

**FEMA PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ORLEANS PARISH CRIMINAL SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**ALTERNATE PROJECT**

The Department of Homeland Security and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) have established Alternative Arrangements (AA) to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and CEQ regulations for implementing the procedural requirements of NEPA, for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants to reconstruct critical infrastructure in the New Orleans Metropolitan Area (Federal Register, Vol. 71, No. 56, p. 14712, March 23, 2006).

Interested parties are hereby notified that FEMA has determined that the alternate project for the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office (OPCSO) qualifies for expedited NEPA review under the AA guidelines. OPCSO has prepared and submitted an application to FEMA for funding under FEMA's Public Assistance Program being administered in response to FEMA-1603-DR-LA. The Presidential Disaster Declaration, for this event was signed on August 29, 2005.

OPCSO has applied for replacement funding for the Inmate Housing Facility (known as Templeman 3 & 4) and the Intake Processing Center, both located at 2800 Perdido Street. The Inmate Housing Facility consisted of three connected buildings: four-story Templeman 3, single-story Templeman 4, and a single-story gym. The Intake Processing Center was a single-story structure used for intake, booking, and processing of inmates, along with storage of inmate personal belongings and records. It also provided temporary holding cells for inmates.

Both facilities were severely damaged by flooding during Hurricane Katrina. Flood waters damaged structural, electrical, and mechanical components, along with operating systems, security systems, and contents. FEMA determined that both facilities were eligible for replacement. The applicant intends on replacing the two damaged facilities with a consolidated replacement facility .

The replacement facility will be a single, four-story structure with approximately double the square footage of the previous facility. It will be located mostly within the footprint of the demolished facilities at 2800 Perdido Street. The new facility will comply with American Correctional Association standards for prison facilities and will have a more efficient shape than the previous facilities. Additional information on this project can be found at [www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/noma/projects.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/noma/projects.shtm)

The public comment period will be from January 5-19, 2011. Written comments on the proposal may be mailed to:  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Environmental/Historic Preservation, Attn: Alternative Arrangements OPCSO Project  
1 Seine Court  
New Orleans, LA 70114  
or emailed to FEMA-NOMA@dhs.gov, or faxed to FEMA's Transitional Recovery Office in New Orleans at (504) 762-2361; and verbal comments will be accepted at (504) 762-2323 between 7:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.