

**PUBLIC NOTICE
FEMA NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
CONSOLIDATION AND RELOCATION OF XAVIER UNIVERSITY
MAINTENANCE BUILDING #11 AND JANI KING BUILDING
XAVIER UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of the EA is to assess the effects on the human and natural environment for the consolidation and relocation of the Maintenance Building #11 and Jani King Building of Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana, a proposed action for which FEMA is considering providing funding assistance.

Prior to Hurricane Katrina, Xavier utilized two (2) buildings, the Jani King building and the Physical Plant Building #11(Physical Plant), to house the maintenance and cleaning staff, equipment, and storage. Currently, these functions and staff are being lodged in temporary facilities. Each was deemed eligible for replacement by FEMA Public Assistance Program. The original Physical Plant building was located at 5016 Howard Ave (29.964806, -90.105103). The building was constructed in 1933 as a one (1) story, 3,480 square foot (sf) structure and was used as the Physical Plant office building and locker room. The original Jani King building was located at Latitude 29.964103 and Longitude -90.105680. The building was constructed circa 1940 as a single story, 2,100 sf structure and served as a janitorial supply/service facility prior to Hurricane Katrina. The applicant has elected to consolidate the Jani King building and the Physical Plant into one (1) structure located at 1111 S. Clark St, New Orleans, LA (29.960649, -90.104799). The new structure would be a 5, 200 sf, one (1) story building to be used as office and storage space.

The purpose of the draft EA is to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the preferred action and alternatives. The draft EA evaluates a No Action; the Preferred Action, which is to consolidate the facilities in a new building at a new location on the Xavier campus; and an Analyzed Action to renovate an existing building to serve as the new Maintenance and Jani King facility.

The draft FONSI is FEMA's finding that the preferred action will not have a significant effect on the human and natural environment.

The draft EA and draft FONSI are available for review at the following locations: Xavier library Monday- Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 12 Midnight, Friday 7:30 a.m. – 8 p.m., Saturday 12:00 noon. - 6 p.m., and Sunday 12:30 p. m. – 12 Midnight; the Central City Branch Library-New Orleans Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The documents can be downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/resource-document-library>. The public notice will run from January 13-15, 2014. The comment period will begin January 16 and ends January 30, 2014 at 4 pm. Comments may be mailed to: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY- FEMA EHP- Xavier University Building #11 and Jani King Building, 1 Seine Court, 4th Floor New Orleans, LA 70114. Comments may be emailed to: FEMA-NOMA@dhs.gov or faxed to: 504-762-2323. Verbal comments will be accepted or recorded at 504-762-2912. If no substantive comments are received, the draft EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final.