

# FEMA: Week in Review



Louisiana Recovery Office  
New Orleans, LA

# FEMA

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## Announcements

### Department of Homeland Security Fellows Program

Consisting of 32 selected GS-14 and 15 DHS employees, the DHS Fellows Program recently came to New Orleans on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, to visit with Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VI Administrator Tony Russell and the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Deputy Director Mark Riley.



Both Russell and Riley participated in a panel discussion held by the Fellows cohort, centered on "Building Partnerships and Coalitions."

In general, the DHS Fellows Program aims to strengthen the leadership skills of its members through a proven combination of innovative coursework, best practices benchmarking, challenging action-learning projects, executive coaching and assessments, and department-wide networking—all tailored to the unique DHS operating environment.

The DHS Fellows Program was established in 2007 and is managed by the DHS Leader Development Program within the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer.

### Disaster Contracting Industry Day

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Louisiana Recovery Office and Dillard University's Community Development Corporation will host a Disaster Contracting Industry Day in New Orleans on Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will take place on Dillard University's campus—2601 Gentilly Boulevard—inside their Professional Schools and Sciences Building's Georges Auditorium.

The purpose of Industry Day is to provide local businesses with information about future disaster contracting requirements and to gain industry insight regarding best practices and standards to assist with requirements development. Key FEMA personnel will be on hand to explain FEMA's role during a disaster, the type of contracts needed to support FEMA's mission and to answer questions. Additionally, in order to support and further foster successful business participation, an educational seminar on how to respond to notices for federal opportunities will be conducted.

Industry Day is free and open to all interested businesses, although Louisiana businesses are especially encouraged to attend since requirements resulting in contracts or blanket purchase agreements will be awarded to businesses residing or primarily doing business in the state of Louisiana.

To register for the event, please contact: Ashly J. Banks (Ashly.J.Banks@dhs.gov, 225-267-2512) or Anthony Collins (Anthony.Collins@dhs.gov, 504-762-2414).

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## Calendar

**Oct. 24:** United Nations Day

**Oct. 26:** Louisiana American Disabilities Act Symposium

**Oct. 28:** Acquisitions Industry Day

**Nov. 7:** South Plaquemines Elementary Groundbreaking

**Nov. 7:** Plaquemines Transportation Building Ribbon Cutting

## Supply Suggestions for

### Hurricane Season

- Get a 2 week supply of emergency necessities.
- Store clean up and repair supplies in your safe room.
- Make your hurricane kit portable if you live in an evacuation area.
- Don't forget special supplies for babies, the elderly and dependent persons.
- Review homeowner's or renter's insurance plans as it relates to natural disasters.
- Keep a record of valuable papers such as social security cards, insurance policies, birth certificates, deeds and mortgages.

## Housing Update

**Katrina/Rita: 28 units**

**Gustav/Ike: 12 units**

