

# LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY

## Approval of Funds for Contaminated Drywall

November 12, 2009

**OVERVIEW:** A Resolution of the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board to request the final approval of Amendment No. 37 to Action Plan No. 1 to provide for \$5 million of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding 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;

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; and

Whereas, Action Plan Amendment No. 37 to Action Plan No. 1 was drafted and published for public comment.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board does hereby approve Amendment No. 37 to Action Plan No. 1 to provide for \$5 million of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding 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 Amendment No. 37 to Action Plan No. 1 be sent to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval.