

Executive Orders

EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF 02-15

Bond Allocation
Louisiana Local
Government Environmental Facilities and
Community Development Authority

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and Act 51 of the 1986 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, Executive Order No. MJF 96-25, as amended by Executive Order No. MJF 2000-15, was issued to establish:

(1) a method for allocating bonds subject to private activity bond volume limits, including the method of allocating bonds subject to the private activity bond volume limits for the calendar year of 2002 (hereafter "the 2002 Ceiling");

(2) the procedure for obtaining an allocation of bonds under the 2002 Ceiling; and

(3) a system of central record keeping for such allocations; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority has requested an allocation from the 2002 Ceiling to finance the acquisition and rehabilitation of a twenty-six (26) unit multi-family apartment complex located at 618 Independence Street, New Orleans, parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, in accordance with the provisions of Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE, I, M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR., Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The bond issue, as described in this Section, shall be and is hereby granted an allocation from the private activity bond volume limits for the calendar year of 2002 as follows:

Amount of Allocation	Name of Issuer	Name of Project
\$850,000	Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority	Independence Street Apartments

SECTION 2: The granted allocation shall be used only for the bond issue described in Section 1 and for the general purpose set forth in the "Application for Allocation of a Portion of the State of Louisiana Private Activity Bond Ceiling" submitted in connection with the bond issue described in Section 1.

SECTION 3: The granted allocation shall be valid and in full force and effect through the end of 2002, provided that such bonds are delivered to the initial purchasers thereof on or before November 18, 2002.

SECTION 4: All references in this Order to the singular shall include the plural, and all plural references shall include the singular.

SECTION 5: The undersigned certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the granted allocation was not made in consideration of any bribe, gift, or gratuity, or any direct or indirect contribution to any political campaign. The undersigned also certifies that the granted allocation meets the requirements of Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

SECTION 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 20th day of August, 2002.

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State
0209#001

EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF 02-16

Bond Allocation
Louisiana Housing Finance Agency

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and Act 51 of the 1986 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, Executive Order No. MJF 96-25, as amended by Executive Order No. MJF 2000-15, was issued to establish:

(1) a method for allocating bonds subject to private activity bond volume limits, including the method of allocating bonds subject to the private activity bond volume limits for the calendar year of 2002 (hereafter "the 2002 Ceiling");

(2) the procedure for obtaining an allocation of bonds under the 2002 Ceiling; and

(3) a system of central record keeping for such allocations; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency has requested an allocation from the 2002 Ceiling to provide mortgage financing with respect to a 54 unit multi-family housing complex located in the parish of East Baton Rouge, state of Louisiana, in accordance with the provisions of Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE, I, M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR., Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The bond issue, as described in this Section, shall be and is hereby granted an allocation from the private activity bond volume limits for the calendar year of 2002 as follows:

Amount of Allocation	Name of Issuer	Name of Project
\$2,600,000	Louisiana Housing Finance Agency	Restoration Baton Rouge 2002, LLC

SECTION 2: The granted allocation shall be used only for the bond issue described in Section 1 and for the general purpose set forth in the "Application for Allocation of a Portion of the State of Louisiana Private Activity Bond Ceiling" submitted in connection with the bond issue described in Section 1.

SECTION 3: The granted allocation shall be valid and in full force and effect through the end of 2002, provided that such bonds are delivered to the initial purchasers thereof on or before November 18, 2002.

SECTION 4: All references in this Order to the singular shall include the plural, and all plural references shall include the singular.

SECTION 5: The undersigned certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the granted allocation was not made in consideration of any bribe, gift, or gratuity, or any direct or indirect contribution to any political campaign. The undersigned also certifies that the granted allocation meets the requirements of Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

SECTION 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 20th day of August, 2002.

