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**Louisiana requests \$3.4 million for cleanup jobs assistance**

Baton Rouge, La. – The Louisiana Workforce Commission has asked the U.S. Department of Labor for \$3,358,000 to pay unemployed individuals to do cleanup work from Hurricane Isaac.

The LWC's National Emergency Grant application seeks federal funds for residents and workers in parishes most affected by Hurricane Isaac.

"This grant would fund critical cleanup work to supplement ongoing private, parish and state efforts to recover from Isaac," LWC Executive Director Curt Eysink. "Swift approval of this request is important for the cleanup effort and for people who need work."

The grant would provide employment services to and pay salaries for an estimated 450 people. People directly impacted by the storm would be given priority under the grant. The LWC also has applied to include workers in the affected area who have been unemployed for 10 weeks or longer.

The LWC is seeking the funds to assist residents and workers in the following parishes: Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Jefferson, Orleans, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Ascension, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Point Coupee, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana, Assumption, Lafourche and Terrebonne.

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In addition to wages, the grant would cover:

- Job search and placement services, including career counseling;
- Initial assessment of skills and needs;
- Developing individualized employment plans;
- Case management; and
- Short-term and pre-vocational services.

The LWC will adjust its request as damage assessments are made and the need for debris removal and other cleanup efforts is better defined. Wage coverage is limited by federal law to public sector employment.

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