from the following Departments/Agencies:
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For the above agencies/departments, if you have additional political appointees you can line up to volunteer we would be much appreciative – it would be helpful to get these additional folks today and please send them in an addendum template rather than adding to your initial submission. We have had a number of folks who were listed as ok to volunteer who have said they can't volunteer – we need your help in making sure these are folks who CAN volunteer.

I have yet to receive any volunteers from the WHL's from the following departments/agencies – if below agencies could send along their volunteers ASAP (today if possible we would be much appreciative):

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Thanks for everyone's help and please call me with questions.

Doug Hoelscher
White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hoelscher, Doug

Sent: Saturday, September 03, 2005 4:24 PM

Subject: FEMA Request for Volunteers

Importance: High

If possible to get your initial recruits back to us for the first template today or early tomorrow that would be helpful as the need is now. Feel free to send whatever you get on a real-time basis and

then send addendums.

The second template, "diverse surrogates" can come on Monday.

Doug Hoelscher
White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security

-----Original Message-----

From: Hoelscher, Doug

Sent: Saturday, September 03, 2005 12:39 PM

Subject: FEMA Request for Volunteers

Importance: High

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Other topic will be need for specific surrogates. Second Template attached for that need as well. Please send this information back to Doug Hoelscher

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- 5) Provide the information for volunteers in the attached template form via e-mail to Eric Leckey (b7c) by 3:00 pm today (Monday, Sept. 5).

Doug Hoelscher
White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security

(b7c)

Ahmad, Usman

Not Responsive

-----Original Message-----

From: Griffin, John T.

Sent: Sunday, September 04, 2005 3:26 PM

To: 'Tim Griffin'; Hoelscher, Doug; [b2]
[b2] Leckey, Eric; Diaz, Christine; [b2]

Williams, Jan

Gartland, Lavin;

Cc: Becker, Amanda; Frans, Luke; Mike Davis; Jason Huntsberry;

Frans, Luke; Mike Davis; Jason Huntsberry; [b2]

Subject: RE: FEMA Request for Volunteers

i understand that the initial deadline was Monday but as circumstances have changed the deadline has been moved to today or asap whichever comes first. thank you, TG

-----Original Message-----

From: Tim Griffin [mailto:tg@gwb43.com]

Sent: Sunday, September 04, 2005 2:48 PM

To: Hoelscher, Doug; [b2]

Leckey, Eric; Diaz, Christine; (b2)

Williams, Jan

Cc: Becker, Amanda; Frans, Luke; Mike Davis; Jason Huntsberry; Frans, Luke; Mike Davis; Jason Huntsberry; Griffin, John T.;

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White House Liaison
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202-282-8220
202-281-6817 (Cell)
Doug.Hoelscher@dhs.gov

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From: Hoelscher, Doug
Sent: Saturday, September 03, 2005 4:24 PM
To: (b2)

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Cc: (b2) 'Frans, Luke'; 'Mike Davis';
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White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security

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From: Hoelscher, Doug
Sent: Saturday, September 03, 2005 12:39 PM
To: 'l' (b2)

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(b2) ; Williams, Jan <DOJ>; (b2))
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Cc: (b2) 'Frans, Luke'; 'Mike Davis';
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Ahmad, Usman

From: MDavis@gwb43.com
Sent: Sunday, September 04, 2005 2:45 PM
To: Williams, Jan; Hoelscher, Doug L (DHS); (

(b2)

Cc: (b2) JHuntsberry@gwb43.com; (b2)
Subject: Re: FEMA Request for Volunteers

Hoelscher is taking the lead on this on behalf of the Bush Administration. Your complete cooperation is critical and appreciated.

-----Original Message-----

From: Hoelscher, Doug (b2)
To: (b2)

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Davis <MDavis@gwb43.com>; Jason Huntsberry <JHuntsberry@gwb43.com>; Frans, Luke
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Sent: Sun Sep 04 14:41:37 2005
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Sent: Saturday, September 03, 2005 4:24 PM

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The second template, "diverse surrogates" can come on Monday.