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State
0209#002

EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF 02-17

Bond AllocationCThe Finance Authority of New Orleans

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and Act 51 of the 1986 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, Executive Order No. MJF 96-25, as amended by Executive Order No. MJF 2000-15, was issued to establish:

(1) a method for allocating bonds subject to private activity bond volume limits, including the method of allocating bonds subject to the private activity bond volume limits for the calendar year of 2002 (hereafter **the 2002 Ceiling**);

(2) the procedure for obtaining an allocation of bonds under the 2002 Ceiling; and

(3) a system of central record keeping for such allocations; and

WHEREAS, The Finance Authority of New Orleans has requested an allocation from the 2002 Ceiling to be used in connection with a program providing mortgage financing for qualified purchasers of single-family, owner-occupied residences in the city of New Orleans, parish of Orleans,

state of Louisiana, in accordance with the provisions of Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE I, M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR., Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The bond issue, as described in this Section, shall be and is hereby granted an allocation from the 2002 Ceiling as follows:

Amount of Allocation	Name of Issuer	Name of Project
\$20,000,000	The Finance Authority of New Orleans	Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds

SECTION 2: The granted allocation shall be used only for the bond issue described in Section 1 and for the general purpose set forth in the "Application for Allocation of a Portion of the State of Louisiana Private Activity Bond Ceiling" submitted in connection with the bond issue described in Section 1.

SECTION 3: The granted allocation shall be valid and in full force and effect through the end of 2002, provided that such bonds are delivered to the initial purchasers thereof on or before November 18, 2002.

SECTION 4: All references in this Order to the singular shall include the plural, and all plural references shall include the singular.

SECTION 5: The undersigned certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the granted allocation was not made in consideration of any bribe, gift, or gratuity, or any direct or indirect contribution to any political campaign. The undersigned also certifies that the granted allocation meets the requirements of Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

SECTION 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 20th day of August, 2002.

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State
0209#003

EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF 02-18

Bond AllocationC Calcasieu Parish Public Trust Authority

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and Act 51 of the 1986 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, Executive Order No. MJF 96-25, as amended by Executive Order No. MJF 2000-15, was issued to establish:

(1) a method for allocating bonds subject to private activity bond volume limits, including the method of

allocating bonds subject to the private activity bond volume limits for the calendar year of 2002 (hereafter **Athe 2002 Ceiling@**);

(2) the procedure for obtaining an allocation of bonds under the 2002 Ceiling; and

(3) a system of central record keeping for such allocations; and

WHEREAS, the Calcasieu Parish Public Trust Authority has requested an allocation from the 2002 Ceiling to be used in connection with a program to provide financing for the expansion of and purchase of additional equipment for Groth Equipment Corporation of Louisiana which manufactures valves and instrumentation for local refineries and petrochemical, power, pulp, and paper industries, located in the parish of Calcasieu, state of Louisiana, in accordance with the provisions of Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE, I, M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR., Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The bond issue, as described in this Section, shall be and is hereby granted an allocation from the private activity bond volume limits for the calendar year of 2002 as follows:

Amount of Allocation	Name of Issuer	Name of Project
\$1,000,000	Calcasieu Parish Public Trust Authority	Groth Equipment Corporation of Louisiana

SECTION 2: The granted allocation shall be used only for the bond issue described in Section 1 and for the general purpose set forth in the "Application for Allocation of a Portion of the State of Louisiana Private Activity Bond Ceiling" submitted in connection with the bond issue described in Section 1.

SECTION 3: The granted allocation shall be valid and in full force and effect through the end of 2002, provided that such bonds are delivered to the initial purchasers thereof on or before November 18, 2002.

SECTION 4: All references in this Order to the singular shall include the plural, and all plural references shall include the singular.

SECTION 5: The undersigned certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the granted allocation was not made in consideration of any bribe, gift, or gratuity, or any direct or indirect contribution to any political campaign. The undersigned also certifies that the granted allocation meets the requirements of Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

SECTION 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state

of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 20th day of August, 2002.

