



**Executive Director's Report  
Paul Rainwater**

**April 15, 2009**



# Washington Update

## **Janet Woodka named Federal Coordinator of Rebuilding in the Gulf Coast Region**

- Tulane Law School graduate
- Former legislative director for Sen. Mary Landrieu
- Was serving as the recovery office's director of legislative affairs

## **DHS Secretary Napolitano realigned recovery offices**

- Dissolved the Gulf Coast Recovery Office  
Created after hurricanes Katrina and Rita to oversee FEMA operations of the AL, MS, LA and TX Transition Recovery Offices
- The Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office will assume operations of the Gulf Coast Recovery Office



# New Orleans Update

- **Fitch Ratings upgraded NOLA's** General Obligation Bond **(GO) rating** from “BBB-” to “**BBB**” following tour to assess recovery
- **Affects \$523.9 million** in outstanding GO bond obligations of the city
- Ratings upgrade given **in response to city's ongoing economic recovery**
- Fitch mentions **acceleration of Road Home closings as a factor**





# Gustav/Ike Technical Assistance Workshop

- **Held March 26** to explain eligible programs
- Attended by **115 parish and municipal officials**
- **40** of the 43 invited **parishes represented**
- Parishes received guidance on how to submit their **“Recovery Proposal”** to LRA



# Recovery Resource Fairs

- **Approximately 800 total attendees**
- **Held March 31 – April 3**
  - Houma
  - Lake Charles
  - Monroe
  - Gonzales
- **Hosted by LRA and FEMA**
- **Other participating agencies**
  - U.S. Small Business Administration
  - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
  - U.S. Department of Agriculture
  - LA Department of Economic Development





# DHAP Case Management – Update

- Executed a **grant agreement with FEMA and HUD to implement the case management program** on March 23
- **Program will expire on August 31**, along with the end of the assistance
- **Currently 14,872 families** in DHAP
- **Contracting with the Housing Authority of New Orleans** to administer program
- **Scheduled to launch April 20**



# DHAP Case Management – Update

- **Requested that FEMA extend the trailer deadline from April 20 to August 31**
- **3,944 households** still in trailers
- FEMA has **offered the state a Disaster Care Management Pilot program** to run through May 31 to serve these families
- The **Louisiana Family Recovery Corps**, which the state had selected to administer the program, **declined participation on April 7**
- Submitted a letter to FEMA on April 9 **informing them of LFRC's decision and requesting the realignment of resources**



# Gustav and Ike Update

## Individual Assistance

### Gustav

**440,913 registered in  
53 declared parishes**

#### ***Housing Assistance***

- 39,529 approved
- 76 pending
- \$163,194,211 distributed

#### ***Other Needs Assistance***

- 58,030 approved
- 173 pending
- \$51,314,932 distributed

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009

#### ***Housing Assistance***

- Reduced number of pending applicants by 1,200, approximately 94%
- Distributed \$30,200,000

#### ***Other Needs Assistance***

- Reduced number of pending applicants by 38,573, approximately 99.5% of applicants
- Distributed \$6,500,000

as of Apr. 3, 2009



# Gustav and Ike Update

## Individual Assistance

### Ike

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**53,910 registered in  
20 declared parishes**

#### ***Housing Assistance***

- 10,326 approved
- 10 pending
- \$53,095,506 distributed

#### ***Other Needs Assistance***

- 5,275 approved
- 23 pending
- \$9,741,251 distributed

### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009**

#### ***Housing Assistance***

- Reduced number of pending applicants by 42, approximately 78%
- Distributed \$13,900,000

#### ***Other Needs Assistance***

- Reduced number of pending applicants by 515, 95.2% of applicants
- Distributed \$2,000,000

as of Apr. 3, 2009



# Gustav and Ike Update

## Debris Removal

as of April 3, 2009

Removed to date: 10.1 million cubic yards (99.5%)

Remaining debris: 47,720 cubic yards  
(-21.82% from March)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009:

- **Debris Removed increased** from 9.875 million cubic yards to **10.08 million cubic yards**
- **Reduced** the amount of **remaining debris by 228,997** cubic yards



# Gustav/Ike Housing Assistance

## FEMA Housing Update:

**9,437** - Households with damages greater than \$10,000

**709** - FEMA Temporary Housing Units approved

**543** - FEMA Temporary Housing Units on the ground

**26** - Parishes where the FEMA Temporary Units have been placed

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009

- Households with damages greater than \$10,000 increased by 550
- Number of Temporary Housing Units approved increased to 683
- Number of units on the ground increased to a total of 424
- Number of parishes with FEMA Temporary Units increased to a total of 20



# Public Assistance Update

**As of Apr. 3, 2009**

	Applicants	Projects	Obligated	Paid
<b>Katrina</b>	2,161	18,003	\$6.9 billion	\$ 3.86 billion
<b>Rita</b>	931	4,468	\$573 million	\$ 414 million

## **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009:**

### **Katrina**

- Added 148 projects
- Obligated an additional \$150 million
- Paid \$200 million

### **Rita**

- Obligated an additional \$12.3 million
- Paid \$6.9 million



# Public Assistance Update

As of Apr. 3, 2009

	Applicants	Projects	Obligated	Paid
<b>Gustav</b>	1,073	1,324	\$355 million	\$129 million
<b>Ike</b>	411	347	\$56 million	\$13 million

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009:

### **Gustav**

- Added 1,019 projects
- Obligated an additional \$306.4 million
- Paid \$111.5 million

### **Ike**

- Added 288 projects
- Obligated an additional \$41 million
- Paid \$13 million



# Public Assistance Update

Express Pay	4/3/09
RRFs	5,104
Totaling	\$925,434,179
Average business days paid	5

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009:

- Processed 1,851 RRFs
- Paid \$347,970,091
- Lowered the number of business days paid from 9 to 5

*\*Celebrated the one-year anniversary of Express Pay in March\**



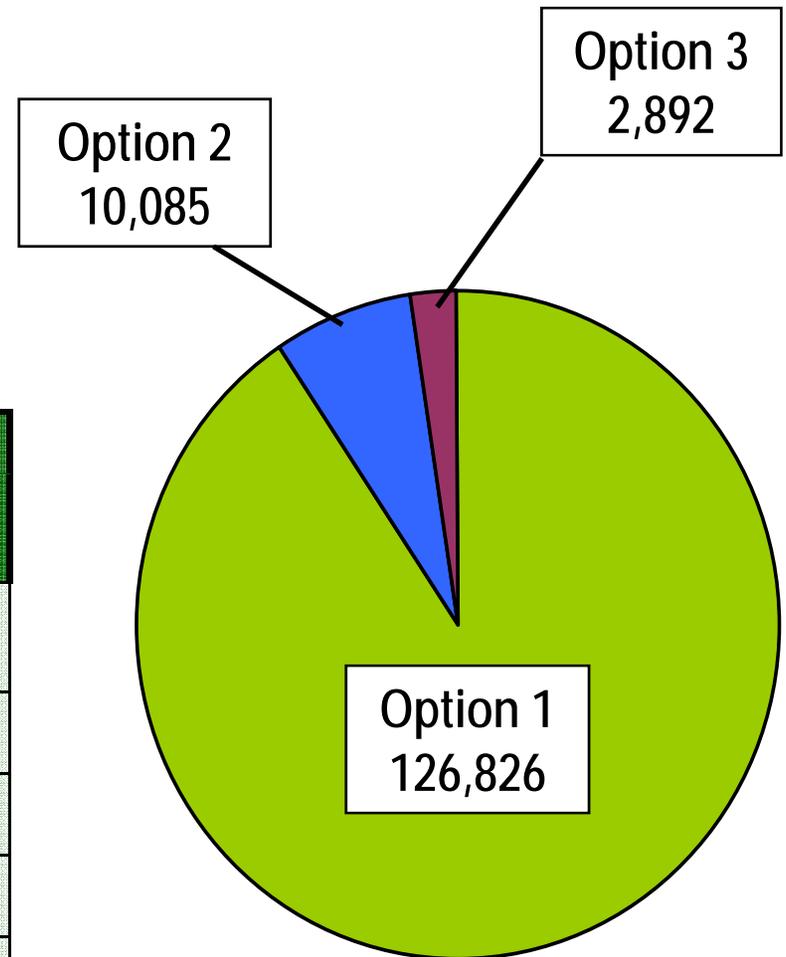
# Road Home Update

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009:

- Held 2,632 closings
- Disbursed \$410 million
- Increased the Average Award amount by approximately \$1,500

Recent Road Home Program Data	4/8/09
Applications Received	185,113
Total Benefits Selected	144,465
Total Closings Held	123,969
Total Amount Disbursed	\$7.9 billion
Average Award	\$64,019

## Applicant Selections





# Road Home Appeals

as of Apr. 8, 2009

## ICF Appeals

Cases in Appeals Department:

- **15,510** processed
- **15,299** resolved
- **211** cases remain

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009:

- Processed 820 new cases
- Resolved 2,068 cases
- Number of active cases dropped by 1,248, down 84.2%

As of April 8, 2009

## Results of Resolved ICF Appeals Cases:

- **5,407** (35%) additional funds awarded
  - Average award of \$26,707
- **722** (5%) award reduction
  - Average reduction of \$17,363
- **4,751** no change to award amount
- **4,419** (29%) Reviewed for eligibility determination
  - 1,591 approved
  - 2,828 denied



# Road Home Appeals

## State Appeals

Cases in State Appeals:

- **3,314** received
- **412** in progress
- **2,499** closed or denied
- **403** approved

The average length of time to process a state-level appeal is 70 days.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009:

- Received 1,150 cases
- Reduced the number of cases in progress by 54%
- Closed 1,176 cases
- Approved 268 cases
- Reduced the length of processing time by 25 days

as of Apr. 8, 2009



# CDBG/Road Home Elevations

As of 4/8/09:

