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2008 Hurricane Resources for Small Businesses

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Data Links

Free Counseling and Technical Assistance Free one-on-one counseling, including help with identifying financial assistance sources and filling out disaster loan paperwork.
1-877-610-3533
www.LouisianaForward.com/BizHelp

Disaster Loans for Physical Damage Loans for businesses or non-profit organizations with physical damage (repair or replace damaged property like buildings, inventory, furniture, machinery).
1-800-659-2955
disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

Disaster Loans For Working Capital Loans to cover operating expenses and provide working capital for businesses, non-profits and small agricultural co-ops experiencing financial loss as a result of hurricanes Gustav or Ike.
1-800-659-2955
disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

Workforce Assistance Online job postings and opportunities to access candidates seeking employment to meet workforce needs.
www.LAWorks.net

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Unemployment benefits for individuals whose jobs have been interrupted in the parishes declared eligible for public assistance. Benefits also available for those otherwise not eligible under the state unemployment system (self-employed, farmers, fisherman, etc).
www.LAWorks.net
1-800-957-1605
1-866-259-6345

Extension of Federal Tax Filing Deadlines Federal: The IRS has postponed several filing and payment deadlines until Jan. 5, 2009 for businesses in parishes affected by Gustav
1-800-829-3676
www.irs.gov

Extension of State Tax Filing Deadlines State: LA Dept of Revenue will recognize the IRS extension for income-related taxes and has postponed the filing and payment deadlines for most other business taxes due in Sept. 2008 until Oct. 15 2008.
1-225-219-7318
www.revenue.louisiana.gov

Temporary Housing FEMA offers resources for displaced business owners, workers and individuals to cover housing needs and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance or other programs
1-800-621-3362
www.fema.gov

State Contracting Opportunities PTAC provides one-on-one counseling and technical assistance to business seeking contracts and subcontracts with federal, state and local governments
1-800-206-3545
www.la-ptac.org

Federal Contracting Opportunities LED Bonding Assistance Program is a revolving pool for new bonding guarantees, which provides small companies the ability to bid on private and public jobs
1-225-342-4320
LouisianaForward.com/BondingAssistance

The Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005 (H.R. 4440 passed by Congress on Dec. 16, 2005, and signed by President Bush on Dec. 21, 2005) establishes tax incentives and bond provisions to rebuild the local and regional economies devastated by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The act is commonly referred to as the "GO Zone Act."

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The Business Recovery Grant and Loan Program recently received an additional \$68 million from the Louisiana Recovery Authority board upon recommendation from Governor Blanco. The proposed allocation will enable state government to provide a second round of grants and loans to small businesses affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, pending approval by the Louisiana Legislature and the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.



The LRA Fund, established at the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, will provide external resources and support for the Louisiana Recovery Authority's efforts to implement its vision and mandate. By positioning informed decision making and expert planning as top priorities, the fund helps make "Louisiana Speaks" possible. The LRA Fund, by design, will work with the LRA, serving their informational needs and supporting their capacity to develop plans according to best practices, by funding research and planning initiatives.

DOE's Building Technologies Program works in partnership with states, industry, and manufacturers to improve the energy efficiency of our nation's buildings.

This GIS clearinghouse has been established at the Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge to facilitate the collection, dissemination, and archiving of data related to Hurricane Katrina and Rita.

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LAGIC was established by the Louisiana GIS Council (LGISC) and the Louisiana Office of E-Services to facilitate the distribution of geographic information, provide technical assistance, and support GIS data development among state, federal, and local government.

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The U.S. Census Bureau's official population estimates, along with annually updated socioeconomic data from the new American Community Survey, provide a detailed look at the nation's growing coastal population. Emergency planners and community leaders can better assess the needs of coastal populations using census data.



FEMA's Advisory Guidance and Base Flood Elevation Guidance for South Louisiana, as well as structure design and construction information.

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A multifaceted planning process, endorsed by the Louisiana Recovery Authority, to develop a sustainable, long-term vision for South Louisiana in the wake of the destruction caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.



The Louisiana Family Recovery Corps is an independent non-profit organization initiated by Governor Kathleen Blanco and currently led by CEO Raymond A. Jetson. The goal of the Recovery Corps is to coordinate and mobilize a network of organizations and government agencies that deliver aid and services to displaced Louisianians throughout the state.



The Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation (LDRF) was established in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita to provide resources for the relief, recovery, and betterment of Louisiana's people and communities, building upon its residents' strength of spirit to transform the disaster into unprecedented opportunity. The foundation supports and works with private, nonprofit organizations in the areas of economic development, housing, education, health care, and legal services that are focused on building back better, resulting in an equitable Louisiana that offers all people - regardless of race, economic status, and gender - the opportunity for full participation in its economy and society.



Comprehensive information about rebuilding Louisiana, including what businesses and hospitals are open. Information about jobs, affordable housing, reviving a business, voting, and social services for displaced residents, businesses, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations is also available.

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