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Colonel Thomas Kirkpatrick
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RE: Request for Extension of Deadline on Alternate Projects

Dear Colonel Kirkpatrick:

This is a response to your letter of September 28, 2006, requesting a blanket extension for the submission of both alternate and improved projects for applicants affected by FEMA-LA-DR-1603 and 1607- throughout the State of Louisiana to September 24, 2007. You cited the overwhelming series of events and catastrophic impacts associated with the back-to-back hurricanes as reasons for the request for the blanket extension.

Due to the magnitude of the damages and the need to promote well-formulated project worksheets, I am authorizing a state-wide extension for alternate projects until September 24, 2007. Proposals for alternate projects must otherwise meet Public Assistance Program policy requirements and must 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. Improved projects do not have a specific deadline, but should be proposed with a timeline and in a form consistent with good management practices.

I have received a copy of a memorandum from the St. Bernard Parish Council dated September 22, 2006, with a request similar to yours. Please inform the Parish of my determination.

Please do not hesitate to call if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

James Stark
Director

Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office

cc: William Boone, Region VI
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