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News Release

Want to Help Your Community Recover? Come Work for FEMA!

BATON ROUGE, La. – Louisiana residents looking for temporary work have an opportunity to lead in their communities' recovery process by working with the Federal Federal Emergency Management Agency.

FEMA is advertising through the Louisiana Workforce Commission to fill open positions at its disaster recovery offices in Louisiana. These are full-time jobs, but of temporary duration, with benefits including health insurance, sick leave and holiday pay. Job duration varies, but some may last as long as FEMA is locally involved in the recovery. Benefits end when the job ends.

To apply, visit <u>www.laworks.net</u>, the website for "Louisiana Workforce Commission – Helping Individuals Reach Employment."

- Click in the "DISASTER RELIEF WORK" box at the top of the screen.
- The list may be longer than the screen shows, so scroll to the bottom. It also may extend over multiple pages.
- Click on a job description to open detailed requirements and a link to apply.

FEMA is seeking a wide variety of skilled workers, including administrative assistants, construction cost estimators, construction tradespersons, drivers, environmental experts, facilities workers, historic preservation specialists, travel agents and workers in many other specialties. Once hired, applicants will receive appropriate on-the-job training.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens, 18 years or older and have a valid government identification card such as driver's license or military ID. Candidates will be subject to a complete background investigation.

FEMA is committed to employing a highly qualified workforce that reflects the diversity of our nation. The federal government is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, political affiliation, non-disqualifying physical handicap, sexual orientation or other non-merit factor.

We urge everyone to continue to use caution in areas where floodwaters remain. Monitor DOTD's <u>www.511la.org</u> website for updated road closure information. Look for advisories from your local authorities and emergency managers. You can find the latest information on the state's response at <u>www.emergency.la.gov</u>. GOHSEP also provides information on Facebook and Twitter. You can receive emergency alerts on most smartphones and tablets by downloading the new Alert FM App. It is free for basic service. You can also download the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide and find other information at <u>www.getagameplan.org</u>.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards. Follow us on Twitter at <u>https://twitter.com/femaregion6</u> and the FEMA Blog at <u>http://blog.fema.gov</u>.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955, emailing <u>disastercustomerservice@sba.gov</u>, or visiting SBA's website at <u>SBA.gov/disaster</u> Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call (800) 877-8339.