

DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY
Fiscal Year 2009 OMB Budget Submission

As a quick overview, when the Delta Regional Authority was created, Congress appropriated \$20 million for fiscal year 2001. In fiscal year 2002, as the Authority became fully operational, the Authority received a \$10 million appropriation. The Authority then used appropriations from those two fiscal years for its first grant cycle.

Administrative costs were restricted to five (5) percent of appropriations. At a level of \$30 million for the first year of actual operations, five (5) percent was sufficient. However, the appropriation fell to \$8 million for fiscal year 2003, and the five (5) percent cap created operational difficulties. Using un-obligated administrative funds from the prior year and with help from its eight member states, DRA was able to operate. In fiscal year 2004, the President and the Congress approved that the 5 percent administrative cap be waived. As shown below, the DRA has budgeted \$1.5 million dollars of federal appropriated dollars toward administrative expenses for Fiscal Year 2008 & 2009. This equates to five (5) percent of DRA's full amount authorized by Congress (\$30 million) in the Delta Regional Authority Act of 2000, as amended, Section 2009aa-12.

Shown in Table 1 below are the administrative expenditures for the Office of the Federal Co-Chairman and the Delta Regional Authority's Central Office. Per the Authority's law, these two offices are to be set up separately from each other. Please note that these administrative expenses are only a small percentage of the Delta Regional Authority's Budget; whereas, the other ninety-five percent or more of the appropriated funds go directly to the Authority's programs.

Please see Table 1 on the following page, which enumerates the line-item actual and budgeted categories for fiscal years 2006 through 2009.

Table 1

Numbers are in Thousands of Dollars, unless Otherwise Noted	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Budget	FY 2009 Request
Federal Co-Chairman's Office				
Salaries and Contractual Services	\$559.9	\$519.8	\$483.3	\$483.9
Personnel Benefits	121.0	106.8	111.6	111.6
Travel	67.3	48.0	54.6	54.6
Office Expense	90.1	89.2	89.6	89.6
Supplies and Materials	1.0	2.0	3.2	3.2
Communications	16.4	7.3	32.7	32.7
Seminars & Meetings	5.2	14.3	30.0	30.0
Equipment	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Little Rock Office	0.3	4.6	9.0	9.0
Subtotal	\$861.2	\$792.0	\$814.0	\$814.0
DRA Central Office				
Salaries and Contractual Services	\$398.1	\$414.9	\$431.9	\$431.9
Personnel Benefits	76.3	85.0	99.7	99.7
Travel	31.7	27.1	35.4	35.4
Office Expense	65.7	65.8	67.5	67.5
Supplies and Materials	3.0	2.1	2.0	2.0
Communications	29.0	7.2	36.4	36.4
Seminars & Meetings	22.2	10.7	1.0	1.0
Washington Office	10.4	11.3	12.0	12.0
Equipment	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Subtotal	\$638.4	\$624.1	\$686.0	\$686.0
Grand Total	\$1,499.6	\$1,416.0	\$1,500.0	\$1,500.0

Notes to Accompany Table

Fiscal Year 2006 Actual

This column reflects the actual administrative expenditures at Fiscal Year end September 30, 2006. The general office expenses have increased from Fiscal Year 2005, which accommodated three newly created jobs. In Fiscal Year 2006 the President appointed Rex Nelson as our Alternate Federal Co-Chairman. Mr. Nelson having many years experience in Communications and public relations, with the help of his assistant managed the Communications for the Authority. Clinton B. LeSueur was also hired and directed the DRA Faith Based Initiative Program. All other operating expenses stayed comparatively the same, keeping our expenses at \$1.5 million.

Fiscal Year 2007 Actual

Due to inflation DRA's capability continues to erode, but despite this fact, DRA has been able to apply a small amount of federally appropriated dollars to provide and maintain a high level of service to our constituency and grantees. This is accomplished with a limited staff of under fifteen employees. DRA will also continue to explore new technologies as a means to further leverage the limited resources that are made available. Year end FY 2007 close reflects expenditures below the budget of \$1.5 million.

Fiscal Year 2008 Budget

The fiscal year 2008 budget of \$11.7 million will allow the Authority to continue to operate its federal grant programs and support local development districts. The eight states in the region also will continue to participate as partners, reducing the federal share of DRA operating costs by half, helping to keep the federal appropriated administrative dollars below the 5 percent cap of \$1.5 million, based on the DRA's full authorization.

Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Submission Request

The Authority herein requests an appropriation of \$6 million, the amount recommended by the President. Of this funding, \$1.5 million is requested for administrative expenses, while the \$4.5 million requested will be used to fund the Authority's federal grant program (FGP), local technical assistance and special project funding via the region's local development districts.

The Authority has worked hard in its first six years to ensure money is used efficiently and effectively, benefiting the largest number of people possible in the region. The expenses and budgets listed above have been scrutinized by DRA staff members, the federal co-chairman and representatives of the eight governors in the region.

Listed in our financial statements ATDA audit of 2006 performed by Breazeale, Saunders & O'Neil, LTD was the following quote:

“In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Federal appropriations and state matching funds of the Delta Regional Authority as of September 30, 2006 and 2005, and its net costs, changes in net position, budgetary resources, and reconciliation of net cost to budgetary resources for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.”

Everyone associated with the Authority will continue to ensure that the taxpayers' money is invested wisely while looking for even better methods of doing business than in the past.

2007 Performance Report of the “Performance/Accountability Report”

HEALTHY DELTA INITIATIVE

The Delta Regional Authority entered into the second year of its Healthy Delta program, allocating \$1.5 million to the initiative and receiving another \$500,000 from the corporate foundation of Wal-Mart Stores Inc. For a second year, the Communications Group of Little Rock held the contract for the Healthy Delta program.

The goals of the program are to:

- Educate Delta residents on the symptoms and dangers of diabetes.
- Get people in the Delta region to do something about their diabetes by calling a toll-free number for more information and a referral.

As part of this plan to promote diabetes awareness and prevention, the DRA is holding public health screenings in each of the eight states it serves. These free screenings, called Hometown Health Fairs, feature health educators who screen participants for weight, body fat, body mass index, total cholesterol, HDL levels, LDL levels, triglyceride levels and glucose levels. Detailed results are given to each person who receives a screening. Participants have the chance to ask questions and receive answers from health professionals at the fairs. Free blood pressure screenings and wellness materials also are provided.

Elite Wellness, a company that specializes in cost containment through risk factor reduction, conducts the screenings. After the screenings, local business leaders receive an analysis of the overall state of health for those who participated. This analysis identifies high-risk health concerns in each community and assists those local leaders in taking future steps toward developing community wellness plans. Prior to each Hometown Health Fair, the DRA hosts an event for business leaders so the need for improving the health of the workforce in the region can be explained.

Using the Healthy Delta banner, the DRA hopes to later pursue broader health and wellness issues in the region. A special effort is being made to ensure the message does not miss hard-to-reach minority populations in the eight states served.

As many as two-thirds of the people with diabetes in this country don't even know they have the disease. Each day in the United States, 4,100 people are diagnosed with diabetes. An estimated 55 people go blind each day due to the disease, and there are an average of 230 amputations per day. The cost to the country of diabetes is more than \$130 billion per year. The DRA is committed to raising awareness of diabetes and its causes and then driving at-risk residents into existing systems for treatment.

"To improve the economy of our region, we must first improve the health of our workforce," says Pete Johnson, the federal co-chairman of the DRA.

A website has been set up at www.healthydelta.com and a toll-free telephone number has been established at 1-866-602-3300 to offer free services to Delta residents. Specialists can help residents find a doctor, assist with Medicaid, find diabetes centers and follow up with those who made contact.

The DRA is running television advertising in the eight states it serves to increase public awareness about diabetes. The Authority realizes that minority audiences are traditionally hard to reach with messages about health care, so special attention is being paid to reaching these Delta residents. Minority outreach and faith-based events are being planned. The DRA has partnered with Bright Moments, a minority outreach firm in New Orleans Louisiana that has access to a network of more than 4,000 churches.

The DRA also has partnered with the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care, a federal quality improvement organization, to establish the Healthy Delta call center and track calls. Call center employees will administer the American Diabetes Association's diabetes risk test over the phone, screen for Medicaid eligibility, refer calls to primary-care physicians and follow up with callers at 30, 60, 90 and 120 days after the initial call. Each caller's demographic information, referral outcomes and patient progress will be entered into the DRA database. There will be assistance for Spanish-speaking callers.

The American Diabetes Association has agreed to officially endorse the Healthy Delta initiative as a program that is in line with its goals. The association will continue to partner with the DRA as the Healthy Delta initiative is expanded and new materials are developed.

The DRA also is developing relationships with the Medicaid directors in the eight states it serves.

Health care is a key component of the DRA's vision for the Delta because strong, growing communities are built with healthy workforces. If a worker isn't healthy, that worker can't hold a job, support a family or contribute to the economic growth of the community. When there are health issues that affect workers across a geographic area, the entire region's economy is affected.

Diabetes is a health care issue that has a devastating effect on the lives of many Delta residents. Not only is diabetes keeping thousands of people from being able to work and support their families, it also can lead to more serious problems such as heart attacks, strokes and even death. The Authority's goal is to educate those who live in the 240 counties and parishes it serves about the dangers and symptoms of diabetes. Then, residents will be encouraged to seek treatment so they can lead normal lives and be healthy enough to participate in the region's workforce.

The Delta's economy will never advance if the health of the workforce is not improved. Nothing quite like this has ever been done in the Delta, at least not on the scale the DRA has in mind. Simply put, it's a quality-of-life issue for the entire region. A healthy workforce is a vital foundation if the Delta is to truly build an economy for the 21st century.

DELTA DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY SYSTEM PLAN

During a planning retreat in February 2005, the Delta Regional Authority board voted to make transportation one of the Authority's three major policy development areas along with health care and information technology. Shortly after that retreat, the Authority contracted with a consortium of firms to assist the DRA with transportation planning.

The Delta Development Highway System plan was developed following input from transportation executives and local organizations in the eight states covered by the DRA. Public meetings were held throughout the region in the fall of 2006.

The Delta Development Highway System consists of 3,843 miles of roads throughout the region. The estimated cost to complete the planned improvement projects for these roads is \$18.5 billion, while the projected annual benefits are \$3.5 billion. Of the roads in the plan, 27 percent provide four or more travel lanes already, while the remaining facilities are additional lanes for existing two-lane facilities.

For the complete program description, please go to;

<http://dra.gov/programs/transportation/> and follow the links below.

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DELTA DOCTORS

In an attempt to increase the number of doctors serving Delta residents, the Delta Regional Authority has implemented the Delta Doctors program. The program allows foreign physicians who are trained in this country to work in medically underserved areas for three years. Most choose to stay far longer once they develop a patient base. Those in the Delta Doctors program do not take jobs away from U.S.-born physicians. Instead, they provide services in areas where otherwise there would be a shortage of physicians.

The Delta Regional Authority is one of the few government agencies allowed to recommend such visa waivers to the State Department. Medical school graduates from other countries normally are required to return to their home countries for at least two years after they complete their education. The J-1 visa waiver obtained under the Delta Doctors program allows them to stay in the United States if they spend at least three years in medically underserved areas. The physicians must provide primary care in their specialty fields for at least 40 hours a week. They also must provide care to the indigent, Medicaid recipients and Medicare recipients. The Delta Doctors program accepts waiver requests for medical specialists.

To date, the Delta Doctors program has assisted with the placement of more than 80 physicians in the region, which the Authority to better meet the health care needs of more Delta families, as the Authority is bringing doctors to underserved areas who otherwise would not be there.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – iDelta

While much of the country has been reaping the economic benefits of the information age, large parts of the Delta have been left behind. Many of the 240 counties and parishes covered by the Authority lack adequate access to a robust telecommunications infrastructure as other areas of the nation. This has exacerbated the region's geographical isolation and served as a barrier to the economic, educational, medical and various other benefits that areas outside the region have enjoyed for years. The problem is particularly acute in the region's distressed counties. These are areas where poverty and unemployment rates are substantially higher than the national averages.

During a strategic planning retreat in February 2005, the DRA board determined that one of the Authority's three top policy priorities would be information technology. To support its policy position, the Authority devoted \$150,000 to create an information technology plan for the region. It is hoped that the increased availability and use of technology will improve:

- Health access, quality and affordability. The DRA will work to improve information technology capacity, creating more virtual access points to the health care system and improving the health of Delta residents.
- Education through lifelong learning and workforce development. The Authority will attempt to improve workforce skills through enhanced information technology networks and systems. The DRA will try to better integrate technology into continuing education programs while expanding community awareness and training efforts.
- Business development and e-commerce with an emphasis on entrepreneurship. Increased information technology capacity and access will increase employment.

In May 2007, the DRA released its information technology plan for the region. The plan was developed in conjunction with Southern Growth Policies Board. The comprehensive plan to build information technology access and utilization in the region is titled "iDelta: Information Technology in the Delta." Goals of the plan are to improve education, enhance entrepreneurship and improve health care through the use of information technology. The plan provides research and data on the capacity and utilization of information technology in the region. There are recommendations for expanding the availability, usage and awareness of information technology.

For the complete program description, please go to <http://dra.gov/programs/information-technology/> and follow the links below.

- [iDelta Report \(2 MB\)](#)
- [iDelta Recommendations \(4 MB\)](#)

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – THE DELTA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

DRA's Delta Leadership Institute (<http://deltaleadership.ua.edu/>) is designed to create a corps of leaders with a regional and national perspective. The first class of the institute met in 2005. The program was operated by the DRA in cooperation with Delta State University at Cleveland, Miss. In April 2006, the DRA board chose the [University of Alabama](#) at Tuscaloosa to coordinate the Delta Leadership Institute.

Many of the 240 counties and parishes that make up the Delta region are characterized by high poverty, high unemployment levels, low educational attainment, a loss of skilled labor and a general lack of hope. Unable to establish development priorities, these counties and parishes have failed to keep up with counties and parishes in other areas of their states. Delta communities often lack the civic infrastructure, organizations and knowledge base necessary for sustained economic growth. Even those who are considered local leaders too often do not understand how good governance, quality infrastructure, adequate schools and quality health care services can work together to sustain growth.

These areas often are marked by a lack of investment in leadership development and strategic planning. This results in a leadership void and a lack of direction. Communities never decide on their priorities. With no leadership, vision or plans for growth, these communities continue to struggle.

The Delta Leadership Institute is designed to improve the decisions made by leaders across the region. Each of the eight governors and the federal co-chairman nominate four people per year for the program, resulting in a class of 36 Delta leaders. It is hoped that there will be a strong alumni organization. For example, after a dozen years, there would be a group of more than 400 Delta leaders with a regional perspective. These will be leaders who stay in touch with each other, sharing best practices and solutions to common problems.

It is expected that many of the graduates of the Delta Leadership Institute will go back to their communities and help lead local leadership programs, multiplying the number of people in the region who receive leadership training.

2007 Delta Regional Authority Federal Grant Program Review

DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM 2007

The highlights of the Authority's 2007 federal grant program include the Governor's project recommendations, which demonstrate the Authority's continued emphasis of the four funding priorities of basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, business development, and workforce development with emphasis on job creation and job retention. Basic public and transportation infrastructure project funding totaled \$7,400,135. which is 92.32 percent (well above the 50 percent required by statute) of the total fiscal year 2007 project funding allocation of \$8,015,805. Also, investment in distressed counties total \$7,616,684. which is 95 percent (well above the 75 percent required by statute) of the total fiscal year 2007 project funding allocation of \$8,015,805.

DRA's FY 2007 grant funds attracted \$41,629,517. in additional project funding, a ratio of 5.16 to 1, and \$446,920,000. in leveraged private investment, a ration of 55.41 to 1.

Overall the fiscal year 2007 Federal Grant Program is projected to exceed performance of the fiscal year 2006 Federal Grant Program listed below.

Program Highlights in FY 2006

The Authority continued to emphasis the four primary funding priorities of basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, business development, and workforce development with emphasis on job creation and job retention. Basic public and transportation infrastructure project funding totaled \$6,446,321. which is 82 percent (well above the 50 percent required by statute) of total FY 2006 project funding of \$7,847,810.

DRA's FY 2006 grant funds attracted \$59,292,035 in additional federal, state and local project funding, a ratio of 7.55 to 1, and \$167,900,000 in leveraged private investment, a ratio of 21.39 to 1.

Overall:

- DRA has contributed \$47,611,071 to 333 projects in its eight-state region for total project costs of \$254,711,242.
- DRA total project cost includes an additional leverage of \$207,100,170 in other federal, state and local funds, which is a ratio of 4.35 to 1.
- In addition, private funds invested in these projects total \$480,612,796, which is a ration of 10.09 to 1, private dollars to DRA dollars.
- Total leveraged investment of \$687,712,966 including federal, state, local and private funds produced a ratio of 14.44 to 1.

- Since the inception of DRA Federal Grants Program, 176 projects have been completed with the following results: 3,488 jobs created, 4,008 jobs retained, 6,219 families received improved water and sewer, and 2,584 individuals were trained for jobs in their area.
- DRA now has 157 projects which are active with projected outcomes including: 9,180 families who will receive improved water and sewer, 5,135 jobs which will be created, 5,825 jobs which will be retained and 883 individuals who will be trained for jobs already committed to this

Enclosed is a CD with a further breakdown of these results that can be seen in our comprehensive listing of our Federal Grant Program. These results are broken down by the DRA's eight partnering states and also by fiscal year.

DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY
2007 Federal Grant Program
Allocation Formula

The DRA enabling legislation requires the Authority to update distressed county designation annually. The following calculations reflect these updates.

2007 Allocation Methodology

Factors used in determining 2007 Allocation:

Factor	Factor Percentage
Equity Factor (divided equally among eight states)	50%
Population Factor (DRA counties/parishes only)	10%
Distressed Population Factor (DRA counties/parishes only)	20%
Distressed County Area (DRA counties/parishes only)	<u>20%</u> 100%

The model included factors using 2006 Distressed Counties (based on 2002 Per Capita Income from the Bureau of Economic analysis and April 2006 National Unemployment Rate).

2007 State Allocations

Alabama	10.19%	\$816,811.00
Arkansas	14.30%	1,146,260.00
Illinois	8.31%	666,113.00
Kentucky	8.80%	705,391.00
Louisiana	20.44%	1,638,432.00
Mississippi	14.02%	1,123,815.00
Missouri	11.01%	882,540.00
Tennessee	12.97%	\$1,036,443.00
 Total		 \$8,015,805.00

2007 DRA Federal Grant Program Pre-Application Summary

States	Total Pre-Apps Submitted	Pre-Apps Deemed Eligible	Pre-Apps Deemed Ineligible	Ineligible Pre-apps Appealed	Number of Ineligible Reversed
Alabama	13	7	6	0	0
Arkansas	19	11	8	1	0
Illinois	10	5	5	0	0
Kentucky	6	4	2	0	0
Louisiana	33	12	21	4	3
Mississippi	21	7	15	1	1
Missouri	11	5	6	1	1
Tennessee	17	10	7	2	0
Totals	130	61	70	9	5

Alabama
Fiscal Year 2007 Federal Grant Program Project Summary

**Alabama – Fiscal Year 2007 Federal Grant Program Project Summary
Total 2007 Alabama Projects (5)**

1. Renovation to compliance of a wastewater treatment lagoon, as Phase I of developing a sewage system for North Sumter County.

Grantee: Town of Gainesville

Federal ID#: 63-0862022

Grantee Contact: Carrie Fulghum

Telephone: 205-652-7551

County: Sumter-Distressed

Congressional District: 7th

Funding:

DRA	\$200,000.00	100.00%
Total	\$200,000.00	100.00%

Description: Renovation of the sewerage lagoon will include; dike repairs, grass seeding, erosion control, 150 linear feet of 4" PVC pressure line, sewer pump station, and purchase of U. V. System.

Benefits: Immediately, one hundred fifteen (115) households will benefit upon completion of Phase I. Phase II will add two hundred sixty four (264) households to the system when constructed.

2. Town of Pine Hill Sewer Line Replacement

Grantee: Town of Pine Hill

Federal ID#: 63-0519720

Grantee Contact: Mayor Harry Mason

Telephone: 334-963-4351

County: Wilcox-Distressed

Congressional District: 7th

Funding:

DRA	\$262,000.00	74.86%
Applicant	\$88,000.00	25.14%
Total	\$350,000.00	100.00%

Description: The project will provide 3,600 LF of gravity sanitary sewer lines placed at different depths. There will be thirteen manholes and 600 SY of rip-rap for stream stabilization.

Benefits: The town will avoid receiving a violation notice and possible fines. Maintenance costs are projected to drop by 16%.

3. Perry County Water System Improvements

Grantee: Perry County Commission

Federal ID#: 63-6001666

Grantee Contact: Brett Harrison

Telephone: 334-683-2200

County: Perry-Distressed

Congressional District: 7th

Funding:

DRA	\$81,800.00	16.98%
CDBG	\$400,000.00	83.02%
Total	\$481,800.00	100.00%

Description: Install 32,500 LF of 6" PVC water main and attachments, six fire hydrants and one master motor assembly.

Benefits: 57 households (128 people) receiving public water, increased revenues for the county and a backup water supply.

4. Marion Wastewater Improvements

Grantee: City of Marion

Federal ID#: 63-6001317

Grantee Contact: Mayor Anthony Long

Telephone: 334 683-6545

County: Perry-Distressed

Congressional District: 7th

Funding:

DRA	\$60,000.00	91.70%
Local	\$5,000.00	7.69%
Total	\$65,000.00	100.00%

Description: The City of Marion will purchase the clarifier and bar screen by competitive bid. The work will be at the City of Marion Wastewater Treatment Plant located on the Moore Street Extension; The City of Marion owns and operates the facility. The project can begin ninety days after grant award is signed. The construction time will be 90 days. The project has primarily DRA funds and will not progress until all paperwork is executed.

Benefits: The Marion Wastewater Plant will remain permitted and allowed to accept waste. The project outcome will be that nine hundred customers will have a system in which to send their solid waste. The City of Marion will be in compliance with the state monitoring agency.

5. Upgrades to Town of Chatom's Wastewater Treatment Facility

Grantee: Town of Chatom

Federal ID#: 63-6003963

Grantee Contact: Harold Crouch, Mayor

Telephone: 251-847-2480

County: Washington-Distressed

Congressional District: 1st

Funding:	DRA	\$250,000.00	17.98%
	Source 2	\$1,140,794.00	82.02%
	Total	\$1,390,794.00	100.00%

Description: Construct an activated sludge (AS) treatment process using two sequencing batch reactors (SBR). To optimize the performance of the system, two or more batch reactors are used in a predetermined sequence of operations.

Benefits: Removal of the ADEM consent order and safe, sanitary, environmentally friendly wastewater treatment for the citizens of Chatom.

Arkansas
Fiscal Year 2007 Federal Grant Program Project Summary

**Arkansas – Fiscal Year 2007 Federal Grant Program Project Summary
Total Arkansas Projects (5)**

1. Northeast Arkansas Public Water Authority

Grantee: Northeast Arkansas Public Water Authority **Federal ID#:** 26-0116816

Grantee Contact: A J Henry Jr **Telephone:** 870 886-2747

County: Lawrence-Distressed **Congressional District:** 1st

Funding:

DRA	\$300,000.00	2.70%
RD Loan	\$5,000,000.00	43.00%
RD Grant	\$1,700,000.00	14.80%
State	\$500,000.00	4.35%
State	\$4,000,000.00	34.60%
Total	\$11,500,000.00	100.00%

Description: The funds will be used for a portion of the construction costs of the project. There will be at least two contracts for construction. One will be for the treatment plant and the other for the water distribution.

Benefits: The benefit of the project will be a decent, safe, and sanitary supply of water to serve the communities of Alicia, Hoxie, Walnut Ridge and a portion of the Lawrence County Regional Water District. The project will create several construction jobs while the facilities are being built. It is anticipated that two new jobs will be created once the treatment plant is in operation.

2. Improvements to Sewer Treatment Plant

Grantee: City of Dermott **Federal ID#:** 71-6002261

Grantee Contact: Floyd Gary **Telephone:** 870 538-5251

County: Chicot-Distressed **Congressional District:** 4th

Funding:

DRA	\$282,750.00	48.77%
Local	\$297,000.00	51.23%
Total	\$579,750.00	100.00%

Description: This project will fund the improvements to the City of Dermott wastewater treatment facility. This project will include new operation equipment, levee reconstruction and a master sewer plan.

Benefits: The City will then be in compliance with State regulations.

3. Water / Wastewater Extension

Grantee: City of Osceola

Federal ID#: 71-6016933

Grantee Contact: Dickie Kennemore

Telephone: 870-563-5102

County: Mississippi-Distressed

Congressional District: 1st

Funding:

DRA	\$250,000.00	6.37%
EDA	\$1,400,000.00	35.67%
ANRC	\$2,275,302.00	57.97%
Total	\$3,925,302.00	100.00%

Description: Design and installation of approximately 18,000 linear feet of sewage force main and approximately 18,500 linear feet of water line, a 250,000 gallon elevated water storage tank, and sewer pump station to service the industrial complex located outside the city.

Benefits: Plum Point Energy Associates II, LLC second phase will create 19 new jobs upon competition.

4. Terminal Road Extension & Improvements for New Business Location

Grantee: City of Camden

Federal ID#: 71-6001458

Grantee Contact: Chris Claybaker

Telephone: 870-836-6436

County: Ouachita-Distressed

Congressional District: 4th

Funding:

DRA	\$400,000.00	73.52%
CDBG	\$144,064.00	26.48%
Total	\$544,064.00	100.00%

Description: Construction of .27 miles of a new roadway and interchange at Bradley Ferry Road and Opal Street. The road will be constructed with open ditches, two (2) twelve (12) foot lanes with four (4) foot shoulders.

Benefits: The new road will allow Camden Aggregate, LLC truck access to locate and create 40 new full time jobs with an average wage of \$17.30 per hour.

5. Wastewater Pre-Treatment Facility

Grantee: City of Warren

Federal ID#: 71-6012398

Grantee Contact: Bryan Martin, Mayor

Telephone: 870-226-6743

County: Bradley-Distressed

Congressional District: 4th

Funding:

DRA	\$160,000.00	8.28%
EDA	\$830,000.00	42.93%
AEDC	\$673,200.00	34.82%
Applicant	\$270,000.00	13.97%
Total	\$1,933,200.00	100.00%

Description: Construct a wastewater pre-treatment facility to include installing water and sewer extension lines, a 250,000 gallon aeration tank; two dissolve aeration flotation (DFA) units, pumps, screens, reinforced concrete slab, chemical feeders, a pre-fab metal building and miscellaneous electrical and plumbing work. The life expectancy of the facility is estimated at 25 years.

Benefits: The City will become compliant with the EPA ordinance, and 309 jobs (current employees) will be retained

Illinois
Fiscal Year 2007 Federal Grant Program Project Summary

**Illinois – Fiscal Year 2007 Federal Grant Program Project Summary
Total 2007 Illinois Projects (5)**

1. Rail transportation improvements to meet increasing needs of local industries

Grantee: Crab Orchard and Egyptian Railroad **Federal ID#:** 37-1080126
Grantee Contact: Hugh W. Crane, President **Telephone:** 618-993-5769
County: Williamson-Distressed **Congressional District:** 12th

Funding:

DRA	\$154,580.00	39.03%
KARCO	\$160,000.00	40.40%
Municipal	\$30,020.00	7.58%
Applicant	\$51,420.00	12.98%
Total	\$396,020.00	100.00%

Description: COER Herrin Division-crosstie replacement BNSF/COER RR'S Herrin interchange tracks (1/2 mile, 50 cross ties); replace RR/Railroad crossing surfaces at 13th and 14th Streets (50 new cross ties) and for support and approaching track gauging and tamping. Rehabilitation of some rail and 66 cross-ties on an 800' COER/Herrin side track serving a wood products wholesaler warehouse at 27th street; and rehabilitating a COER stub track to the former Orpack-Stone site by replacing 44 cross ties in order to make site available to NEI to utilize rail service.

