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SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 111-32)

This memorandum provides guidance for the implementation of the provision of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 111-32), addressing the alternate project funding reduction for private non-profit schools eligible for such assistance under the major disaster declarations for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Section 607 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009, extends the waiver of the alternate project funding reduction to *private non-profit* primary and secondary schools. The Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009, directs FEMA to make no reduction for alternate projects when that option is chosen by any private non-profit primary or secondary school. The waiver was previously made available for *public schools* in Section 552 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (110-161).

For the five disaster declarations in the four states – Alabama (1605-DR), Mississippi (1604-DR), Louisiana (1603-DR and 1607-DR), and Texas (1606-DR) – both public and private non-profit schools may now receive 100% of the estimated cost for the approved alternate project or 100% of the actual costs of the approved alternate project, whichever is less. This applies to all alternate projects for the subject declared disasters whether approved before or after the effective date of the legislation.

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