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Department of Agriculture and Forestry Horticulture Commission

Landscape Architect Registration Exam

The next landscape architect registration examination will be given June 11-13, 2001, beginning at 7:45 a.m. at the College of Design Building, Louisiana State University Campus, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The deadline for sending the application and fee is as follows:

New Candidates: February 23, 2001
 Re-Take Candidates: March 9, 2001
 Reciprocity Candidates: May 4, 2001

Further information pertaining to the examinations may be obtained from Craig Roussel, Director, Horticulture Commission, P.O. Box 3596, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3596, phone (225) 925-7772.

Any individual requesting special accommodations due to a disability should notify the office prior to February 23, 2001. Questions may be directed to (225) 925-7772.

Bob Odom
 Commissioner

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Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Boll Weevil Eradication CAdjudicatory Hearing for Establishment of 2001 Assessment

The Boll Weevil Eradication Commission will hold an adjudicatory hearing beginning at 10 a.m., March 7, 2001, at the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, First Floor Auditorium, located at 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA, relative to the setting of the assessments levied upon cotton producers for each acre of cotton planted for the 2001 crop year pursuant to R.S. 3:1613 and LAC 7:XV.321. Said assessment shall not exceed \$35 per acre of cotton planted for 2001 in the Red River Eradication Zone and \$15 per acre of cotton planted for 2001 in the Louisiana Eradication Zone. Calculations made to date indicate that the assessments should not, in actuality, exceed \$10 per acre for the Red River Eradication Zone and \$15 per acre for the Louisiana Eradication Zone.

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be afforded an opportunity to participate in the adjudicatory hearing. Written comments will be accepted if received prior

to March 7, 2001, P.O. Box 3596, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3596.

Dan P. Logan, Jr.
 Chairman

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Department of Agriculture and Forestry Office of Forestry and Department of Revenue Tax Commission

Timber Stumpage Values

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Office of Forestry is hereby giving notice of the stumpage values that were adopted at the joint meeting of the Forestry Commission and Tax Commission held on December 11, 2000. The following stumpage values were adopted for the purpose of determining timber severance tax for calendar year 2001.

The Louisiana Forestry Commission, and the Louisiana Tax Commission, as required by R.S. 47:633, determined the following timber stumpage values based on current average stumpage market values to be used for severance tax computations for 2001.

Trees and Timber	Price/Scale	Price/Ton
Pine Sawtimber	\$369.12/MBF	\$46.14/Ton
Hardwood Sawtimber	\$228.39/MBF	\$24.04/Ton
Pine Chip and Saw	\$100.42/CD	\$37.19/Ton
Pulpwood	Price/Scale	Price/Ton
Pine Pulpwood	\$25.16/CD	\$9.32/Ton
Hardwood Pulpwood	\$12.73/CD	\$4.47/Ton

Bob Odom
 Commissioner

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Department of Economic Development Office of Financial Institutions

Variable to Fixed Interest Rate Conversion Fee

In accordance with LAC 10:XL701, notice is hereby given that effective December 4, 2000, the Office of Financial Institutions has authorized licensed lenders to contract for a conversion fee which provides for a consumer borrower to

convert a variable rate interest charge to a fixed rate interest charge at the borrower's option.

The contact person regarding questions about this conversion fee is Gary L. Newport, Chief Attorney, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095, or by telephone at (225) 925-4660.

John D. Travis
Commissioner

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**Department of Health and Hospitals
Board of Medical Examiners**

**Public Hearing Notice
Office-Based Surgical Procedures**

Notice is hereby given, that the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners will convene and hold a public hearing at 3 p.m., Tuesday, February 20, 2001, at the offices of the board, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, for the purpose of soliciting and receiving public comment on whether the board should consider the adoption of administrative rules governing the practice of physicians performing office-based surgical procedures.

Interested persons may submit written comments to Virginia G. Benoist, Executive Director, Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA, 70130, telephone (504) 524-6763.

At the scheduled public hearing all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to make comments on whether or not the board should adopt rules regulating the practice of physicians performing office-based surgical procedures. Written comments will be accepted until 4 p.m. on February 20, 2001.

