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GOHSEP RESCHEDULES PUBLIC ASSISTANCE APPLICANT BRIEFINGS FOR MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION FOR SPRING FLOOD EVENT

Baton Rouge, LA (September 7, 2011) – Because of Tropical Storm Lee, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) has rescheduled public assistance applicant briefings for the Mississippi River flood event.

A major disaster declaration was signed August 18, 2011 as a result of the river flooding during the period of April 25 to July 7, 2011. This declaration will allow for federal funding under the Public Assistance Program for Categories "A & B" (Debris removal and emergency response activities) as well as Categories "C-G" (Permanent work/recovery of affected infrastructure eligible).

Federal funding is available to *state and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations* on a cost-sharing basis in the parishes of Assumption, Avoyelles, Concordia, East Carroll, Lafourche, Madison, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. James, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Tensas, Terrebonne, and West Feliciana.

GOHSEP will host applicant briefings for FEMA-DR-4015. If your organization sustained damage(s) and/or cost(s) associated to the Mississippi River Flooding event, you are encouraged to have a representative attend an applicant briefing. The briefing will provide essential information to your organization on the FEMA Public Assistance Program, especially information on the eligibility requirements, required documentation and rules and procedures for necessary for expense reimbursement of eligible expenses.

Here are the locations where GOHSEP will host applicant briefings:

September 9, 2011

Location: Concordia Parish Firing Range and Training Center
Address: 120 Training Center Road, Ferriday, LA
Time: 10:00 a.m.

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September 14, 2011

Location: Delta Grand Theatre
Address: 120 South Market Street, Opelousas, LA
Time: 9:00 a.m.

September 15, 2011

Location: Louisiana Troop "C"
Address: 4047 West Park Avenue, Gray, LA
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Any existing and/or new applicant within these parishes that intend to seek reimbursement will need to submit a new Request for Public Assistance (RPA). To submit a RPA log onto www.LouisianaPA.com and from the home page click the link "Submit New RPA (DR4015-Mississippi River Flooding).

The RPA deadline for this declared disaster is September 17, 2011.

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