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**To: All Elected Officials and Department Heads**

**From: Francis C. Heitmeier**

**Date: September 28, 2005**

**Subject: Federal Funding Requests**

In an effort to ensure the coordination and accountability of all money distributed to the State of Louisiana for Hurricane relief and recovery, all requests for and receipt of federal funding shall be reported to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget at the time of request, receipt, and/or denial.

The coordination and dissemination of all available funding is paramount to the state's successful recovery efforts and is vital to ensure the highest standards of accountability. The Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget is responsible for approving the receipt and appropriation of all funds during the interim, making this reporting even more important. While this process will require the committee to approve all budget adjustments (BA-7's) when they are placed on the agenda, there is a need to be aware of departmental requests for funding from Congress and the subsequent denial or approval (receipt) of such requests before final approval by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

Please contact the Senate's Chief Budget Analyst, Sherry Philips-Hymel (342-8894) and the House's Fiscal Director, John Carpenter (342-6295) to coordinate reporting efforts.

Over the next few weeks, Committee staff will be in contact with you to invite each affected department to present individual hurricane relief efforts and the budgetary impact of such action. I look forward to working with you and your department as we rebuild the effected areas of the State of Louisiana.