

**PROPOSED GUSTAV/IKE ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT 13**

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**Louisiana Office of Community Development/Disaster Recovery Unit**

**AMENDMENT Number 13 – *NON SUBSTANTIAL Clarification to the Fisheries  
Industry Modernization Program: Vessel Monitoring System*  
TO STATE OF LOUISIANA ACTION PLAN FOR THE UTILIZATION OF CDBG  
FUNDS IN RESPONSE TO  
HURRICANES GUSTAV AND IKE**

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## Non-Substantial Amendment Number 13 to State of Louisiana Action Plan for Disaster Recovery – Utilizing Funding from the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 110-329).

### I. Introduction

The State of Louisiana has submitted and received approval for Action Plans and ensuing amendments for programs covering the total Gustav/Ike disaster award under P.L. 110-329, of \$1,093,212,571 under this appropriation.

The original submission of the State's Disaster Recovery Action Plan to HUD was on January 8, 2009. This ***nonsubstantial Action Plan Amendment Number Thirteen (APA 13)*** is submitted to HUD for approval of a clarification and addition of an eligible activity for the *Fisheries Industry Modernization Program: Vessel Monitoring System* approved in APA 8.

This amendment is nonsubstantial as it does not create new program and does not change any beneficiaries.

### II. Clarification of Vessel Monitoring System

The State requests to clarify the *Fisheries Industry Modernization Program: Vessel Monitoring System* and to add **105 (a) 12** as an Eligible Activity.

The objective of the *Fisheries Industry Modernization Program: Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)* as described in APA 8 remains effective, however given the nature of the Pilot Program to collect data from the VMS to enable the LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) to better manage the public fisheries resources, it is determined that the planning activity will more comprehensively cover the full aspects of the program.

The previous description as approved in APA 8 states the intention to determine the results of the implementation of "equipment that will improve the competitiveness and efficiency of the state's fishing industry through a *Vessel Monitoring System* activity. VMS systems are GPS systems that are mounted on vessels that show where a vessel is at all times. VMS is sophisticated tracking equipment to enable effective monitoring of where a boat is trawling. These systems are in place in most progressive modern fisheries. With additional disaster recovery challenges resulting from the recent oil spill, this system will help provide proof that a catch was derived in oil-free areas." The Pilot Program of VMS under the planning activity will allow LDWF to implement a pilot study with a select population of vessels and use the collected data to create a plan for where the fishing industry recovery and reef building efforts need to be focused to increase accessibility to the industry over time. The study will also be used to determine if this type of data collection is feasible long term.