Doug Hoelscher

White House Liaison

Department of Homeland Security

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hoelscher, Doug

Sent: Saturday, September 03, 2005 12:39 PM

To: (

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Cc: ((b2)) 'Frans, Luke'; 'Mike Davis'; 'Jason Huntsberry'; 'McDonald, Brian'; 'Frans, Luke'; 'Mike Davis'; 'Jason Huntsberry'; 'Griffin, John T.';

'griffinjag@earthlink.net'
Subject: FEMA Request for Volunteers
Importance: High

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- 5.) Public Liaison

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Doug Hoelscher

White House Liaison

Department of Homeland Security

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Ahmad, Usman

From: Hoelscher, Doug L (DHS)
Sent: Saturday, September 03, 2005 1:31 PM
To: Williams, Jan; (

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Cc: () MDavis@gwb43.com;
JHuntsberry@gwb43.com; ()
MDavis@gwb43.com; JHuntsberry@gwb43.com; ()

Subject: RE: FEMA Request for Volunteers

I will begin calling now through Liaisons who could not make the call.

As we work through all of this here is some contact info. for myself and Eric Leckey

Doug Hoelscher, WHL

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Eric Leckey, Dep. WHL

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Doug Hoelscher
White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security

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From: Hoelscher, Doug

Sent: Friday, September 02, 2005 9:36 AM

To: ([redacted]); Williams, Jan <DOJ>; O'Beirne, Jim, CIV, OSD; 'Hermenway, Margaret, CIV, OSD'; Duffey, Michael P, CIV, OSD; ([redacted])

([redacted])

Cc: Leckey, Eric; 'Frans, Luke'; 'Cabelka, Carrie B.'

Subject: FEMA Request for Volunteers

Importance: High

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White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security

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Ahmad, Usman

From: Hoelscher, Doug (DHS)
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2005 4:13 PM
To: Williams, L

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Cc: SJennings@gwb43.com
Subject: Leckey, Eric (DHS); Webster, Jocelyn (DHS); (

DAS for Intergovernmental Affairs

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Team WHLs:

(PLEASE DO NOT DISTRIBUTE FURTHER)

We are currently mid-search for candidates to consider for a Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs SES position. I would be interested in getting your thoughts on anyone you all think would be good to consider. We have a good pool already, but want to expand the pool as much as possible.

Thanks for any thoughts you may have - perhaps even folks on your team who might have relevant intergovernmental affairs experience, is solid, and is ready for a new challenge.

Specifications:

-Several years of intergovernmental experience (state and local) - relevant experience to homeland security issues would be ideal but strong intergovernmental experience is more important

-Good manager who is capable of navigating a large Department

-Has strong interpersonal skills and is responsive to various constituents

-Individuals who might make good candidates include:

-current or former Directors or Deputy Assistant Secretary's for Intergov/State and Local

-former state elected officials who can thrive in a quick paced,

stressful environment, and who can successfully make the leap to the federal level

-current or former DC State Directors for governors

Doug Hoelscher

White House Liaison

Department of Homeland Security

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Ahmad, Usman

From: [b(2)]
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2005 8:48 AM
To: Williams, Jan; Hoelscher, Doug (DHS); (b2)

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mdavis@gwb43.com; jcherry@gwb43.com; sjennings@gwb43.com; (b2)

Cc: Leckey, Eric (DHS); Webster, Jocelyn (DHS); Diaz, Christine (DHS); (b2)
Subject: RE: do you know of some folks who fit the following mold?

Attachments: tmp.htm



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We're comfortable with these mass appeals, but if possible, please also cc PPO/OPA on any responses. Everything will come through our offices anyway, and we want to alleviate any unnecessary workload for you (i.e., considering candidates whom we are not familiar with, etc).

Also, a political appointment in one agency does not guarantee an additional appointment.

See everybody this afternoon!

-----Original Message-----

From: Hoelscher, Doug [mailto: (b(2))]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2005 7:16 PM
To: (b2)

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Cc: Leckey, Eric; Webster, Jocelyn; Diaz, Christine
Subject: do you know of some folks who fit the following mold?

Fellow WHLs:

Are you all familiar with any individuals who have the following education/experience:

- * MBA (preferably joint MBA and JD)
- * Several years of management experience of a large staff/organization
- * Works well with others but can be tough when necessary
- * SES level
- * Preferably would have some budget management experience

Thanks for any suggestions you may have.

