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**Transitional Sheltering Assistance Program Extended to November 18th**

**Baton Rouge, LA (October 17)** – The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) received word that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved the state's request to extend the Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program for flood survivors.

The program allows eligible Louisiana survivors of August's severe storms and floods to stay in participating hotels temporarily if they cannot return home.

The TSA checkout date has been extended to Friday, November 18, 2016. The previous deadline was October 19, 2016. FEMA will contact applicants who are eligible for the extension to notify them of their new checkout date.

The state requested the extension due to a lack of rental resources and because of significant, widespread damage to homes throughout Louisiana. TSA is meant to be a short-term housing solution to displaced evacuees from flood impacted areas who cannot return to their homes. The cost of the room is paid directly to the hotel by FEMA.

There are currently **2,426** households in the TSA program checked into **261** hotels in **9** states.

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