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Colonel Thomas Kirkpatrick
State Coordinating Officer
State of Louisiana
415 North 15th Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: FEMA-1603/1607-DR-LA
Time Extension of Alternate Projects Deadline

Dear Colonel Kirkpatrick:

This is in reply to your request for a time extension on Alternate Project submittals for Applicants affected by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita (FEMA-1603-DR-LA and FEMA-1607-DR-LA) throughout the State of Louisiana. The current deadline for Alternate Project submittals expires June 30, 2009.

Our offices continue to successfully work together to address the unprecedented volume of Alternate Projects. To date, Applicants have submitted approximately 119 Alternate Project requests to GOHSEP. These requests are at various stages of review, approval, and obligation by the State and FEMA. We anticipate several additional Alternate Project requests beyond the current deadline. Therefore, I hereby authorize a state-wide extension for Alternate Projects until December 30, 2009.

Proposals for Alternate Projects must meet FEMA Public Assistance Program policy requirements in order to be considered for funding. The Applicant should include a description of the project, an estimate of costs, starting date for work, targeted completion date, location, and identification of any historical, environmental, or other legal considerations associated with the new location. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


Tony Russell
Acting Director

Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office

cc: Mark S. Riley, Acting Deputy Director, GOHSEP
Mark DeBosier, Acting Assistant Deputy Director, Disaster Recovery, GOHSEP