Doug Hoelscher

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Ahmad, Usman

From: Hoelscher, Doug (DHS)
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2005 1:39 PM
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Subject: FEDERAL GULF COAST RESPONSE TO HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA

WHLs: fyi

Doug Hoelscher
 White House Liaison
 Department of Homeland Security

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-----Original Message-----

From: Scholten, Gaylon <CTR> (b2) **On Behalf Of** HSOC.State&Local
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2005 1:34 PM
Cc: ^DHS-State-and-Local-Affairs
Subject: FEDERAL GULF COAST RESPONSE TO HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA (All Lists)

Press Office
 U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Press Release

September 25, 2005

FEDERAL GULF COAST RESPONSE TO HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in conjunction with other federal agencies, continues to respond to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Yesterday, President Bush approved major disaster declarations for the states of Texas and Louisiana. The immediate federal priorities are life-saving and life-sustaining operations in support of state and local officials, including distribution of commodities; providing critical communications capabilities;

and maintaining hazardous material awareness on re-entry into affected areas. The following actions have been taken:

- U.S. Coast Guard units have rescued more than 80 people, while search and rescue patrols and damage surveys continue.
- Nearly 700 FEMA Urban Search and Rescue personnel are on the ground in Texas, and more than 500 Urban Search and Rescue personnel are on the ground in Louisiana, including 118 personnel in Lake Charles, Louisiana performing search and rescue missions. These teams are supported by Department of Defense (DOD) heavy-lift helicopters, boats and high-water vehicles.
- FEMA has deployed hundreds of trucks of ice and water to Louisiana and Texas.
- FEMA Rapid Needs Assessment Teams began aerial assessments of coastal areas in Texas affected by Hurricane Rita. Three teams of environmental personnel from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Railroad Commission of Texas, the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality, and the Texas General Land Office are also currently conducting assessments.
- More than 49,000 Active Duty and National Guard personnel are on the ground or aboard ship supporting relief operations.
- DOD evacuated more than 3,000 people, including 1,200 medical patients and 1,300 ambulatory/elderly evacuees, from Houston and Beaumont, Texas and Lake Charles, Louisiana to 9 locations in 8 States.
- DOD's aviation support in the affected area includes 88 helicopters. Air Force and Army personnel provided fuel to approximately 100 buses evacuating civilians from Beaumont, Texas. Air National Guard fueled an additional 260 buses in Beaumont and Houston, Texas.
- The USS Iwo Jima Expeditionary Strike Group is proceeding to a position southeast of Port Arthur, Louisiana to continue damage assessments and search and rescue missions as needed.
- The National Interagency Fire Center, comprised of specialists from eight federal and state agencies who routinely work together in responding to disaster and wildfire emergencies, is pre-positioning Incident Management Teams in areas affected by Hurricane Rita and mobilizing additional teams to respond as needed in support of first responders.

For more information on emergency preparedness, please visit www.ready.gov or www.fema.gov.

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Ahmad, Usman

From: Hoelscher, Doug (DHS)
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2005 4:48 PM
To: Williams, Jan; (b2); Hoelscher, Doug (DHS); Leckey, Eric (DHS); Diaz, Christine (DHS); (b2)

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Subject: FW: FEDERAL GULF COAST PREPARATIONS (All Lists)

WHLs: fyi

Doug Hoelscher
White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security

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From: Scholten, Gaylon <CTR> (b2) **On Behalf Of** HSOC.State&Local
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2005 4:29 PM
Cc: ^DHS-State-and-Local-Affairs
Subject: FEDERAL GULF COAST PREPARATIONS (All Lists)

Press Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Press Release

September 23, 2005

FEDERAL GULF COAST PREPARATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in conjunction with other federal agencies, continues to prepare for Hurricane Rita.

