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GPO PROVIDES JOBS FOR KATRINA VICTIMS

WASHINGTON--In the wake of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina and in an effort to help the thousands of people displaced by the catastrophe, the U.S. Government Printing Office is offering employment to hurricane victims who have relocated to the Washington, DC area.

“Everyone who saw the pictures of the devastation in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama was moved by the plight of the victims and I felt we had an obligation to help in whatever small way we could,” said Bruce James, Public Printer of the United States.

The GPO has a limited number of immediate temporary short-term assignments available and has extended those opportunities to Hurricane Katrina victims through the DC Armory’s job fair.

Hurricane Katrina ripped the roof off Terry Robinson’s New Orleans home as he and his 4-year-old son weathered the storm in a closet with a mattress as cover. After the hurricane passed, the home became flooded; luckily his car was in enough working condition to allow the two to drive to the DC area where his wife and her family were waiting for them.

“The GPO has welcomed me with open arms and employees have been friendly and helpful as I cope with the events following the hurricane,” said Robinson. “I have learned that many of the employees at GPO had family and loved ones themselves in the areas affected by the hurricane, and despite their own losses and heartache they have been supportive and caring.”

GPO employees have also organized a fundraising drive to collect funds to reach those in need. In addition, several GPO employees serving in the DC National Guard are currently providing assistance in the devastated regions.

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