

Regular Session, 2008

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 142

BY REPRESENTATIVE PETERSON

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Recovery Authority and the office of community development to include minority-owned businesses in the awarding of contracts for implementation of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is authorized under Section 404 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121, ff., which is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides grants to state and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures following a major disaster declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana division of administration, office of community development, disaster recovery unit, has received such federal funding and has begun issuing solicitations and requests for proposals for contractors to assist with the implementation of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Stafford Act mandates that persons affected by a natural disaster receive preference in the awarding of contracts; and

WHEREAS, the devastation to minorities and minority-owned businesses and industries and public facilities has been catastrophic; and

WHEREAS, the facilities of minority-owned businesses have sustained substantial damage due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

WHEREAS, the revenue base for minority-owned businesses has been seriously depleted due to the destruction caused by these storms.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request that the Louisiana Recovery Authority and the office of community development include minority-owned businesses in the awarding of contracts for implementation of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Louisiana Recovery Authority and the division of administration, office of community development, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES