

# LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY

## Rita Task Force

### LRA Hurricane Rita Report Update

**June 13, 2008**

**OVERVIEW:** A resolution by the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) Rita Task Force to request that the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board provide the resources necessary to update the LRA Rita Report which was originally published in September 2006 and lastly updated in September of 2007.

Whereas, the LRA is charged with establishing policy and plans for the recovery of the parishes of the state affected by Hurricane Rita;

Whereas, Hurricane Rita, the third most expensive natural disaster in US history, devastated the southwest parishes of Louisiana and southeast counties of Texas and created long-lasting problems including, but not limited to those impacting the economy, environment, housing, public safety, education, health care, and transportation among other problems;

Whereas, the LRA has previously provided the resources necessary to create the “the Rita Report: A summary of the social and economic impact and recovery of southwest Louisiana one year after Hurricane Rita;

Whereas, southwest Louisiana and southeast Texas are vital areas to the regional and national economies made up of diverse people and industries exemplified by its southern hospitality;

Whereas, the LRA Rita Report is an essential component in summarizing the social and economic impact of the storm and reports on the recovery progress being made and provides information necessary to develop a long term planning strategy for the region; and

Whereas, this update will help us better understand the unique needs and challenges of communities across southwest Louisiana and southeast Texas as we continue on the path toward recovery.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Louisiana Recovery Authority Rita Task Force does hereby recommend that the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board provide the resources necessary to update the LRA Rita Report.