

FEMA Sponsored Recovery Resource Fair

The next recovery resource fair will tentatively be held on February 3-6, 2009. The fair will take place in Houma, Lake Charles, Ruston and Chalmette, Louisiana. You and your organization are cordially invited to participate in this event. The Fair is to be a follow-up to the previous event, conducted in October 2006, and is intended to be a forum for parish/municipal officials to meet with federal and state agency representatives to discuss the various types of funding and technical assistance programs that are available to facilitate disaster recovery ~ from Katrina, Rita, Gustav, and Ike ~ and emergency preparedness in the State of Louisiana. We also hope to have a number of the largest funding foundations represented, as well. There will be no commercial vendors at the Fair.

During the morning session, each federal/state agency representative will conduct a brief presentation ~ no more than 15 minutes ~ about the programs that his/her agency offer. The afternoon session (from 1-5:00 PM) will be reserved for attendees to have back-to-back twenty-minute appointments with these various agency representatives. We see it as an opportunity for local officials to have one-on-one face time ~ and twenty minutes of undivided attention ~ to discuss the specific needs of each parish/municipality.

Agencies should send intent to participate and/or presentation needs (laptop/projector/screen, etc) to wendy.gehring@dhs.gov; NO LATER THAN close of business on December 19.

Thanks in advance for your participation!

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