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Grant assistance available to Coastal Homeowners

Jackson, MS - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved the State of Mississippi's application to provide grants to state and local governments to implement long term hazard mitigation measures. As a result of Hurricane Katrina, the State of Mississippi qualified for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program federal funds (HMGP).

The Governor's Office of Recovery and Renewal and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) have selected the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) as the Project Manager for the Coastal Retrofit Mississippi Initiative.

The Coastal Retrofit Mississippi Initiative will provide funding for cost-effective wind retrofit measures for at-risk structures. The project will be phased and based on a total project cost of \$29.3M. The federal cost share will be \$22M with homeowners providing the non-federal share. ***Coastal Retrofit Mississippi*** will initially be offered to qualified homeowners in Harrison, Hancock and Jackson counties. Expanding the project will be based upon available funding and a review of the remaining at-risk structures in the lower six counties.

Qualified homeowners will be selected based on cost effectiveness, property location, building codes, homestead exemptions, dwelling type, and ability to provide 25% match.

Wind retrofitting through the initiative will be limited to retrofitting roof systems including roof wall connection, collar-tie/ridge board connection, hip rafter connection, gable end bracing, soffit protection, and roof deck connection/adhesive; opening protection consisting of windows, doors, garage doors and skylights; and other eligible costs necessary to accomplish the overall retrofit measures.

For more information, please visit <http://retrofit.dfa.state.ms.us/> or call 1-228-388-1278.

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