Benefits: Twenty nine (29) jobs will be created and fifty four (54) current jobs will be retained.

2. GIS Mapping Saline County - Enterprise Zones

Grantee: Saline County Industrial Development Co. **Federal ID#:** 37-1137430
Grantee Contact: James Cummins **Telephone:** 618-499-1395
County: Saline-Distressed **Congressional District:** 19th

Funding:

DRA	\$18,000.00	90.91%
Applicant	\$1,800.00	9.09%
Total	\$19,800.00	100.00%

Description: Purchase of the following equipment; computer, printer, and mapping software. Input of land descriptions and zone information to overlay on to computer maps.

Benefits: Better definition of areas that can be developed and incentives available for specific areas.

3. Construct Supportive Living Facility

Grantee: Fox Meadows, N. F. P.

Federal ID#: 05-0591807

Grantee Contact: Randall Dauby

Telephone: 618-643-2361

Counties: Hamilton-Distressed

Congressional District: 19th

Funding:

DRA	\$150,000.00	2.18%
State SIRPDC	\$200,000.00	2.90%
Local Delta Network	\$44,000.00	0.64%
Local Bank Loan	\$2,366,000.00	34.31%
Federal Home Loan Bank	\$500,000.00	7.25%
State IHDA	\$3,475,000.00	50.40%
Local In-Kind	\$160,000.00	2.32%
Total	\$6,895,000.00	100.00%

Description: A DRA carve out has been requested by the grantee to construct a water main loop for the assisted living facility to include; 100 linear feet of 10' PVC casing pipe, 2700 linear feet of 8" water main, 450 linear feet of 6' water main, 200 linear feet of 4' water main, with all connectors and four 6' 3-way fire hydrants. Utilities will be located on non-profit and/or easement land near Marshall Avenue in McLeansbors, Illinois. This project will replace 2700 linear feet of 4' water main along Marshall Street from Randolph Street to Circle Drive past the future assisted living, the nursing home and the hospital, and will continue on Circle Drive past an existing assisted living facility and continuing on Pine Street to the Washington Street intersection. A 250 linear foot of 6' PVC will connect to the nursing home and a 200 linear foot 6' PVC will connect to the hospital.

Benefits: Provide essential housing for forty one (41) low income elderly and create sixteen (16) new full time jobs.

4. Southern Five Regional PDD Commission Loan Fund

Grantee: Southern Five RPDD

Federal ID#: 37-1001991

Grantee Contact: Lisa Thurston

Telephone: 318-637-2284

County: Pulaski-Distressed

Congressional District: 12th, 19th

Funding:	DRA	\$19,049.00	90.00%
	Applicant	\$2,117.00	10.00%
	Total	\$21,166.00	100.00%

Description: This project will upgrade the computers systems and the software that is used to administer the Loan Funds. This will allow for a more efficient and timely administration of the funds.

Benefits: This project makes it easier to handle the loan program and while making it easier it makes the marketing and growth of the program better. As the program grows jobs are created and retained.

5. Phoenix Foundation of Southern Illinois, Inc.

Grantee: Phoenix Foundation of Southern Illinois, Inc. **Federal ID#:** 20-4235231

Grantee Contact: Angela Helsel

Telephone: 618 384-0080

County: White-Distressed

Congressional District: 15th

Funding:	DRA	\$105,000.00	39.68%
	Local	\$159,591.00	60.32%
	Total	\$264,591.00	100.00%

Description: This grant will be used to purchase machinery necessary to begin operations, in the Outpatient/Lab, which will open with the assistance of this grant. Upon opening of the Outpatient/Lab services department at the hospital, ten employees will be hired.

Benefits: Ten jobs will be created.

Kentucky
Fiscal Year 2007 Federal Grant Program Project Summary

3. Paducah Water Extension

Grantee: Marshall County Fiscal Court

Federal ID#: 61-6014175

Grantee Contact: Kenneth Miller

Telephone: 270-527-4750

County: Marshall-Distressed

Congressional District: 1st

Funding:

DRA	\$150,000.00	56.32%
Applicant	\$39,551.00	14.85%
Paducah Water	\$43,088.00	16.18%
Paducah Water	\$33,700.00	12.65%
Total	\$266,339.00	100.00%

Description: Install approximately 9,500 linear feet of new 6” water line along Little Cypress Road. The line will connect to the existing 6” main on Little Cypress Road and then end with a connection to the existing 4” PVC line on Shar-Cal Road. The project will require two crossings of the P&L Railroad tracks

Benefits: Creation of ninety (90) new full time jobs and the retention of three hundred (300) jobs. In addition public water will be provided to 22 residences along Little Cypress Road.

Louisiana
Fiscal Year 2007 Federal Grant Program Project Summary

**Louisiana – Fiscal Year 2007 Federal Grant Program Project Summary
Total 2007 Louisiana Projects (15)**

1. Raw Water Intake Structure

Grantee: Town of Lutcher **Federal ID#:** 72-6000858

Grantee Contact: Mr. Rowdy Scott **Telephone:** 225-869-5823

Parish: St. James-Distressed **Congressional District:** 3rd

Funding:

DRA	\$100,000.00	16.31%
FEMA	\$50,000.00	8.16%
Insurance	\$8,000.00	1.31%
Local	\$455,000.00	74.23%
Total	\$613,000.00	100.00%

Description: Construction of a concrete wet well located on dry ground at the base of the levee with a walkway from the top of the levee to the pump station and suction piping from this pump station into the river.

