

LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY

Approval of Funds for Contaminated Drywall

October 21, 2009

OVERVIEW: A Resolution of the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board to request the preliminary approval of Amendment No. 37 to Action Plan No. 1 to provide for an \$5 million of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to the to provide assistance to Road Home applicants known to have contaminated drywall once a nationally recognized testing and remediation protocol is approved. These funds will be allocated from currently unobligated CDBG Katrina/Rita disaster funds awarded to the State of Louisiana.

Whereas, the Road Home Program has provided grants to over 125,000 families totaling over \$8 billion, thousands of families continue to face significant funding gaps;

Whereas, numerous homeowners are now experiencing problems with contaminated drywall which is causing severe damage to air conditioners, appliances, and personal health; and

Whereas, the state will allocate \$5 million to a program specifically to be used for giving assistance to Road Home applicants with contaminated drywall once a nationally recognized testing and remediation protocol is approved.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board does hereby approve for public comment Amendment No. 37 to Action Plan No. 1 to provide for \$5 million of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to the to assist Road Home applicants whose homes are known to have contaminated drywall once a nationally recognized testing and remediation protocol is approved.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board does hereby recommend that Louisiana Recovery Authority and Office of Community Development staff shall publish Amendment No. 37 to Action Plan No. 1 for public comment. After final approval of this Action Plan Amendment by the LRA at a subsequent board meeting, it would be forwarded to the Governor and Louisiana Legislature for their approval.