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## STATE HOSTS DISASTER RECOVERY HOUSING EVENT JULY 14 IN LAKE CHARLES

The Louisiana Office of Community Development, in collaboration with federal, state and local partners, is hosting a disaster recovery housing resource expo from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. July 14 for southwest Louisiana residents affected by the 2020 and 2021 hurricanes. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held at the Lake Charles Civic Center at 900 N. Lakeshore Drive.

The resource expo will be an interactive event, with exhibitors sharing information on available grants, health care resources, property titles and heirship, resilient building techniques and more. Other topics include remediating mold and understanding insurance policies.

"As countless families are still recovering from Hurricanes Laura, Delta and Zeta, this event offers opportunities to receive important information and assistance for their housing needs in one place," OCD Executive Director Pat Forbes said. "We encourage all residents of southwest Louisiana affected by the storms to attend, and we look forward to helping them through the recovery process."

Event exhibitors include officials from federal and state disaster recovery and housing agencies, health care organizations, local nonprofits, government agencies and legal service providers.

The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury is providing free transportation to and from the event. Call 337.721.4040 24 to 48 hours in advance to schedule a ride. Pickups from the Civic Center will end at 7 p.m.

Additional housing expos will be held in Southeast Louisiana at the following dates and locations:

3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 26 Dumas Auditorium (location subject to change) 301 W. Tunnel Blvd., Houma, LA 70360

3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 28

East Bank Regional Library 4747 W. Napoleon Ave., Metairie, LA 70001

3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2 Cut Off Youth Center 205 W. 79th St., Cut Off, LA 70345