FEMA and federal agencies are pre-positioning supplies and commodities in the surrounding affected areas and potential landfall areas of the storm. Residents in the Gulf Coast states should continue to pay

close attention to Hurricane Rita and follow the instructions of local officials. The following preliminary actions have been taken:

- FEMA has pre-positioned enough commodities for four days including 45 truckloads of water, 45 truckloads of ice, and 25 truckloads of meals in Texas. Along with 140 truckloads of water, 120 truckloads of ice and 73 truckloads of meals pre-positioned at federal facilities in Louisiana.
- More than 450 medical team personnel and 17 Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces, consisting of almost 900 personnel, are pre-positioned in Texas. 450 Urban Search and Rescue personnel are already staged in Louisiana.
- The U.S. Coast Guard has approximately 50 aircraft ready to respond to Rita and another 70 aircraft in the Pacific area on alert. Relief crews are being flown from Hawaii, Alaska, California, and the Pacific Northwest to staging locations today.
- Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff has authorized the recall of up to 300 U.S. Coast Guard reservists for response to Hurricane Rita.
- Department of Transportation (DOT) is providing over 650 buses in response to requests from Texas and Louisiana officials to help support evacuation efforts. Six MD-80 aircraft are on standby in Baton Rouge to support airlifts out of Louisiana.
- Department of Defense (DOD) has a mission assignment for six heavy-lift helicopters at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, six heavy-lift helicopters at Ft. Worth, Texas, and boats and high-water vehicles to assist search and rescue task forces.
- More than 300,000 National Guard soldiers and airmen stand ready throughout the 54 states and territories prepared to respond to any crisis. Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Mississippi and Alabama have more than 37,000 National Guard soldiers and airmen positioned to assist and respond. The Texas National Guard has refueled 260 commercial buses with 25,000 gallons of fuel as of this morning.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has pre-deployed three EPA response personnel and four contractors to the Regional Response Coordination Center in Austin, Texas. The pre-deployment team is co-located with other federal and state personnel to coordinate planning for Hurricane Rita response priorities.
- A full EPA Incident Management Team consisting of 18 EPA personnel will stage in Dallas. The team will deploy to the impacted area as soon as the storm passes. Additional response and contract personnel are standing by and will be on scene once an initial needs assessment is complete.

- The Texas Commission of Environmental Quality and the EPA have been contacting chemical and refinery industry along the hurricane's path concerning their plans to secure and shut-down their plants.
- The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) continues to track the path of Hurricane Rita. NRC staff are monitoring conditions at three nuclear power plants where tropical storm force winds and heavy rain are projected. The current path of the storm is not expected to bring it within 100 miles of the three plants. The NRC has sent six additional inspectors to the plants to provide around the clock coverage if the need arises.
- The NRC has also established a point of contact with FEMA while plant operators coordinate with local emergency responders. Additionally, NRC has contacted Louisiana and Texas to move to a safe location or secure in place radioactive materials used in medicine and industry.

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Ahmad, Usman

From: Hoelscher, Doug (DHS)
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2005 10:13 AM
To: Williams, Jan; (b2) Hoelscher, Doug (DHS); Leckey, Eric (DHS); Diaz, Christine (DHS); (b2)

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Subject: FW: PRINCIPAL FEDERAL OFFICIAL NAMED FOR HURRICANE RITA RESPONSE (All Lists)

WHLs: fyi

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-----Original Message-----

From: Scholten, Gaylon <CTR> (b2) **On Behalf Of** HSOC.State&Local
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2005 7:57 AM
Cc: ^DHS-State-and-Local-Affairs
Subject: PRINCIPAL FEDERAL OFFICIAL NAMED FOR HURRICANE RITA RESPONSE (All Lists)

Press Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Press Release

September 22, 2005

PRINCIPAL FEDERAL OFFICIAL NAMED FOR HURRICANE RITA RESPONSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President George W. Bush has declared under the Stafford Act that an emergency exists in the State of Texas and the State of Louisiana, and ordered federal aid to supplement State and local response and recovery efforts in the areas affected by Hurricane Rita. That declaration effectively characterizes Hurricane Rita as an Incident of National Significance under the National Response Plan (NRP).

In accordance with the guidance provided in the NRP, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff has designated Rear Admiral Larry Hereth, U.S. Coast Guard, as Principal Federal Official (PFO) for incident management purposes during the response and recovery operations for Hurricane Rita in Texas.

Rear Admiral Hereth has more than 32 years of experience managing federal assets and national and field operations. Rear Admiral Hereth will manage a federal Joint Field Office located in Austin, Tex. and coordinate federal government activities with state and local officials.