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State
0209#004

EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF 02-19

Bond Allocation Louisiana Housing Finance Agency

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and Act 51 of the 1986 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, Executive Order No. MJF 96-25, as amended by Executive Order No. MJF 2000-15, was issued to establish:

(1) a method for allocating bonds subject to private activity bond volume limits, including the method of allocating bonds subject to the private activity bond volume limits for the calendar year of 2002 (hereafter "the 2002 Ceiling");

(2) the procedure for obtaining an allocation of bonds under the 2002 Ceiling; and

(3) a system of central record keeping for such allocations; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency has requested an allocation from the 2002 Ceiling to be used in connection with a program providing mortgage financing for low and moderate income persons for single family, owner-occupied residences throughout the state of Louisiana, in accordance with the provisions of Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE I, M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR., Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The bond issue, as described in this Section, shall be and is hereby granted an allocation from the 2002 Ceiling as follows:

Amount of Allocation	Name of Issuer	Name of Project
\$61,086,250	Louisiana Housing Finance Agency	Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds

SECTION 2: The granted allocation shall be used only for the bond issue described in Section 1 and for the general purpose set forth in the "Application for Allocation of a Portion of the State of Louisiana Private Activity Bond Ceiling" submitted in connection with the bond issue described in Section 1.

SECTION 3: The granted allocation shall be valid and in full force and effect through the end of 2002, provided that such bonds are delivered to the initial purchasers thereof on or before November 18, 2002.

SECTION 4: All references in this Order to the singular shall include the plural, and all plural references shall include the singular.

SECTION 5: The undersigned certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the granted allocation was not made in consideration of any bribe, gift, or gratuity, or any direct or indirect contribution to any political campaign. The undersigned also certifies that the granted allocation meets the requirements of Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

SECTION 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 20th day of August, 2002.

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State
0209#005

EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF 02-20

Bond Allocation C Shreveport Home Mortgage Authority

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and Act 51 of the 1986 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, Executive Order No. MJF 96-25, as amended by Executive Order No. MJF 2000-15, was issued to establish:

(1) a method for allocating bonds subject to private activity bond volume limits, including the method of allocating bonds subject to the private activity bond volume limits for the calendar year of 2002 (hereafter the 2002 Ceiling@);

(2) the procedure for obtaining an allocation of bonds under the 2002 Ceiling; and

(3) a system of central record keeping for such allocations; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Home Mortgage Authority has requested an allocation from the 2002 Ceiling to provide mortgage financing for persons with low and moderate income for single family, owner-occupied residences throughout the parishes of Caddo and Bossier, state of Louisiana, in accordance with the provisions of Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE I, M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR., Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The bond issue, as described in this Section, shall be and is hereby granted an allocation from the 2002 Ceiling as follows:

Amount of Allocation	Name of Issuer	Name of Project
\$5,000,000	Shreveport Home Mortgage Authority	Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds

SECTION 2: The granted allocation shall be used only for the bond issue described in Section 1 and for the general purpose set forth in the Application for Allocation of a Portion of the State of Louisiana Private Activity Bond Ceiling@ submitted in connection with the bond issue described in Section 1.

SECTION 3: The granted allocation shall be valid and in full force and effect through the end of 2002, provided that such bonds are delivered to the initial purchasers thereof on or before November 18, 2002.

SECTION 4: All references in this Order to the singular shall include the plural, and all plural references shall include the singular.

SECTION 5: The undersigned certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the granted allocation was not made in consideration of any bribe, gift, or gratuity, or any direct or indirect contribution to any political campaign. The undersigned also certifies that the granted allocation meets the requirements of Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

SECTION 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 20th day of August, 2002.

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State
0209#014

EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF 02-21

Bond Allocation C Louisiana Housing Finance Agency

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and Act 51 of the 1986 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, Executive Order No. MJF 96-25, as amended by Executive Order No. MJF 2000-15, was issued to establish:

(1) a method for allocating bonds subject to private activity bond volume limits, including the method of allocating bonds subject to the private activity bond volume limits for the calendar year of 2002 (hereafter the 2002 Ceiling@);

(2) the procedure for obtaining an allocation of bonds under the 2002 Ceiling; and

(3) a system of central record keeping for such allocations; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency has requested an allocation from the 2002 Ceiling to be used in connection with a program to provide mortgage financing with respect to a 76 unit multi-family housing complex located in the southwest corner of Pierre Avenue and Walnut Street, city of Shreveport, parish of Caddo, state of