Benefits: This project will provide the Town of Lutcher with a safe, secured source of potable water that will sustain both residents and businesses.

2. Kinder Drainage Project

Grantee: Town of Kinder **Federal ID#:** 72-6000615

Grantee Contact: Estes LeDoux **Telephone:** 337 738-2620

Parish: Allen-Distressed **Congressional District:** 4th

Funding:

DRA	\$79,975.00	80.00%
Local	\$19,994.00	20.00%
Total	\$99,969.00	100.00%

Description: This project will supply drainage improvements to the business section of downtown Kinder. Approximately 840 feet of 15 inch diameter concrete pipe will be provided; catch basins will also be installed. The area of town will be along 4th Avenue on public easement.

Benefits: The project will be an improved infrastructure for the Town. It will be benefiting the town's business section, aid in keeping jobs, improve the business climate, and help to attract new business, by eliminating unsafe drainage and dangerous flooding conditions.

3. Pawnee Road Improvements

Grantee: Allen Parish Police Jury

Federal ID#: 72-6000024

Grantee Contact: Andrew Hayes, Pres.

Telephone: 337-639-4328

Parish: Allen-Distressed

Congressional District: 5th

Funding:

DRA	\$150,000.00	12.74%
State-Capital Outlay	\$940,000.00	79.86%
Local-MARTCO	\$30,000.00	2.55%
Other Fed-EDA	\$57,000.00	4.84%
Total	\$1,177,000.00	100.00%

Description: Reconstruction of Pawnee Road from US Hwy. 165 to the MARTCO plant main entrance, approximately 961 feet in length. The railroad crossing would be widened to 32 feet with crossing arms and signals. The section of Pawnee Road between the railroad and MARTCO's main entrance would be widened to a 36 foot pavement section with 3 foot aggregate shoulders. The pavement section would be a typical highway section with 8 ½ inches of cement stabilized sub grade, 12 inches of crushed stone base, and 6 inches of asphaltic concrete pavement.

Benefits: MARTCO will create ten (10) full time jobs in addition to the current employment of 170 employees and maintain, at a minimum 170 full time year round employees.

4. Phase II: Nicholls State University High Speed Communications Infrastructure Development

Grantee: Nicholls State University

Federal ID#: 72-6011797

Grantee Contact: Dr. Balaji Ramachandran

Telephone: 985-448-4724

Parish: Lafourche

Congressional District: 3rd

Funding:

DRA	\$150,000.00	100.00%
Total	\$150,000.00	100.00%

Description: Purchase and installation of Genesis Carrier Grade Microwave Radios at Nicholls and Tulane. Data will be relayed from Nicholls to Tulane with this radio and can then be sent over LONI in order to allow real time delivery of data with the end users across the State.

Benefits: Several companies have expressed interest in locating in the area based upon the ability to use the UAS technology and linkage to LONI for data delivery to end users across the state. The result will be a high-speed data transfer capability. It is estimated that these companies will bring about 45 engineering jobs to the region.

5. Lions Water Plant Capacity Upgrade

Grantee: St. John the Baptist Parish

Federal ID#: 72-6001235

Grantee Contact: Mr. Nickie Monica

Telephone: 985-652-9569

Parish: St John the Baptist-Distressed

Congressional District: 3rd

Funding:

DRA	\$150,000.00	5.00%
Applicant	\$850,000.00	28.33%
Other Fed-EDA	\$1,000,000.00	33.33%
LSR LLC	\$1,000,000.00	33.33%
Total	\$3,000,000.00	100.00%

Description: The Lions Water Plant presently has a capacity of 3.0 MGD and will require another 2 MGD of filter capacity to meet the demand of the proposed new refinery and to be compatible with the other components of the plant. The installation of the new filter will also require the installation of several associated mechanical components to facilitate the successful operation of this segment of treatment. The sludge pit, which receives the backwash from the filters, will also have to be enlarged to accept the increased flow. In addition, the sludge discharge pumps and piping to the river will also have to be increased in size to complete the process. DRA funds have been requested to help purchase two 1500 GPM sludge pumps estimated to cost \$156,000.00.

Benefits: Louisiana Sugar Refinery, L.L.C. will create, at a minimum 95 new full time jobs with an estimated annual payroll of \$6 million.

6. Gramercy Potable Water System Improvement Program: Clarifier

Grantee: Town of Gramercy

Federal ID#: 72-6010409

Grantee Contact: Mr. Herman Bourgeois

Telephone: 225-869-4403

Parish: St. James-Distressed

Congressional District: 3rd

Funding:

DRA	\$150,000.00	9.64%
DRA 06	\$80,000.00	5.14%
Other Fed-EPA	\$723,000.00	46.45%
Local Bonds	\$603,577.00	38.78%
Total	\$1,556,577.00	100.00%

Description: Repair and repaint the clarifier system tanks which were installed in 1976. The two tanks will be removed and cleaned. Corroded steel plates will be replaced and the tanks will be repainted. Clarifier drives, motors, controls and piping will be replaced.

Benefits: Improved water treatment for 3300 residents and several major industries.

7. Replace and Repair Manhole Covers

Grantee: Town of Richwood

Federal ID#: 72-0818439

Grantee Contact: Mayor Edward Lee

Telephone: 318 -322-2104

Parish: Ouachita-Distressed

Congressional District: 5th

Funding:	DRA	\$100,000.00	100.00%
	Total	\$100,000.00	100.00%

Description: The town of Richwood’s citizens will receive the benefits of this proposed project. Only the town’s sewer lines and equipment will be addressed with these monies. Anticipated work will only be performed on public property and easements. Per anticipated notification and completion of encumbrance procedures and bidding, the town expects to begin this project October 29, 2007, with an anticipated completion date no later than December 14, 2007.