Rear Admiral Hereth reports to the Fifth Coast Guard District from an assignment at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C., as the Director of Port Security. In that capacity, he led the development and implementation of a new maritime security regime for vessels, facilities and ports throughout the United States. Rear Admiral Hereth has served as Commanding Officer or Port Captain in multiple duty stations, including New York, New Orleans, San Francisco, and at Coast Guard Headquarters. He also served as Chief of the Coast Guard's National Marine Environmental Response School, where he supervised pollution response courses and directed a national exercise program.

Rear Admiral Hereth is a 1973 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree. He also earned an MBA in 1992 from Florida Institute of Technology. Rear Admiral Hereth is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Admiral Thad Allen, U.S. Coast Guard, previously designated as PFO for Hurricane Katrina response and recovery activities in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, will additionally serve as PFO for Hurricane Rita response and recovery activities in Louisiana.

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From: Hoelscher, Doug (DHS)

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2005 7:04 PM

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From: Scholten, Gaylon <CTR> (b2)
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2005 5:21 PM
Cc: ^DHS-State-and-Local-Affairs
Subject: FEDERAL GULF COAST PREPARATIONS (All Lists)

) On Behalf Of HSOC.State&Local

Press Office
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Press Release

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- 45 truckloads of water and 45 truckloads ice and 25 truckloads of meals are pre-staging at federal facilities in Texas.
- Over 400 medical team personnel and 14 Urban Search & Rescue Task Forces, almost 800 personnel, are pre-staging in Texas.
- An aggressive recruitment campaign has identified civilian volunteers, including more than 200 physicians and more than 400 registered nurses who could be deployed in response to Hurricane Rita.
- The state of Florida has released all of FEMA's pre-positioned teams and assets and FEMA is in the process of moving personnel and commodities to Texas.
- 13 U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) aircraft in Corpus Christi and Houston are being readied to evacuate and relocate to a staging position to quickly respond once the storm passes.
- Additional USCG relief aircrews and aircraft from around the country will begin arriving in staging areas in Texas as early as today. An additional 4 HH-60 Jayhawk helicopters are being pre-staged in San Antonio.
- 6 major USCG cutters are in the Gulf of Mexico avoiding storm. Cutters will be pre-positioned to follow the storm to provide immediate support for search and rescue, command and control and waterways assessment. USCG cutter Dauntless, based in Galveston, left port yesterday after evacuating family members. Dauntless is in the Gulf of Mexico heading south to avoid the storm to be in a position to follow the storm.
- More than 400 additional USCG personnel are surging to support the response and hundreds more are on alert and ready to respond after landfall.
- USCG disaster assistance teams and environmental pollution strike teams are assembling in Louisiana to be in a position to move into the affected area once the storm passes. USCG liaison officers have been assigned to state and local emergency operation centers in Texas and Louisiana.

- Infrastructure Protection division is assessing the potential consequences to critical infrastructure located in the storm's projected path, along with the requirements to secure and restore these facilities in the storm's aftermath. Based upon these assessments, DHS will work with private sector partners and state and local government officials during the recovery phase.
- Nearly 3,500 National Guardsmen in Texas are on state active duty and the governor has authorized the activation of up to 5,000 of the more than 10,000 National Guardsmen currently available in the state. Approximately 1,352 Texas National Guardsmen serving in Louisiana have returned to Texas in anticipation of the storm.
- Department of Defense (DOD) has a mission assignment for 6 heavy-lift helicopters at Ft. Sam Houston, TX and 6 heavy-lift helicopters at Ft. Worth, TX for search and rescue support. DOD is making available 2,000 active duty "security forces" such as military police.
- The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has sent an additional 150 screeners to Houston to assist in moving people through the airports to evacuate them from the city.
- The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has provided approximately 650 buses to the state of Texas to support preparations for Hurricane Rita.
- EPA issued a reformulated gasoline waiver for the Houston/Galveston, Texas area. Conventional gasoline will be available for distribution and sale in this area from September 21 through September 26, 2005

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Ahmad, Usman

From: Hoelscher, Doug (DHS)
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2005 4:06 PM
To: Williams, Jan; (b2) Hoelscher, Doug (DHS); Leckey,
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Subject: UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TO THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA

WHLs: FYI

Doug Hoelscher
White House Liaison
Department of Homeland Security

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-----Original Message-----

From: Quin, Robert <CTR> (b2) **On Behalf Of** HSOC.State&Local
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2005 3:53 PM
Cc: HSOC.State&Local; ^DHS-State-and-Local-Affairs
Subject: UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TO THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA (all lists; S&L Affairs)