- **30,277** homeowners interested in and eligible for elevation program
- **26,700** elevation disbursements awarded
- **\$773 million** disbursed
- **281 (\$8 million)** elevation disbursements at closing companies



*A home in Lakeview in New Orleans elevated through the Road Home Elevation program*

## **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009:**

- Awarded disbursements to 9,125 homeowners
- Disbursed \$269 million
- Reduced the amount of cases at closing by 1,285, or 54.7%
- Reduced disbursement amount at closing by \$37.9 million



# HMGP Elevations

as of April 10, 2009

- **Cap raised from \$30,000 to \$100,000**
- 20,866 people interested
- **2,311 files being worked**
- **14 homeowner mid-point payments** processed totaling **\$177,859**
- **15 temporary staff** began April 13 to help catch up on the backlog of phone calls



# Louisiana Land Trust



First LLT demolition held in the “Pontilly” neighborhood in New Orleans on March 20



# Small Rental Program

## As of April 3, 2009

- Active awardees 5,837
- Rental closings 540
- Rental award amount \$44.12 million
- Units produced 1,188
- Affordable units produced 856

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009:

- Had 307 rental closings
- Increased the rental award amount by \$25.6 million
- Produced 575 units, increasing the total by approximately 94%
- Produced 498 affordable units, increasing the total by 139%



# LIHTC/CDBG Piggyback Program

- **Total projects awarded:** **57**
- Total units awarded: 8,185
- Total award amount: \$596 million
  
- **Projects under construction:** **18**
- Units under construction: 2,977
- Dollars closed: \$311 million
- Dollars expended: \$170 million
  
- **Projects completed:** **6**
- Total amount: \$78 million
- Units completed 854

as of April 7, 2009



*200 Carondelet in New Orleans*



# LIHTC/CDBG Piggyback Program



*Piggyback Program Director **Tommy LaTour** (third from right), LRA Board Member **Andrew Guinn** (fourth from right) and LRA Deputy Director **Robin Keegan** (fifth from right) celebrate the grand opening of the Stone Bridge Apartments in Abbeville.*

The Piggyback Program disbursed \$118 million in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2009

## Openings in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2009

### New Orleans

- The Preserve** – 183 mixed-income units\*
- The Meridian** – 72 affordable units
- 200 Carondelet** – 190 mixed-income units\*

### Westwego, Jefferson Parish

- Beechgrove Homes** – 100 mixed-income units (80% market rate/20% affordable)

### Abbeville, Vermilion Parish

- Stone Bridge Apartments** – 250 mixed-income units\*

### Sulphur, Calcasieu Parish

- Sulphur Retirement Community** – 60 affordable units

*\*60% market rate and 40% affordable*



# Alternative Housing Pilot Program

as of Mar. 31, 2009

## Baton Rouge – 42 units

- All foundations framings are complete; units are beginning to be closed
- Construction complete by July
- A completed modular unit has been placed at the site (*below*)
- Unit will be furnished and used as a model home for potential buyers/renters





# Alternative Housing Pilot Program

**500 total units**

## **New Orleans – 287 units**

- 100 single-family units in Algiers
- 100 units on infill sites in various neighborhoods
- 60 units as infill sites in Treme Neighborhood
- 27 single-family units in Westwego –  
**Infrastructure construction to start April 20**
- Housing construction expected to begin in May**
- Modular units already being constructed; able to place in May**

## **Jackson Barracks - 91 units**

- Infrastructure complete in early April  
**(currently over 70% complete)**
- Multi-family construction begins in April
- Construction complete by August



*The Hidden Cove site in Baton Rouge*

## **Lake Charles – 80 units**

- 34 homes on a group site and 46 on infill sites
- Ready to begin construction on the 34-unit group site on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue**
- Will begin to order modular units for the 46 infill sites**



# ICF Transition Team

**ICF Transition Team is procuring RFPs and recommending contractors for**

- **IT**
- **Homeowners**
- **Small Rental**
- **Piggyback**
- **HMGF**
- **Infrastructure/Dashboard**



# ICF Transition Team

## IT\*

- **CGI Technologies & Solutions** was awarded the IT contract
- Contract being reviewed for approval by the state Office of Contractual Review

## Homeowners\*

- **Hammerman and Gainer, Inc. (HGI)** was awarded the Homeowners contract
- Contract has been negotiated and signed by both parties
- Contract being reviewed for approval by the state Office of Contractual Review

## Small Rental\*

- **ACS State and Local Solutions, Inc.**, was awarded the Small Rental contract
- Contract has been negotiated and signed by both parties
- Contract being reviewed for approval by the state Office of Contractual Review

*\*OCR approval for all expected this week*



# ICF Transition Team

## **Piggyback**

- **The Compass Group** was awarded the Piggyback contract
- Negotiations will begin this week

## **HMGP**

- Six proposals were received for the HMGP contract
- **The Shaw Group** was awarded the contract
- Negotiations are pending

## **Infrastructure/Dashboard**

- Will provide the primary reporting vehicle to track infrastructure projects and expenditure of funds to communicate progress
- 12 proposals were received
- Evaluations and scoring process taking place this week