Virginia G. Benoist
Executive Director

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**Department of Health and Hospitals
Board of Veterinary Medicine**

Board Nominations

The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine announces that nominations for the position of Board Member will be taken by the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association (LVMA) at the annual winter meeting to be held in February 2001. Interested persons should submit the names of nominees directly to the LVMA as per R.S. 37:1515. It is not necessary to be a member of the LVMA to be nominated. The LVMA may be contacted at (225) 928-5862.

Kimberly B. Barbier
Administrative Director

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**Department of Health and Hospitals
Board of Veterinary Medicine**

Fee Schedule

Following are the fees that are charged by the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine:

Doctors of Veterinary Medicine:

Annual Active Renewal Fee	\$175
Annual Inactive Renewal Fee	\$75
Renewal Late Fee	\$125
Renewal Late CE Fee	\$25
DVM Original License Fee	\$150
Initial Application Fee	\$50
State Board Examination Fee	\$175

The National Board Examination (NBE) and Clinical Competency Test (CCT) are no longer administered by the Board and have been replaced by the computerized North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE), which is administered through the National Board Examination Committee (NBEC).

Registered Veterinary Technicians:

Annual Renewal Fee	\$30
Late Renewal Fee	\$20
Examination Fee (VTNE)	\$40
(does not include exam vendor's cost)	
Original Certification Fee	\$30
Initial Application Fee	\$25

Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians:

Annual Renewal Fee	\$50
Late Renewal Fee	\$25
Course Fee	\$80
Examination Fee	\$50
Original Full Certification Fee	\$50
Temporary Certification Fee	\$50
Initial Application Fee	\$25

Registered Equine Dentists:

Original Registration Fee	\$200
Annual Renewal Fee	\$125
Late Renewal Fee	\$100
Initial Application Fee	\$100

Kimberly B. Barbier
Administrative Director

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**Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health**

Notice of Hearing

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, will hold a public hearing to receive input from the

public on the Louisiana Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant as administered annually by the agency. The scheduled public hearing will take place on February 9, 2001, beginning at 10 a.m. in Room 511 at 325 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Copies of the grant may be obtained from Larry Fox, Center for Community Health, Office of Public Health, 325 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. You may also contact Mr. Fox by telephone at (504) 568-3197 for additional information.

Secretary
David W. Hood

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**Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health**

Chapter XII (Water Supplies)CSanitary Code

The last Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking action to Chapter XII (Water Supplies), Sanitary Code, State of Louisiana, occurred when a Rule was promulgated in the October 20, 2000 *Louisiana Register* (see LR 26:2288). The title of this action indicated that the rule was contained within Part XI of Title 51 of the Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC). The purpose of this notice is to advise that this reference to Part XI of Title 51 is not correct. The Office of Public Health (OPH) is currently working with the Office of the State Register to officially codify all of the current 28 chapters of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code into the LAC. Once completed, it is expected that Chapter XII (Water Supplies) will be under Part XXIII, not Part XI, of Title 51 of the LAC.

Any questions concerning this notice may be directed to Mr. Bobby Savoie, Director, Division of Environmental Health, OPH, at (225) 763-3590.

David W. Hood
Secretary

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**Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation**

Orphaned Oilfield Sites

Office of Conservation records indicate that the Oilfield Sites listed in the table below have met the requirements as set forth by Section 91 of Act 404, R.S. 30:80 et seq., and as such are being declared Orphaned Oilfield Sites.

Operator	Field	District	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
Barnwell Drilling Co. Inc.	Bellevue	S	Lodwick Lumber Co Fee	C-1	058962
Barnwell Drilling Co. Inc.	Minden	S	Barnwell Minden Unit 1	001	080692
Cajun Minerals, Inc.	Napoleonville	L	VUA; Armelise	001	069060 (30)

