

FEMA: Week in Review



October 23 to October 29, 2010

Events

Groundbreaking Ceremony in Lake Charles

The Southwest Louisiana Entrepreneurial & Economic Development Center (SEED) broke ground on October 27. The event was sponsored by McNeese State University, the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, the City of Lake Charles and the Southwest Louisiana



Economic Development Alliance. The center houses facilities for developing businesses; McNeese Small Business Development Center offices; conference and training rooms; and classrooms and faculty offices for the school.

Federal Government and Internship Fair



On October 27, the New Orleans Federal Executive Board and Xavier University Office of Career Services sponsored "Federal Government 101" at Xavier University. Federal employees, hiring managers and human resource professionals

provided information about vacancy announcements, the federal hiring process, the USAJOBS Web site and tips on resume development.

National Emergency Managers Association's Conference

FEMA leaders recently met with state emergency managers during the National Emergency Management Association's Annual Conference in Little Rock, Ark. FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate urged attending state officials to incorporate the needs and capabilities of the entire community, including children and people with disabilities, when planning for disaster response and recovery.



FEMA and American Red Cross to co-lead Mass Care Efforts

FEMA and the American Red Cross recently signed a new Memorandum of Agreement to co-lead the planning and coordination of mass care services during a disaster response. By sharing the lead role, FEMA and the Red Cross will work together to assist State and non-governmental organization partners as they plan for, and coordinate, mass care services. For more information, see the [FEMA News Release](#).

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to rebuild, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards.

Calendar

Nov 1: Phoenix K-12 School groundbreaking, Braithwaite, La.

Nov. 4: Mildred C. Osborne Elementary School groundbreaking, New Orleans, La.

Nov. 5: [Jackson Barracks](#) Rededication Ceremony, New Orleans, La.

Nov. 9: Jean Baptist deBienville Elementary School groundbreaking, New Orleans, La.

Nov. 17: William Frantz Elementary School groundbreaking, New Orleans, La.

Nov. 22: Carter G. Woodson Elementary School groundbreaking, New Orleans, La.

Housing Update:

Katrina/Rita:
580 occupied units

Gustav/Ike:
201 occupied units

Recent Obligations:

More than \$21.8 million was recently obligated for 12 recovery projects in Louisiana. A few of the projects include:

- \$2.4 million for the University of New Orleans Keifer Lakefront Arena.
- \$1.7 million to the Port of New Orleans
- \$1.6 million for Holy Cross School
- \$2.2 million to reconstruct Aycock Barn in St. Bernard Parish.

