EXECUTIVE ORDER KBB 06-01

Emergency Procedures for Repairing, Renovating, or Replacing State Owned Buildings Damaged by Hurricane Katrina or Rita


WHEREAS, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have caused unprecedented and extensive damage to property owned by the state of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to the financial stability of the state that restoration and recovery efforts be conducted in an orderly fashion;

WHEREAS, decisions about priorities for repair and rebuilding should be made at the highest levels of state government with consideration given to overall state priorities and resources; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., confers upon the governor of the state of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or man-made causes, to ensure that preparations of this state will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters, and to preserve the lives and property of the citizens of the state of Louisiana;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: That all executive branch agencies which experienced damages to facilities and buildings from Hurricanes Katrina and/or Rita shall submit to the Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning and Control, a detailed inventory of the damaged facilities and buildings and the estimated dollar amount of the damage. In the submitted inventory, agencies should indicate their suggestions for priorities of repair and rebuilding.

SECTION 2: The Office of Facility Planning and Control shall prepare a statewide inventory of damaged facilities and buildings and make recommendations to the commissioner of administration for priorities in repair and rebuilding.

SECTION 3: The commissioner of administration shall develop for submission to the governor recommendations for such priorities in repair and rebuilding. Such priorities shall be developed in consultation with the Louisiana State Legislature.

SECTION 4: State agencies shall not institute repairs or rebuilding, other than temporary repairs or debris removal as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as Categories A or B work, until the commissioner of administration, or his designee, approves and authorizes such repairs or
rebuilding.

SECTION 5: The Office of Facility Planning and Control shall serve as the applicant for public assistance to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for all permanent repairs to damaged state facilities and buildings necessitated by Hurricanes Katrina and/or Rita.

SECTION 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 19th day of January, 2006.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
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Secretary of State