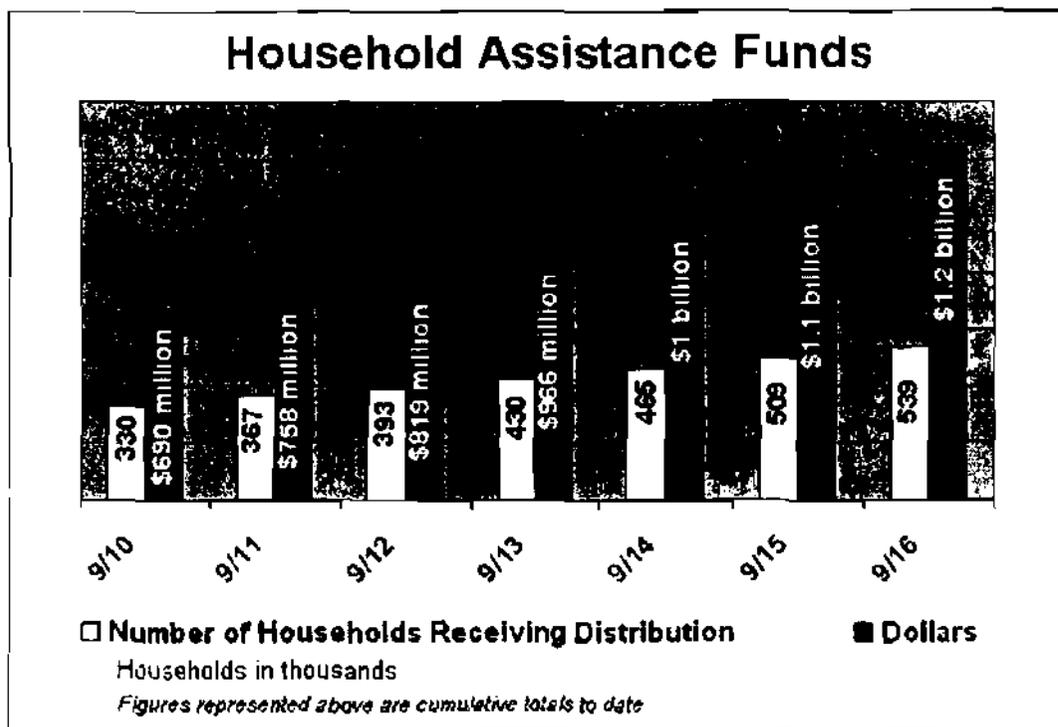
Press Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Press Release

September 16, 2005

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TO THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA

Federal support to state and local officials, volunteer organizations and families who have been devastated by Hurricane Katrina continues around the clock in an effort to provide recovery support to those affected by this unprecedented natural disaster. Federal assistance to households will help them get on the road to recovery. The following facts provide an update to some of the important activities and approximate numbers as of 3 p.m. EDT:



- The Army Corps of Engineers awarded four fixed-priced contracts Thursday for debris removal in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. Each of these contracts has a value of up to \$500 million each, with the option of an additional \$500 million. The terms of all four contracts require the contractors to give a preference to those organizations, firms or individuals residing or doing business primarily in the area affected by Hurricane Katrina. More information at www.usace.army.mil.
- The Environmental Protection Agency continues assessment of damage to local drinking water systems and to provide technical assistance to help restore service in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. More than 73 percent of affected drinking water systems in Louisiana have been restored. More than 78 percent of affected drinking water facilities in Mississippi have been restored. Nearly 100 percent of drinking water facilities in Alabama have been restored.
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) continues to identify thousands of single, and multi-family, properties that can be referred to families uprooted from their homes. HUD has initially identified nearly 5,000 single-family homes in 11 neighboring states, and referred approximately 1,500 homes to FEMA for immediate placement.
- Public Housing Authorities around the country are reserving approximately 5,600 vacant units for displaced public housing residents and have agreed to accept rental vouchers from HUD-assisted families from the Gulf region. HUD is also waiving certain regulations in the department's block

grant programs in order to allow affected communities to use existing funding for emergency housing and service programs.

- U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) veterinarians and veterinary technicians are working closely with state and local officials and private groups to help rescue pets and displaced animals from storm-ravaged areas of southern Louisiana and Mississippi. USDA is supporting these efforts veterinary care, shelter and feed for these animals, as well as facilitating reunions with their owners. Recovered pets are given a bath and vaccinated after a thorough examination. Animals recovered in Louisiana can be found on www.petfinder.com. Mississippi is working to have pictures of animals posted online as well.

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Ahmad, Usman

From: Hoelscher, Doug (DHS)
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2005 3:18 PM
To: Williams, Jan; (b2)
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Subject: UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TO THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA

WHLs: fyi

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Department of Homeland Security

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-----Original Message-----

From: Scholten, Gaylon <CTR> (b2)) On Behalf Of HSOC.State&Local
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2005 3:15 PM
Cc: ^DHS-State-and-Local-Affairs
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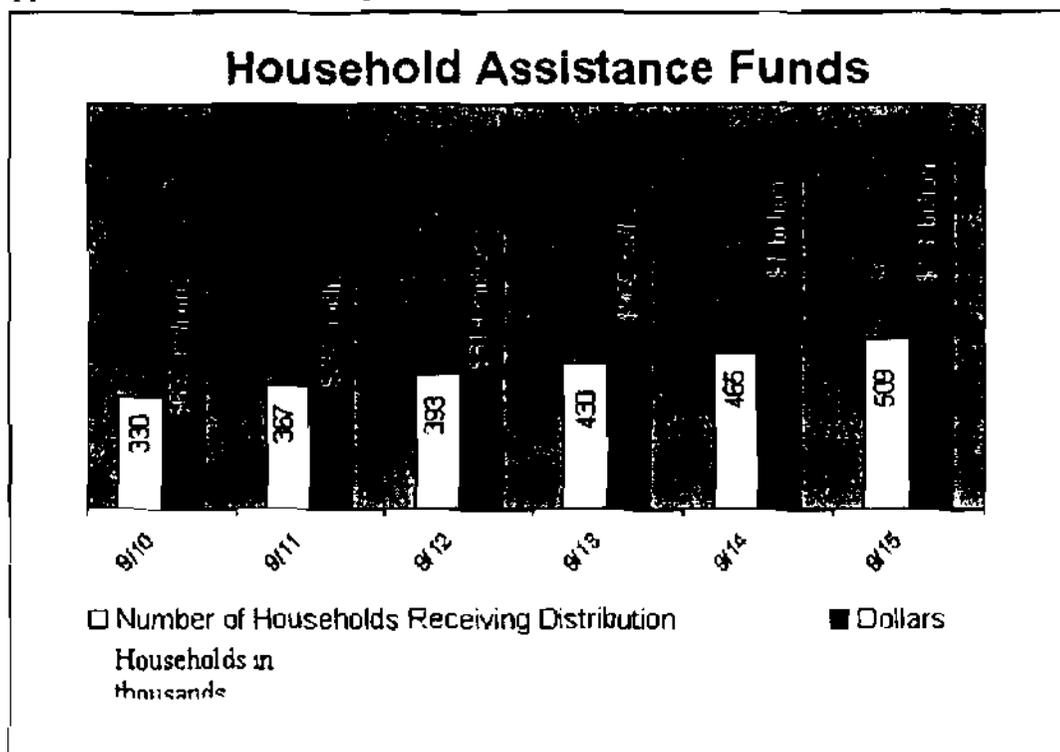
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those affected by this unprecedented natural disaster. Federal assistance to households will help them get on the road to recovery. The following facts provide an update to some of the important activities and approximate numbers as of 2 p.m. EDT:



- More than 122,000 people are currently housed in shelters throughout all 50 states and the District of Columbia. This number is expected to continue to decrease as people are provided long-term housing.
- SBA disaster loans are the primary source of federal funds for repairing or rebuilding disaster damage to private property owned by homeowners and renters. Homeowners may borrow up to \$200,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters may borrow up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property, including vehicles.
- Department of Agriculture Rural Development's single-family home loan programs, which have enabled thousands of rural Mississippi families to build or purchase homes over the past decades, will soon be extended to non-rural areas such as Hattiesburg and the Mississippi Gulf Coast in order to help families affected by Hurricane Katrina.

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