

APPENDIX D

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S RESPONSE TO DRAFT REPORT



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Mr. Dwight Gates
Acting Audit Director
Office of Inspector General
61 Forsyth Street S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Gates,

The Louisiana Department of Labor has reviewed the attached draft report of the Louisiana National Emergency Grant and concurs with the findings and recommendations noted in the report.

Intensive technical assistance and program guidance have been provided to Jefferson Parish Workforce Connection (JPWC) on each of the recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training. JPWC has established policies and procedures with specific checks and balances to ensure adherence to proper distribution of staff costs, processing and payment of invoices, and participant time and attendance sheets. JPWC has also assured LDOL that the accounting department for Jefferson Parish Government has made the necessary adjustment to report all expenditures on an accrual basis.

A monitoring / audit review will ensue to make certain that this corrective action adequately resolves each of the findings.

Should you need additional information or have any questions, you may contact me at 225-342-7692.

Sincerely,



Bennett Soulier

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