

FEMA: Week in Review



September 11 to September 17, 2010

Announcements

Hazard Mitigation Grants Programmatic (HMGP) Agreement

FEMA provides hazard mitigation funding with the goal to enable communities to take steps in preparing for future disasters and minimize future losses (e.g., roof clips, hurricane shutters, elevation of flood-prone buildings, drainage improvement projects, etc.).

While existing statewide Programmatic Agreements (PAs) in Louisiana and Mississippi address general Historic Preservation compliance activities that can be applied to FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, the unprecedented nature of the situation following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita warrant more tailored and efficient processes that address the unique situation of the 404 HMGP program undertakings.

Applications for HMGP funding for residential, commercial, public, and private non-profit properties are submitted through the state. Over 38,000 properties have been approved through the Section 106 review process which is required by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and are eligible for funding. These results have been forwarded to the state.

Groundbreaking for Plaquemines Parish High School

FEMA, state and local leaders break ground at the new site of Plaquemines Parish High School. This is a consolidated project of Buras High School and Port Sulphur 's High School Science Building. FEMA obligated a total of \$40.7 million.

From l. to r.: Plaquemines School Superintendent Denis Rousselle, GOHSEP Deputy Director of Disaster Recovery, Mark DeBosier and LRO Interim Director, Mike Karl.



Department of Homeland Security Fellows



FEMA Region 6 Administrator Tony Russell and GOHSEP Deputy Director, Mark Riley, speak to a group of visiting Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Fellows. The presentation was set-up as a panel discussion.

The theme focused on the importance of "Building Partnerships", and the recovery

that has been accomplished over the last few years in Louisiana. The DHS Fellows program is a transformational development experience with a concentration on leadership and management challenges.



Calendar

Sept. 17- Public Right of Way Management Building Ribbon Cutting

Sept. 18- National Preparedness event at Dillard University, Lawless Assembly Ctr. 10:00am-12:00pm. Free distribution of preparedness kits will be available from 1:00pm-3:00pm at: Wal-Mart Supercenter 1901 Tchoupitoulas St, Lowes 2501 Elysian Fields Ave., and Home Depot 500 N. Carrollton Ave.

Sept. 18. - St. Bernard Parish Dedication for Violet Park #2 Playground equipment 10:00am

Sept. 21- Buras Community Center Ribbon Cutting

Sept. 22- Region 6 Administrator Tony Russell will testify before a House Subcommittee about lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina.

Oct. 17- 21- National Association of Emergency Managers Annual Conference, Little Rock, AR

Housing Update

Katrina/Rita: 640 units
Gustav/Ike: 218 occ. units



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