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MEMORANDUM FOR: R. David Paulison
Administrator

FROM: G. Kemble Bennett 
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SUBJECT: Recommendations on Wrap-Around Services to be Provided in
Conjunction with Post-Disaster Housing

In August 2008, the National Advisory Council (NAC) submitted formal guidance to the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding the draft National Disaster Housing Strategy. The NAC appreciates the interim response that FEMA has provided and looks forward to specific feedback in the near future.

The purpose of this memo is to convey the NAC's recommendations that were approved during its December 10-11, 2008 meeting in Dallas, Texas, regarding the types of services that should be provided in conjunction with post-disaster housing services. The NAC acknowledges that many of these services would not necessarily be provided or funded by FEMA. The NAC recommends to FEMA that these following services be incorporated into transitional housing solutions.

Recommendation:

FEMA should be ready to respond to state requests for wrap around services for temporary housing residents in the following areas, working in collaboration with the State and local jurisdictions.

1. Site Security and Safety – Public Safety, Site Security, Traffic Redirection and Restoration of Access
2. Infrastructure to Support Site – Public Utilities/Public Works, Public Transportation
3. Centralized Services/Mass Care – Access to Healthcare/Medical Service, Business Services, Food Availability, Laundry Facilities
4. Community and Family Supports – Community Services, Childcare, Playgrounds/Pet Area

The NAC also recommends that the Post Disaster Housing Subcommittee provide more in-depth informal guidance on the subcommittee's findings regarding wrap around services to the National Disaster Housing Task Force.