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

Dear DeBosier:

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 December 30, 2009.

Our offices continue to successfully work together to address the unprecedented volume of Alternate Projects. To date, Applicants have submitted approximately 140 Alternate Project requests to GOHSEP. These requests are at various stages of review, approval, and obligation by the State and FEMA. It is anticipated that there are approximately 150 to 200 Alternate Projects yet to be submitted. Therefore, I hereby authorize a state-wide extension for Alternate Projects until December 31, 2010.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Russell", written over a horizontal line.

Tony Russell
Acting Director
Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office

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