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MEMORANDUM FOR: Regional Administrators
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ATTENTION: Deputy Regional Administrators

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SUBJECT: Non-federal Cost Share changes to Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for Hurricane Katrina Declarations: DR-1602-FL, DR-1603-LA, DR-1604-MS and DR-1605-AL

The purpose of this memo is to inform you that the President signed into law HR 4899 (PL 111-212), Disaster Relief and Summer Jobs Act of 2010 on July 29, 2010. This legislation includes a specific provision related to the non-federal cost share for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for Hurricane Katrina disaster declarations. The provision states:

Sec. 603. The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall consider satisfied for Hurricane Katrina the non-Federal match requirement for assistance provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency pursuant to section 404(a) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 US. C. 5170c(a).

The legislation provides for the following:

- In managing approved activities under these events, FEMA will no longer track or require documentation for any non-federal funds. At closeout, Grantees are only required to validate expenditures of eligible federal funds. Grantees and sub-grantees are still required to complete the approved scope of work.
- This provision does not change or modify any other statutory, regulatory, or administrative requirements of the HMGP. As all the application periods for these events have closed, no additional applications can be submitted. The Grantee may request revisions to the amount of federal funds requested for already submitted and/or approved activities.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program Guidance addressed cost share criteria for all disasters regardless of size, scope, or cost. Grantees are encouraged to coordinate with FEMA early in the recovery process to identify and leverage available matching fund sources that may be contributed to HMGP projects.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Grimm, Deputy Director, Risk Reduction Division at (202) 646-2878.

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