

Legislators & Local Elected Officials:

In our continuing efforts to help homeowners finalize the mitigation of their homes from future storm damage, The Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD-DRU) is holding a variety of outreach events for participants in both Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/Road Home programs. A description of the scheduled outreach events are listed below. A schedule of September events is listed below.

- **Contractor Outreach (HMGP):**
 - **Required Orientation:** OCD-DRU has recently introduced several new policies designed to protect homeowners, while strengthening anti-fraud, waste and abuse measures. These new changes are being introduced to contractors at mandatory orientation meetings held across south Louisiana. The president/owner or primary operator of the company will be required to attend one of the mandatory meetings to continue participating in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Two contractor orientation sessions were held last week, Monday, August 22 in Abbeville and Tuesday, August 23 in Algiers. OCD-DRU has scheduled three additional sessions over the next several weeks. If a contractor or contractor representative is not able to attend any of the meetings, they should contact their construction liaison to schedule a private session.

- **Other Recurring Outreach provided:**
 - OCD-DRU has several ongoing outreach programs whose goal is to establish a program presence in various parts of south Louisiana in addition to the 6 HMGP office locations (Lake Charles, Cameron, Erath, Baton Rouge, Slidell, & New Orleans).

Upcoming Contractor Orientation Events for September:

Houma: Wednesday, September 7

General Contractor Outreach

Required Orientation

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Houma Library

151 Library Drive

Houma, Louisiana

Marrero: Thursday, September 8

General Contractor Outreach

Required Orientation

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

National Guard Armory

1857 Ames Blvd.

Marrero, Louisiana

Lake Charles: Monday, September 12

General Contractor Outreach

Required Orientation

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Carnegie Memorial Library

411 Pujoe Street

Lake Charles, Louisiana

RECURRING OUTREACH:

Date	Organizer	Location	Hours	PGMS
Daily	OCD-DRU	Rep. Simone Champagne 1407 Main St. Jeanerette	8 AM-4 PM (M-Th) 8 AM-12PM (F)	HMGP
Daily	OCD-DRU	UNO Advanced Training Center(ATC) 2021 Lakeshore Drive New Orleans	8 AM-5PM	Road Home (HMGP office located in the same facility)
Tues. & Thurs.	OCD-DRU	New Orleans City Hall 1300 Perdido Ave. New Orleans	9 AM – 4 PM	HMGP, Road Home & SRPP
Wed.	OCD-DRU	Senator Karen Carter- Peterson 1215 Prytania Drive New Orleans	1 PM – 4 PM	HMGP & Road Home
Tues.	OCD-DRU	Vermilion Parish Library Erath Branch 111 W. Edward St. Erath	12:30 PM – 3:30 PM	HMGP weekly & Road Home every other week
Each Legislative Select Comm.	OCD-DRU	New Orleans City Hall 2021 Lakeshore Drive New Orleans	5 PM – 9 PM	HMGP & Road Home

Thank you,

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