

LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY

Approval of an Action Plan Amendment on Road Home Property Disposition and Redevelopment Process

February 12, 2008

OVERVIEW: A resolution to request the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) Board to approve Action Plan Amendment No. 20 to the first Action Plan which provides internal procedures and redevelopment policies in order to provide parishes and the Louisiana Land Trust (LLT) with guidance for the disposition of properties acquired as part of the state's disaster recovery efforts.

Whereas, it is prudent that local governments be provided with guidance in order to ensure consistency in property disposition strategies across south Louisiana that aim to rebuild safer, stronger, and smarter;

Whereas, the Action Plan Amendment No. 1 to Action Plan No. 1 outlined that parishes should be given first priority for property disposition of Road Home properties once they submit a parish plan for property disposition and redevelopment in accordance with other parish and regional recovery plans;

Whereas, at the board meeting held on September 11, 2007, the LRA Board approved the adoption of guidelines for local government redevelopment plans for the disposition of properties acquired by the Louisiana Land Trust;

Whereas, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has requested greater clarity on the programmatic mechanisms and activities related to the disposition of Road Home-acquired properties;

Whereas, at the board meeting held on December 11, 2007, the LRA Board directed the LRA and the Office of Community Development (OCD) staff to develop and publish for public comment an Action Plan Amendment to provide greater details on mechanisms for property disposition of Road Home-acquired properties to parishes through the Louisiana Land Trust;

Whereas, the LRA, Louisiana Land Trust, and Office of Community Development will review parish plans for their consistency with the guidelines that are spelled out in this Action Plan and work with parishes to ensure the quick and effective disposition of properties; and

Whereas, Action Plan Amendment No. 20 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 Action Plan Amendment No. 20 to Action Plan No. 1 which provides

internal procedures and redevelopment policies in order to provide parishes and the Louisiana Land Trust with guidance for the disposition of properties acquired as part of the state's disaster recovery efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board does hereby recommend that the disposition of the Louisiana Land Trust properties follow the guidelines developed by the LRA, LLT, and OCD. The first step in the parish redevelopment process is the completion of Long Term Recovery Plans by parishes. Once approved by the LRA, the plans serve as foundation for the development of the Parish Redevelopment and Disposition plans for properties acquired as part of the Road Home Program. In order to receive Road Home Properties, the parishes will be required to complete Parish Redevelopment and Disposition Plans addressing many of the issues necessary to give the public clarity on how a parish intends to dispose of properties effectively, efficiently, and in accordance with federal requirements. This Action Plan Amendment states that Parish Redevelopment and Disposition Plans must be submitted for review and approval of the LRA Board no later than June 30, 2008, unless otherwise allowed by the Director of the LRA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board does hereby recommend that Action Plan Amendment No. 20 to Action Plan No. 1 be sent to the Governor and the Louisiana Legislature for approval.