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AND CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS
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H.R. 2638 / Public Law 110-329**

Louisiana Office of Community Development/Disaster Recovery Unit

**AMENDMENT No. 23 – *SUBSTANTIAL Modification to the Eligible Activities for
Admin, Planning and Technical Assistance funds*
(*approved in the state's Action Plan Amendment 1, APA 2, APA 8, and APA 9*)
TO STATE OF LOUISIANA ACTION PLAN FOR THE UTILIZATION OF CDBG
FUNDS IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANES GUSTAV AND IKE**

Public Comment Period: November 12-25, 2014

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**Substantial Amendment Number 23 to Gustav/Ike 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).**

Introduction

The State of Louisiana was allocated a total of \$1,093,212,571 in Disaster Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-DR) funds as a result of the impact of hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Since the original submission of the State's Disaster Recovery Action Plan to HUD on January 8, 2009, the State has received several approvals to subsequent Action Plan Amendments for program areas designed to receive CDBG disaster funds.

The State is submitting this substantial **Action Plan Amendment 23** to expand the allowable activities under the Admin, Planning and Technical Assistance program to include Planning activities. This APA is substantial because it involves the addition of a program activity.

Public Comment:

This Amendment will be posted for public comment on November 12, 2014.

This Amendment may be obtained via the Internet at: http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/cdbg/DR/GI_ActionPlans.htm, or by contacting: Janice Lovett, Office of Community Development, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804-9095. The Proposed Action Plan Amendment will also be published in Vietnamese and Spanish at the same website.

Written comments on the proposed Action Plan Amendment will be accepted for 10 days from the date it is posted. Comments may be submitted beginning Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2014, and must be received no later than 5:00 PM (CST) on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2014.

Comments may be sent to the attention of Janice Lovett at the above address or sent via facsimile to (225) 219-9605 to the attention of Janice Lovett. Comments may also be submitted via email at ocd@la.gov or through the online form at http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/cdbg/DR/GI_ActionPlans.htm.

Substantial modification to the Eligible Activities for Admin, Planning and Technical Assistance funds

Eligible Activity: Section 105(a)(13)(19) and 570.489(a); **105(a)(12)(14) and (16)**

The purpose of this Amendment is to expand the allowable eligible activities under the Admin, Planning and Technical Assistance Program to include Planning activities. The Admin, Planning and Technical Assistance Program was originally created in the State of Louisiana's Action Plan Amendment 1 for the Use of Disaster Funds allocated by P.L. 109-237 and amended in Action Plan Amendments 2, 8 and 9.

Originally, this program was developed to pay reasonable administration costs related to the state's planning and execution of disaster recovery community development activities, as well as to fund planning activities and capacity building to ensure the success of approved programs. The state has allocated \$55,636,234 to this effort, of which \$5,676,130 is specifically set aside for planning activities.

The addition of Planning as an eligible activity is a clarification by the State to be inclusive of planning activities as an eligible activity under this program. This amendment to include 105(a)(12), 105(a)(14) and 105(a)(16), Planning Activities, as eligible activities under the Admin, Planning and Technical Assistance Program is substantial, as defined in the State's Initial Action Plan for the Utilization of CDBG Funds in Response to Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. This amendment adds eligible activities to an existing program.

Appendix 1 – Summary of Public Comments and State's Response

The proposed Action Plan Amendment was published for Public Comment on November 12 and remained open for comment through November 25, 2014. The State did not receive any comments.