Hall M. Lyons	Ravenswood	L	Glaser et al	001	102316
Marshall Petroleum, Inc.	St. Martinville	L	E J F Ranzino	001	197353 (30)
Mullins & Prichard, Inc.	Weeks Island	L	Rita Provost Minvielle	001	161884
North American Gas Inc.	Greenwood-Waskom	S	Bryson	001	098633
North American Gas Inc.	Greenwood-Waskom	S	Bryson	005	100346
North American Gas Inc.	Greenwood-Waskom	S	Bryson	009	101179
North American Gas Inc.	Greenwood-Waskom	S	Bryson	002	102293
North American Gas Inc.	Greenwood-Waskom	S	Bryson	013	102717
North American Gas Inc.	Greenwood-Waskom	S	Bryson	006	103767
North American Gas Inc.	Greenwood-Waskom	S	Bryson	010	104337
North American Gas Inc.	Greenwood-Waskom	S	Bryson	003	104883
North American Gas Inc.	Greenwood-Waskom	S	Bryson	014	106067
North American Gas Inc.	Greenwood-Waskom	S	Bryson	007	106569
North American Gas Inc.	Greenwood-Waskom	S	Bryson	011	106570
North American Gas Inc.	Greenwood-Waskom	S	Bryson	004	107579
North American Gas Inc.	Greenwood-Waskom	S	Bryson	015	109231
North American Gas Inc.	Greenwood-Waskom	S	Bryson	008	109552
North American Gas Inc.	Greenwood-Waskom	S	Bryson	012	109833
North American Gas Inc.	Greenwood-Waskom	S	Bryson	016	169197
North American Gas Inc.	Greenwood-Waskom	S	Bryson SWD	001	971855
Charles A. O'Niell, Jr.	Golden Meadow	L	Lafourche Realty Co D	007	167598
Charles A. O'Niell, Jr.	Golden Meadow	L	Lefort	001	024365
Plummer & McDaniel	Wildcat	S	J K Phares	001	025545
Tidewater Oil Company	Wildcat	L	E A McIlhenny	001	072358
Geo. W. Wetherbee	Bellevue	S	Geo W Wetherbee	FEE F-8	008706
R. A. Whittington	Caddo Pine Island	S	Caddo Levee Board B	021	057892
R. A. Whittington	Caddo Pine Island	S	Caddo Levee Board B	034	058654
R. A. Whittington	Caddo Pine Island	S	Caddo Levee Board B	033	058655

Philip N. Asproditos
Commissioner

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**Department of Natural Resources
Office of the Secretary**

Fisherman's Gear Compensation Fund

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:700.1 et seq., notice is given that eight claims in the amount of \$30,004.11 were received for payment during the period December 1, 2000-December 31, 2000. There were eight claims paid and zero claims denied.

Lorans Coordinates of reported underwater obstructions are:

27578	46952	Vermilion
27775	46870	Terrebonne
28092	46836	Terrebonne

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates of reported underwater obstructions are:

2911.330	9002.090	Jefferson
2914.860	8954.830	Jefferson
2926.926	9003.813	Jefferson

A list of claimants and amounts paid can be obtained from Verlie Wims, Administrator, Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund, P.O. Box 94396, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, or you can call (225) 342-0122.

Jack C. Caldwell
Secretary

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**Department of Social Services
Office of Community Services**

**Notice of Anticipated Funds Availability C2001 Louisiana
Emergency Shelter Grants Program**

The Louisiana Department of Social Services (DSS) anticipates the availability of \$1,547,289 in grant funds for distribution to applicant units of local government under the 2001 State Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP). Program funds are allocated to the state by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through authorization by the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended. Funding available under the ESGP is dedicated for the rehabilitation, renovation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless, and for payment of certain operating costs and social services expenses in connection with emergency shelter for the homeless. The program also allows use of funding in homeless prevention activities as an adjunct to other eligible activities. As specified under current state ESGP policies, eligible applicants are limited to units of general local government for all parish jurisdictions and those municipal or city governmental units for jurisdictions with a minimum population of 10,000 according to recent census figures. Recipient units of local government may make all or part of grant amounts available to private nonprofit organizations for use in eligible activities.

Application packages for the state ESGP shall be issued by mail to the chief elected official of each qualifying unit of general local government. The application package can be viewed on the Internet at the following website: <http://www.dss.state.la.us/html/rfps.html>. In order to be considered for funding, applications must be received by DSS/Office of Community Services by 4 p.m., Friday, April 6, 2001.

