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MEMORANDUM FOR: Gerard Stolar
Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA DR-4277-LA

FROM: Alex Amparo 
Assistant Administrator
Recovery Directorate

SUBJECT: Transitional Sheltering Assistance Extension Request for
FEMA DR-4277-LA

This memorandum is in response to the request from the State of Louisiana to extend Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) for DR-4277-LA under Section 403, 42 U.S.C. § 5170b, Essential Assistance and Section 408, 42 U.S.C. § 5174, Federal Assistance to Individuals and Households of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended. The TSA policy as recorded in DAP 9443.2, Transitional Sheltering Assistance for Displaced Individuals and Households, is applicable throughout the DR-4277-LA TSA activation. TSA is intended to provide short-term sheltering to displaced evacuees from identified areas who cannot return to their homes.

The State of Louisiana is requesting that FEMA extend TSA due to a lack of rental resources and because significant, widespread damage to homes throughout the state poses significant challenges for disaster survivors to recover. The State acknowledges that TSA is a short-term sheltering solution pending implementation of intermediate housing solutions that meet disaster survivor housing needs.

The State has requested FEMA waive Section VIII (F) and extend TSA for a term of 30 days, for an estimated 4,700 applicants and a maximum of 5,000 rooms per night, at an allowable room rate at up to 130% of the GSA locality-based lodging rate. The State also requests a waiver to Section VIII (F) (1) to allow applicants with insurance to remain eligible to ensure their needs are met before removing them from TSA. Per State request, this extended period of assistance will only apply to eligible applicants who are checked-in at a TSA participating hotel by 11:59 CDT on November 17, 2016.

The State also requests to exclude certain applicants from TSA eligibility, based on specific codes in their NEMIS file. The following codes will make a currently TSA eligible applicants ineligible for the extension starting on November 18, 2016:

- All current duplicates, such as Ineligible assisted with another household member (IAW), Ineligible duplicate application (IDUPA);
- All non-traditional housing applicants;

- All Ineligible missed inspection (IMI);
- All Ineligible not primary residence (INPR);
- All would not relocate (INR);
- All Voluntary withdrawn (WVO);
- All Ineligible insufficient damage (IID);
- All Ineligible damage not disaster related (INDR);
- All Ineligible no contact for inspection (INCI);
- All Repairs complete from Shelter at Home Program (S.T.E.P_Complete).

The State of Louisiana asserts it will utilize the additional 30 day time frame to work jointly with the JFO to contact the survivors and assist individuals in finding suitable rental resources and/or other solutions to expedite recovery efforts.

FEMA approves the extended period of assistance as requested. TSA eligible applicants will be required to check back in to a participating hotel/motel as of Friday, November 18, 2016. The TSA extended period of assistance end date is December 17, 2016, and the checkout date no later than December 18, 2016.

If the State requests an additional extension to the TSA program, the completed State TSA Extension Request package for the period beyond December 17, 2016, must be received by the Individual Assistance Division at FEMA Headquarters no later than 17:00 hours (Eastern) on Thursday, December 8, 2016. The State must include an updated TSA Exit Strategy with its request to extend assistance.

Please contact Zachary Usher at Zachary.Usher@fema.dhs.gov or (202) 834-6791 if you have any questions or concerns.

cc: Christopher B. Smith, Division Director, Individual Assistance
George A. Robinson, Regional Administrator, Region VI

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November 10, 2016

Mr. Mark S. Riley
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Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)
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Re: Extension of Application Deadline for Individual Assistance Grant Program
FEMA 4277-DR-LA

Dear Mr. Riley:

This letter is in response to your November 7, 2016 letter requesting, on behalf of the State of Louisiana, a second thirty (30) day time extension to December 13, 2016 of the registration period for the Individual Assistance Grant Program.

While we realize there is a continued need for Individual Assistance for the citizens affected by this disaster, based on a current review of our Individual Assistance program registration numbers, the data does not substantially support FEMA extending the registration period beyond November 14, 2016. Therefore, your request for a second thirty (30) extension of the applicant deadline for the Individual Assistance Grant Program to December 13, 2016 is denied.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) loan application deadline runs concurrent with FEMA's Individual Assistance Program therefore when the Individual Assistance Program registration time period expires the SBA loan application time period will also expire.