Louisiana, in accordance with the provisions of Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE, I, M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR., Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The bond issue, as described in this Section, shall be and is hereby granted an allocation from the private activity bond volume limits for the calendar year of 2002 as follows:

Amount of Allocation	Name of Issuer	Name of Project
\$3,500,000	Louisiana Housing Finance Agency	Galilee City Limited Partnership, LLC

SECTION 2: The granted allocation shall be used only for the bond issue described in Section 1 and for the general purpose set forth in the "Application for Allocation of a Portion of the State of Louisiana Private Activity Bond Ceiling" submitted in connection with the bond issue described in Section 1.

SECTION 3: The granted allocation shall be valid and in full force and effect through the end of 2002, provided that such bonds are delivered to the initial purchasers thereof on or before November 18, 2002.

SECTION 4: All references in this Order to the singular shall include the plural, and all plural references shall include the singular.

SECTION 5: The undersigned certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the granted allocation was not made in consideration of any bribe, gift, or gratuity, or any direct or indirect contribution to any political campaign. The undersigned also certifies that the granted allocation meets the requirements of Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

SECTION 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 20th day of August, 2002.

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State
0209#015

EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF 02-22

Rules and Policies on Leave for Unclassified
Service Military Leave

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. MJF 98-23, issued on May 21, 1998, as amended by Executive Order No. MJF 2001-58, issued on November 29, 2001, provides for rules and policies on annual, compensatory, sick, special, military, and other leave for certain unclassified state officers and

employees (hereafter "Rules and Policies on Leave for Unclassified Service"); and

WHEREAS, due to the events of September 11, 2002, it is necessary to update certain provisions of the Rules and Policies on Leave for Unclassified Service related to military leave;

NOW THEREFORE, I, M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR., Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Subsection 2(G) of Executive Order No. MJF 98-23, issued on May 21, 1998, as amended by Executive Order No. MJF 2001-58, issued on November 29, 2001, is amended as follows:

G. "Leave without pay" and/or "leave of absence without pay" means a period of leave or time off from work granted by the appointing authority, or the appointing authority's designee, for which the officer or employee receives no pay, but may be eligible to receive a pay differential pursuant to Section 17 of this Order.

SECTION 2: Subsection 5(C) of Executive Order No. MJF 98-23, as amended by Executive Order No. MJF 2001-58, is amended as follows:

C. No unclassified officer or employee shall be credited with annual or sick leave:

1. For any overtime hour(s);
2. For any hour(s) of leave without pay, except as set forth in Section 17 of this Order;
3. For any hour(s) of on-call status outside the officer or employee's regular duty hour(s);
4. For any hour(s) of travel or other activity outside the officer or employee's regular duty hours; or
5. For any hour(s) of a holiday or other non-work day which occurs while on leave without pay, except as set forth in Section 17 of this Order.

SECTION 3: Section 17 of Executive Order No. MJF 98-23, as amended by Executive Order No. MJF 2001-58, is amended as follows:

Military Leave

A. An unclassified officer or employee serving in a position that earns annual and sick leave who is a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States and called to duty for military purposes, or who is a member of a National Guard unit called to active duty as a result of a non-local or non-state emergency, shall be granted a leave of absence from a state position without loss of pay or deduction of leave for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) working days per calendar year (hereafter "military leave with pay"). In addition, an appointing authority may grant annual leave, compensatory leave, leave without pay or any combination thereof, for a period in excess of fifteen (15) working days per calendar year, in accordance with this Order and/or as required by state and/or federal law.

B.1. Retroactive to September 11, 2001, an unclassified officer or employee serving in a position that earns annual and sick leave ordered

and/or called to active military duty on or after September 11, 2001, (hereafter "9-11 military service") who is on leave without pay after exhausting military leave with pay, and whose military base pay is less than the officer or employee's state base pay, shall be paid the difference between their military base pay and their state base pay (hereafter "pay differential"). Payment of the pay differential shall be made at the same frequency and in the same manner as the officer or employee's state pay.