Nonprofit organizations in qualifying jurisdictions which are interested in developing a project proposal for inclusion in an ESGP funding application should contact their respective unit of local government to advise of their interest. To be eligible for funding participation, a private nonprofit organization as defined by ESGP regulations must be one which is exempt from taxation under subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code, has an accounting system and a voluntary board, and practices nondiscrimination in the provision of assistance.

The state DSS will continue use of a geographic allocation formula in the distribution of the state's ESGP funding to ensure that each region of the state is allotted a specified minimum of state ESGP grant assistance for eligible ESGP projects. Regional allocations for the state's 2001 ESGP have been formulated based on factors for low income populations in the parishes of each region according to U.S. Census Bureau data. Within each region, grant distribution shall be conducted through a competitive grant award process.

The following table lists the allocation factors and amounts for each region.

Region	Factor	Allocation
Region I New Orleans	.1572303	243,281
Region II Baton Rouge	.1120504	173,374
Region III Thibodaux	.0698830	108,129
Region IV Lafayette	.1522065	235,507
Region V Lake Charles	.0531705	82,271
Region VI Alexandria	.0764176	118,240
Region VII Shreveport	.1248105	193,118
Region VIII Monroe	.0985996	152,562
Region IX Northshore	.0746534	115,510
Region X Jefferson	.0809781	125,823

Regional funding amounts for which applications are not received shall be subject to statewide competitive award to applicants from other regions and/or shall be reallocated among other regions in accordance with formulations consistent with the above factors.

Grant awards shall be for a minimum of \$10,000. Applicable grant maximums are as follows.

1. Individual grant awards to applicant jurisdictions of less than 49,000 population shall not exceed \$50,000.
2. For a jurisdiction of over 49,000 population, the maximum grant award shall not exceed the ESGP allocation for that jurisdiction's respective region.

Grant specifications, minimum and maximum awards may be revised at DSS's discretion in consideration of individual applicant's needs, total program funding requests, and available funding. DSS reserves the right to negotiate the final grant amounts, component projects, and local match with all applicants to ensure judicious use of program funds.

Program applications must meet state ESGP requirements and must demonstrate the means to assure compliance if the

proposal is selected for funding. If, in the determination of DSS, an application fails to meet program purposes and standards, even if such application is the only eligible proposal submitted from a region or subregion, such application may be rejected *in toto*, or the proposed project(s) may be subject to alterations as deemed necessary by DSS to meet appropriate program standards.

Proposals accepted for review will be rated on a comparative basis based on information provided in grant applications. Award of grant amounts between competing applicants and/or proposed projects will be based upon the following selection criteria:

1. nature and extent of unmet need for emergency shelter, transitional housing and supportive services in the applicant's jurisdictionC40 points;
2. the extent to which proposed activities will address needs for shelter and assistance and/or complete the development of a comprehensive system of services which will provide a continuum of care to assist homeless persons to achieve independent livingC30 points;
3. the ability of the applicant to carry out the proposed activities promptlyC15 points;
4. coordination of the proposed project(s) with available community resources, so as to be able to match the needs of homeless persons with appropriate supportive services and assistanceC15 points.

ESGP recipients are required to provide matching funds (including in-kind contributions) in an amount at least equal to its ESGP funding unless a jurisdiction has been granted an

exemption in accordance with program provisions. The value of donated materials and buildings, voluntary activities and other in-kind contributions may be included with "hard cash" amounts in the calculation of matching funds. A local government grantee may comply with this requirement by providing the matching funds itself, or through provision by nonprofit recipients.

A recipient local government may at its option elect to use up to 2.439 percent of grant funding for costs directly related to administering grant assistance, or may allocate all grant amounts for eligible program activities. Program rules do not allow the use of ESGP funds for administrative costs of nonprofit subgrantees.

Availability of ESGP funding is subject to HUD's approval of the state's FY 2001 Consolidated Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development Programs. No expenditure authority or funding obligations shall be implied based on the information in this notice of funds availability.

Inquiries and comments regarding the 2001 Louisiana Emergency Shelter Grants Program may be submitted in writing to the Office of Community Services, Management and Finance Division, Box 3318, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, or telephone (225) 342-4583.

Renea Austin-Duffin
Secretary

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