Individuals affected by this disaster may continue to register online or at any of the remaining Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) through November 14, 2016. Additionally, DRCs will remain open through December 15, 2016 as needed to assist already registered applicants with additional services regarding their claims.

If you have any questions, please contact me at gerard.stolar@fema.dhs.gov at (940) 255-9267.

Sincerely,

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Gerard M. Stolar
Federal Coordinating Officer
Disaster Recovery Manager
FEMA-4277-DR-LA

Governor's Office of Homeland Security
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State of Louisiana

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November 7, 2016

Mr. Gerald M. Stolar
Federal Coordinating Officer
Disaster Recovery Manager
FEMA-4277-DR-LA
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Re: Extension of Application Deadline for Individual Assistance Grant Program and SBA Disaster Loan Program; FEMA-4277-DR-LA

Dear Mr. Stolar:

In a meeting on October 28, 2016, the Governor's Restore Louisiana Task Force expressed concern that because of the size and extent of the disaster and the number of households affected, not all individuals will have the opportunity to register with FEMA and the SBA for available recovery programs. As time continues, Louisiana Citizens continue to seek FEMA assistance from the Individual Assistance Program and through disaster loans offered by the SBA. To support the full recovery of the State, it is imperative that we continue to support those needs. Additionally the Task Force recognizes the continued need of individuals for temporary housing as they continue to identify their permanent housing solution options. The Task Force passed the attached resolution directing the State Coordinating Officer to request an extension of registration deadlines for the Individual Assistance Grant Program, the SBA Disaster Loan Program and the Temporary Shelter Assistance Program.

Therefore, the State of Louisiana is requesting a thirty (30) day extension of the registration period for the Individual Assistance Grant Program and the SBA Disaster Loan Program to December 13, 2016. Further, the State, through separate correspondence, will request extension for the Temporary Shelter Assistance Program for an additional 30 days until December 17, 2016.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mark Riley via telephone at 225.376-5493 or via email to mark.riley@la.gov.

Sincerely,

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Mark S. Riley
State Coordinating Officer

RESTORE LOUISIANA TASK FORCE RESOLUTION
October 28, 2016

Overview: A resolution by the Restore Louisiana Task Force requesting the State Coordinating Officer for Louisiana's August Flood event (DR-4277) submit an immediate request to the Federal Coordinating Officer for extension of disaster application deadlines.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RESTORE LOUISIANA TASK FORCE:

WHEREAS, the application deadline for the Individual Assistance Grant Program and the Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Program is presently November 14, 2016, and the Temporary Shelter Assistance deadline is presently November 18, 2016.

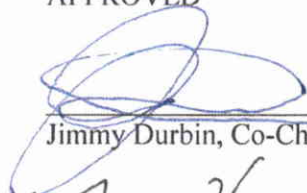
WHEREAS, an extension of said deadlines will give impacted citizens more time to plan and prepare for their recovery needs, as this is the fourth largest disaster this nation has documented.

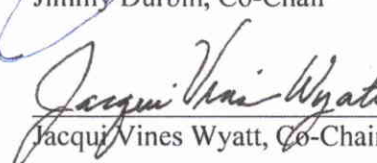
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RESTORE LOUISIANA TASK FORCE:

(A) that the Task Force hereby requests that the State Coordinating Officer at the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness immediately request that the Federal Coordinating Officer extend the application deadlines for the Individual Assistant Grant Program and the SBA Disaster Loan Program for 30 days beyond the current November 14, 2016 deadline, and extend the deadline for the Temporary Shelter Assistance for 30 days beyond the current November 18, 2016 deadline.

PASSED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE RESTORE LOUISIANA TASK FORCE on this the 28th day of October, 2016.

APPROVED


Jimmy Durbin, Co-Chair


Jacquie Vines Wyatt, Co-Chair