

FEMA EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR FEMA-PAID HOTEL STAYS

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The Office of Legislative Affairs would like to inform you that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), at the request of the State of Louisiana, is extending the deadline for its transitional sheltering initiative until:

- **March 2, 2009 for DR-1786 - LA -Gustav**
- **March 13, 2009 for DR-1792 - LA - Ike**

Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) provides temporary hotel/motel lodging for eligible individual who cannot return home because their dwellings are still damaged and unlivable as a result of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. FEMA reviews TSA participants' status every two weeks to offer housing solutions and to ensure they continue to be eligible for assistance and that their transition to more permanent housing is done in a timely manner.

TSA is one of several mass sheltering options FEMA has deployed for the recovery. The number of eligible TSA participants continues to decrease as families return to more stable housing options.

Through a standing contract, FEMA pays for the lodging directly to hotels and motels. Under the program, FEMA assumes responsibility for 75 percent of the cost; the state of Louisiana pays the remaining 25 percent.

Applicants are responsible for their own meals and for any lodging costs above the authorized allowance. Additional information and resources on Hurricane Ike and Gustav are available at <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/2008/ike/>.
<http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/2008/gustav/index.shtm>

Should you have any questions, please contact FEMA's Office of Legislative Affairs at (202) 646 4500.