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GOHSEP Hosts National Sheltering and Housing Workshop

New Orleans (April 3, 2018) – The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is hosting the first National Sheltering and Housing Workshop this week in New Orleans. Several recent emergency and disaster events have highlighted the need for states to examine immediate sheltering options and to develop long term housing solutions for their populations.

Louisiana is among the states that have recently been hit by natural disasters and is currently recovering from the devastating impacts of the 2016 floods. As a result, GOHSEP has worked with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other federal and state partners to develop a workshop focused on addressing these sheltering and housing concerns after a disaster.

"This workshop will address major areas of concern for emergency managers at all levels of government," says GOHSEP Director Jim Waskom. "A housing shortage already exists in many regions of the country. When those areas are impacted by disasters such as flooding or landslides, the ability to find shelter and temporary housing options becomes one of the first goals. Many innovative plans like Louisiana's Shelter at Home program have been implemented to help meet the public's needs. It is important for everyone to study the steps we've taken in order to improve these programs in the future."

The workshop includes reviews of Louisiana's Shelter at Home program, New York's Rapid Repair Housing program, Texas' Partial Repair and Essential Power for Sheltering program and Puerto Rico's Tu Hogar Renace (Your Home Reborn) program.

National Sheltering and Housing Workshop

555 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA
70130

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If you would like to cover this event, please report to the registration area Wednesday, April 4th between 1 pm and 3 pm.

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