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DISASTER RECOVERY

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Public Assistance - Status

- ✓ Currently manages projects valued at \$6.2 Billion
- State Estimates total obligated to rise to approximately \$8 Billion

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PA Projects By Category

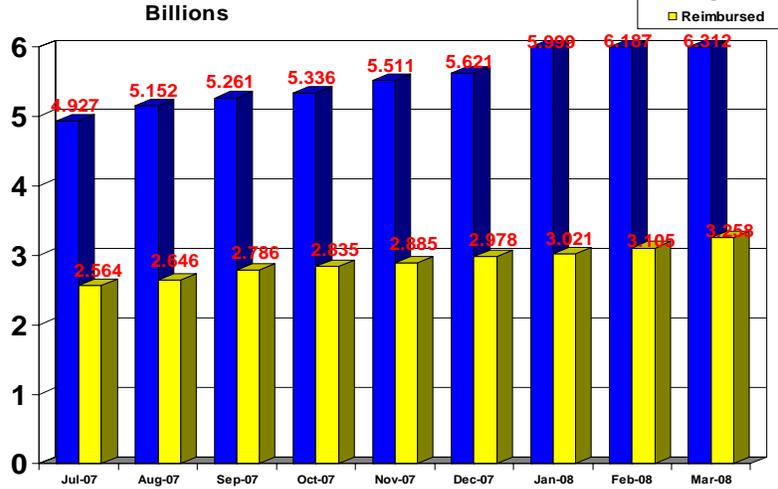
Category	Projects	Obligated	Requested & Reimbursed	Balance
A. Debris Removal	885	\$1,183,231,184	\$766,960,497	\$416,270,687
B. Protective Measures	6095	\$1,912,681,167	\$1,542,891,613	\$369,789,554
C. Road Systems	418	\$69,571,394	\$20,273,286	\$49,298,108
D. Water Control Facilities	117	\$36,903,706	\$8,317,099	\$28,586,661
E. Public Buildings & Equip.	11,405	\$2,622,286,917	\$649,596,236	\$1,972,690,681
F. Public Utilities	789	\$290,059,308	\$186,402,338	\$103,656,969
G. Parks/Other	1077	\$121,274,757	\$23,246,117	\$98,028,640
Z. State Management Costs	22	\$76,445,558	\$60,111,604	\$16,333,954
	20,808	\$6,312,454,044	\$3,257,798,789	\$3,054,655,255

Total Project Worksheets Written = 40,414 Applicants = 1,400
Total PA Funds Received in the 15 Years Prior to Katrina/Rita = \$352,410,500

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SUMMARY HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA



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Public Assistance Initiatives

✓ Key FEMA/State policy issues affecting recovery:

- Program Management Funding**
 - Undervalued PWs/Scope of Work
 - Management of Contents PW**
 - ~~State & Local Administrative Costs~~
 - Appeals - Alternate Dispute Resolution**
 - Alternate/Improved Projects
 - 406 Mitigation
 - Codifying Policy for Insurance Deductibles
 - Insurance Waivers
 - Application of Codes & Standards
 - Review of Expedited PWs
 - NFIP 50% Rule Process
 - Fair Labor Standard Act (*Policy 9525.7*)
 - Chronology of Asset Protection
 - Timeliness for Completing Versions
- ** Resolved ** Recent



Public Assistance Initiatives

✓ Express Pay System

- Current Detailed Review System designed to eliminate risk upon closeout
 - Process was 45 – 60 days from receipt of Request for Reimbursement
 - Result was often cash flow issue for Applicant
- EPS designed to provide rapid reimbursement
 - 10 days from Request for Reimbursement to funds disbursement
 - Risk Protection
 - Detailed document review continues
 - 10% retainage on last RRF until all documents reviewed
 - Credit Memo system if previous payment included ineligible
 - Adverse Audit finding or continued abuse of system results in Applicant exclusion from process.
- Effective March 3, 2008
 - 306 RRFs received Mar 3 through Mar 21 (\$123,847,263.19)
 - \$66,982,325.55 paid; Avg Business days from receipt to paid - 5



Public Assistance Initiatives

✓ FEMA Appeals Process

- Stafford Act allows for appeal of local FEMA decision which adversely affects Applicant – 1st and 2nd appeals rights
- Issue – Appeals of FEMA staff decisions in Louisiana are processed by the Louisiana TRO; no independent review
- Resolution:
 - Appeals removed to FEMA Region VI for independent review
 - Applicant will have a right to an oral hearing with FEMA Headquarters on 2nd Appeal
 - To speed appeal process, LA TRO has agreed to a “soft” appeal prior to submission to Region VI
- Currently 1,020 PW have been appealed
 - 82 have been approved/partially approved for \$24,303,755
 - 590 have been withdrawn, denied, or no action taken
 - 348 are pending consideration representing \$293,052,491

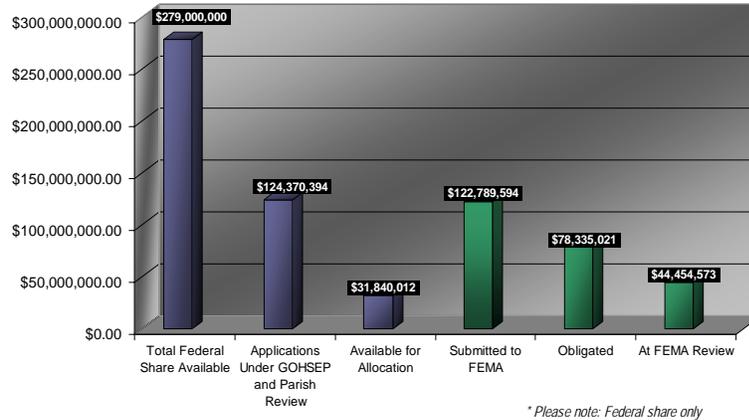
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Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Traditional Program and Initiatives

Status Report: March 24, 2008



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\$750M OCD Project Status

- ✓ 10 properties have been submitted by OCD and approved / obligated by FEMA (\$300K in Federal dollars)
- ✓ ~ 3,000 additional properties already reviewed / approved by FEMA
 - ~ \$100M in Federal dollars obligated to the recovery
 - ~ \$300M in Global Match for the Traditional Program
 - To complete approval, need signed letter from OCD requesting the "official submittal" of properties
- ✓ Remaining funding for ~21,656 properties
 - Need to complete processing by Sept 1, 2008



HMGP 5% Initiative Funds

- ✓ **\$73.5 M was available for both Katrina & Rita**
 - \$18.75 M obligated for CEO Project (\$25 million w/Global Match)
 - \$10.5 M obligated for IBC Code Enforcement Project
- ✓ **\$44.25 M available for future projects**
 - \$30 M for proposed Statewide Generator Project Initiative
 - \$14.25 M for possible Interoperability Project / USAR or other projects



Questions