2. The unclassified officer or employee on 9-11 military service shall provide their appointing authority all documentation necessary and appropriate for correct calculation of the pay differential.

3. While on leave without pay, an unclassified officer or employee on 9-11 military service shall accrue annual and sick leave in accordance with the general schedule set forth in Subsection 5(B) of this Order as if the officer or employee were in full time state service. Leave earned during 9-11 military service shall be promptly credited at the cessation of 9-11 military service.

4. If 9-11 military service extends beyond one (1) calendar year, the unclassified officer or employee shall be entitled to receive military leave with pay for fifteen (15) days per calendar year for each year of 9-11 military service. The pay differential shall be suspended while the officer or employee is on military leave with pay and until the officer or employee returns to leave without pay.

5. During 9-11 military service, an unclassified officer or employee on annual leave is not eligible to receive the pay differential. Nonetheless, if an unclassified officer or employee on 9-11 military service used annual leave during 9-11 military service between September 11, 2001, and the effective date of this Order, the unclassified officer or employee shall have the option to receive leave without pay retroactive to the beginning of their 9-11 military service minus any days while on military leave with pay, have annual leave used during 9-11 military service re-credited, and receive the 9-11 military service pay differential retroactive to the beginning of their 9-11 military service minus any days while on military leave with pay.

6. The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to unclassified officers or employees on inactive military duty for training, annual field training, and/or weekend drills.

C. An unclassified officer or employee who is a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States or a National Guard unit, ordered and/or called to duty for military purposes, shall give prompt notice of the duty to their appointing authority, or the appointing authority's designee.

SECTION 4: All other sections, subsections, and paragraphs of Executive Order No. MJF 98-23, as amended by Executive Order No. MJF 2001-58, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 5th day of September, 2002.

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State
0209#036

EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF 02-23

Uniform Payroll Insurance Commission

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. MJF 2001-40, signed on September 17, 2001, established the Uniform Payroll Insurance Commission (hereafter "Commission") within the executive branch, Office of the Governor;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. MJF 2002-1, signed on January 30th, amended Executive Order No. MJF 2001-40, in order to extend the deadline for submission of its written report to the governor;

WHEREAS, the Commission has fulfilled the bulk of its duties and additional and ongoing work by the Commission is required to assist the state to offer a properly administered payroll deduction plan providing high quality insurance-related products at a reasonable rate; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Executive Order No. MJF 2001-40, as amended by Executive Order No. MJF 2002-1, in order to continue the Commission and modify its duties;

NOW THEREFORE, I, M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR., Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Subsection 2 of Executive Order No. MJF 2001-40, signed on September 17, 2001, is amended to provide as follows:

The duties and functions of the Commission shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. Examining all reasonable options to improve the efficiency and cost effective administration of all voluntary insurance products (exclusive of those offered by the Office of Group Benefits) offered under the uniform payroll system operated by the Division of Administration, including program structure, oversight, offerings, method of selection, internal administration, etc.; and

B. Establishing criteria for vendor and employee participation, as well as definable and measurable quality control measures.

SECTION 2: Subsection 3 of Executive Order No. MJF 2001-40, signed on September 17, 2001, as amended by Executive Order No. MJF 2002-1, signed on January 30, 2002, is amended to provide as follows:

The Commission shall perform the duties and functions described in subsection 2 and provide interim reports to the Governor as determined by the chair.

SECTION 3: All other sections, subsections, and/or paragraphs of Executive Order No. MJF 2001-40, as amended by Executive Order No. MJF 2002-1, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 5th day of September, 2002.

