

**LOUISIANA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENT TO QUALIFIED ALLOCATION PLANS**

The Louisiana Housing Finance Agency (the "Agency") hereby gives notice that a public hearing on an Amendment of the 2007/08 GO Zone and Per Capita Credit Qualified Allocation Plans to take advantage of the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "Stimulus Bill") to distribute competitively a portion of the Capital Funds and the Treasury Grants under the Stimulus Bill while simultaneously increasing funds available to low-income housing projects with allocated credits on a priority basis (i) first, with inefficient syndications and (ii) second, under construction with cost overruns; and providing for other matters in connection therewith will be held at 10:00 a.m. on March 26, 2009, at the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808. The Amendment relating to minimum reserve balance is as follows:

Loan of Capital Funds and/or a Loan or Allocation of a portion of Treasury Grants Related to Projects in which the Taxpayer Voluntarily Returns to the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency All or a Portion of Allocated Credits: Tax Credits which are returned by a Taxpayer with respect to a project allocated credits under the 2007/08 GO Zone and Per Capita Credit Qualified Allocation Plans shall qualify for a loan of Capital Funds and/or a loan or allocation of Treasury Grants in an amount at least equal to the equity evidenced in the most recent feasibility and viability review of the project subject to satisfaction of the following conditions:

- (i) Receipt from the Taxpayer of a complete revised Project Application;*
- (ii) Receipt from the Taxpayer of a hold harmless and indemnification agreement acceptable to the Agency's general counsel; and*
- (iii) an opinion of tax counsel to the Taxpayer that the re-allocation of the Taxpayer's returned credits is permissible under the then existing federal income tax code and federal income tax regulations; and*
- (iv) Confirmation from the syndicator that the exchange of credits is approved by the syndicator; and*
- (v) A copy of the proposed amended and restated ownership documents.*

Upon satisfaction of the foregoing conditions, the Agency and Officers will be authorized and directed to enter into a binding agreement to loan Capital Funds and/or loan or allocate all of a portion of the Treasury Grant obtained from the returned credits. All Taxpayers receiving Capital Funds and/or Treasury Grant Funds will be required to enter into appropriate agreements with the LHFA in accordance with provisions of the Stimulus Bill in order for the LHFA to comply with its asset management functions.

Returned GO Zone Credits will be exchanged for Treasury Grant Funds to projects located in the GO Zone.

Environmental Clearance: *Applicants requesting Treasury Grants are **not** subject to the same environmental pre-clearance requirements as are Capital Funds. Any Applicant requesting Capital Funds must have previously completed a Phase I Environmental Assessment, in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58, and have received a Notice to Proceed from an appropriate approving federal or State agency.*

