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Re: Request for Cat. Z Project Worksheet for Course Development and Delivery

Dear Mr. DeBosier:

This letter is in response to the state's request, dated Oct. 5, 2011, for Category Z funding to develop a Local Disaster Recovery Manager's Certification Course. After careful consideration, it has been determined that an introductory course of this nature is more appropriately suited for the period directly following a disaster declaration. The curriculum outlined in this course (e.g. Introduction to Individual Assistance, Introduction to the Public Assistance Process) cannot effectively be implemented towards recovery for DR1603 and DR1607, 6 ½ years after the events declaration and at a time when the Individual Assistance Programs have closed and the Public Assistance Programs are working towards closeout. A project worksheet to fund training cannot be written under the currently declared disasters; therefore this request is denied.

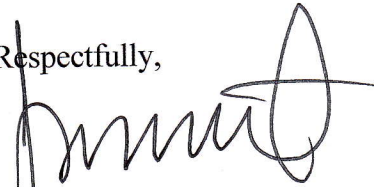
Through training programs available to the state at the Joint Field Office (examples include L381 Project Specialist, 406 Hazard Mitigation, 1385 PAC Crew Leadership) and through \$128,000 in funds previously made available for training purposes, we feel that the state and its' sub-grantees have had the opportunity to develop a knowledge of FEMA Program well beyond an introductory level that has well positioned them in the event of a future disaster.

I will ensure our Training Officer, Mr. Twaski Simmons, to alert the State when these courses are offered for FEMA/State participation.

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If the point arises where there are additional training needs, please feel free to explore this option again.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph W. Threat Sr.', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Joseph W. Threat Sr.
Acting Executive Director
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cc: Mark S. Riley, Deputy Director Disaster Recovery, Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
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