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State
0209#037

EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF 02-24

Office of Group Benefits Study Commission

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana currently offers health benefits to employees, retirees, and dependents of state agencies, school boards, and various political subdivisions through the Office of Group Benefits (hereafter "OGB");

WHEREAS, in excess of two hundred twenty thousand (220,000) state, school board, and political subdivision employees, retirees, and their dependents currently receive health benefits through OGB;

WHEREAS, OGB is projecting a FY 2003 operating budget in excess of \$800 million;

WHEREAS, health care and pharmaceutical costs are increasing at double-digit rates across the nation and are projected to do so into the future;

WHEREAS, the current options and rate structures offered by OGB face rising costs similar to other plans across the nation;

WHEREAS, providers have expressed dissatisfaction with the claims processing, reimbursement rates and reimbursement methodology;

WHEREAS, the well-being of the state government workforce is vital to the proper functioning of state government and to the people of the state;

WHEREAS, it is essential to the well-being of the state government workforce that its employees have access to the best possible health care services at the lowest possible rates;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. MJF 2000-46, issued on November 16, 2000, created the State Employees

Group Benefits Program Study Commission (hereafter "SEGBPSC")

WHEREAS, recommendations of the SEGBPSC were implemented by Act No. 1178 of the 2001 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature;

WHEREAS, SEGBPSC also recommended that a subsequent study commission be established to address issues not included within its recommendations, such as long range planning; and

WHEREAS, the interests of the state of Louisiana and its employees can best be served by the creation of a new commission to study the best way to provide high quality health benefits to state employees at the lowest price possible;

NOW THEREFORE, I, M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR., Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Office of Group Benefits Study Commission (hereafter "Commission") is established within the executive department, Office of the Governor.

SECTION 2: The duties and functions of the Commission shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. Conducting an Internal Operational Assessment to review, analyze, and benchmark health options and rate structures offered through OGB;

B. Identifying and evaluating best practice options to improve the efficiency and cost effective administration of OGB, including internal administration, staffing models, outsourcing, and privatization;

C. Identifying and evaluating best practice options for the most cost effective and efficient delivery of pharmaceutical benefits, including proactive pharmacy benefits management;

D. Analyzing the future impact of providing health benefits on the state budget; the requirements of the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; and the proposed Patients Bill of Rights legislation;

E. Examining and evaluating the existing provider reimbursement methodology and reimbursement rates, timeliness of payments, and making recommendations for improvements;

F. Exploring competitive medical management systems, including recommending and/or piloting innovative health benefits options;

G. Exploring a Medicare buy-in for those employees and retirees not covered; and

H. Conducting public hearings to receive input from Group Benefits plan members, stakeholders, and others who are affected by OGB.

SECTION 3: The Commission shall submit a comprehensive written report to the governor by December 5, 2002, which addresses the issues set forth in Section 2 of this Order.

SECTION 4: With the exception of the members of the Louisiana Legislature, all members of the Commission shall be appointed by the governor. With the exception of the legislative and executive members, all members shall serve at the governor's pleasure. The Commission shall be composed of eighteen (18) members selected as follows:

A. The commissioner of administration, or the commissioner's designee;

B. Three (3) members of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate, including the chair of the Senate Committee on Finance;

C. Three (3) members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, including the chair of the House Committee on Appropriations.

D. The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, or the secretary's designee;

E. The superintendent of the Department of Education, or the superintendent's designee;

F. The CEO of Louisiana State University Health Science Center, or the CEO's designee;

G. The chair of the Office of Group Benefits Planning and Policy Board, or the chair's designee;

H. One (1) member who is employed by the Department of Insurance with expertise in health insurance matters;

I. One (1) member of the Louisiana Hospital Association;

J. One (1) member who represents active state employees;

K. One (1) member who represents retired state employees;

L. One (1) member who is employed by an institution of higher education with expertise in the field of health care services;

M. One (1) member who represents the business insurance industry; and

N. One (1) member with expertise in the delivery of medical care services.

SECTION 5: The governor shall appoint the chair of the Commission. All other officers, if any, shall be elected by the membership of the Commission.

SECTION 6: The Commission shall meet at regularly scheduled intervals and at the call of the chair.

SECTION 7: Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Commission shall be provided by the Office of Group Benefits.

SECTION 8: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies, and officers of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Commission in implementing the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 9: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 5th day of September, 2002

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

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THE GOVERNOR
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