Benefits: The most significant benefits are the restoration of descent living conditions for the citizens of Richwood and being in compliance with EPA standards. In addition, the town will minimize future needs to temporarily repair chronic problems caused by insufficient pumps’ sizes.

8. Purchase Geographic Information System

Grantee: Tax Assessor, West Carroll Parish

Federal ID#: 72-6001488

Grantee Contact: Mildred Jones

Telephone: 318-428-2371

Parish: West Carroll-Distressed

Congressional District: 5th

Funding:	DRA	\$78,250.00	50.00%
	State	\$78,250.00	50.00%
	Total	\$156,500.00	100.00%

Description: This system will provide easy to use information such as, determine if property is in the flood plain, and determine the orientation and dimensions of properties that may be needed by disaster relief agencies, by attorneys. Real estate agents, oil and gas lease companies, surveyors, appraisers and engineers.

Benefits: A GIS system will make the parish more appealing to potential businesses looking to locate to this area. It will help create a central communication base to all local government agencies to share information

9. Purchase Geographic Information System

Grantee: Tax Assessor, East Carroll Parish

Federal ID#: 72-6000360

Grantee Contact: Ms Geneva Odom

Telephone: 318 559-2850

Parish: East Carroll-Distressed

Congressional District: 5th

Funding:	DRA	\$78,250.00	50.00%
	State	\$78,250.00	50.00%
	Total	\$156,500.00	100.00%

Description: This project will allow the county to print detailed aerial maps with the most current information available. This will insure that all properties are assessed and are valued at the current market levels and of fair and equitable assessments.

Benefits: A GIS system will make the parish more appealing to potential businesses looking to locate in the parish. It will help to create a central communication base to all local government agencies to share information.

10. Rayville Water System Improvements

Grantee: Town of Rayville

Federal ID#: 72-6001139

Grantee Contact: Mayor Harry Lewis

Telephone: 318 728-2011

Parish: Richland-Distressed

Congressional District: 5th

Funding:	DRA	\$100,000.00	2.00%
	USDA Grant	\$2,576,800.00	47.00%
	USDA Loan	\$3,343,000.00	55.53%
	Total	\$6,019,800.00	100.00%

Description: Rayville will use the DRA funds for construction to replace existing water distribution lines located within the Town's right-of-way during Phase 1 of this project. The planning and design work is underway and will be funded by USDA. Construction will begin the end of 2007 or the first of 2008 after the plans have been approved by USDA and Louisiana DHH.I

Benefits: This project will provide safe, quality drinking water, and provide a better fire rating which will reduce insurance cost.

11. GIS Mapping

Grantee: Caldwell Parish Assessor's Office

Federal ID#: 72-6000240

Grantee Contact: Mrs. Joyce Copeland

Telephone: 318-649-2636

Parish: Caldwell-Distressed

Congressional District: 5th

Funding:

DRA	\$83,187.00	68.41%
DHS	\$23,913.00	19.67%
Local	\$14,500.00	11.92%
Total	\$121,600.00	100.00%

Description: The mapping program will consist of aerial photography base map with overlapping layers, including section lines, property boundaries, parcel identification/ownership, topography, drainage and structures. All areas of parish government and ultimately the public will have access.

Benefits: To provide a comprehensive system of digital mapping with an accurate database that can be utilized by different agencies for the betterment of the citizens.

12. South Oxidation Pond Force Main Replacement

Grantee: Town of Jonesboro

Federal ID#: 72-6000607

Grantee Contact: Mayor Leslie Thompson

Telephone: 318- 259-2385

Parish: Jackson-Distressed

Congressional District: 5th

Funding:

DRA	\$55,000.00	100.00%
Total	\$55,000.00	100.00%

Description: Install 1400 linear feet of 8 inch C-900 PVC Force Main, 80 linear feet of 14 inch casing bored, and an air release valve. This project will be within the town's rights-of-way and the engineering will be done by the town's engineering firm. The project should start within 60 days of grant award date and be completed within 120 days.

Benefits: The project will eliminate an unhealthy and unsafe condition without significant rate increases resulting from costly repairs and DEQ fines.

13. Tensas Parish Health Unit

Grantee: Tensas Parish Police Jury

Federal ID#: 72-6014929

Grantee Contact: Emmett Adams

Telephone: 318 766-3542

Parish: Tensas-Distressed

Congressional District: 5th

Funding:	DRA	\$150,000.00	42.86%
	Rural Development	\$200,000.00	57.14%
	Total	\$350,000.00	100.00%

Description: Funding from DRA will be used to expand the Tensas Parish Health Unit/ FQHC by 2,000 sq feet. The Parish Health Unit building is a parish owned building located at 1115 Levee Street, St Joseph, LA in Tensas Parish.

Benefits: This will ensure health care is available to everyone that cannot travel the long distances for these services. Adequate health infrastructure can attract new business and creates new jobs.

14. Land Acquisition to allow for expansion of Tensas Community Health Center

Grantee: Tensas Community Health Center

Federal ID#: 20-0375450

Grantee Contact: Jacqueline Schauf

Telephone: 318 766-1967

Parish: Tensas-Distressed

Congressional District: 5th

Funding:	DRA	\$100,000.00	100.00%
	Total	\$100,000.00	100.00%

Description: These grant funds will be used to purchase property adjacent to the Tensas Community Health center. This property consists of five separate tracts of property adjoining the health center on the north and west boundaries. This is heir property with 26 owners with most of these owners living elsewhere. We are currently trying to negotiate the purchase of this property, anticipation of transfer by the 1st quarter, 2008.

Benefits: The benefit to the community of this land purchase will be improved dental and primary care, and accessibility to this care for those residents who are unable to travel. The purchase of this acreage and additional expansion will provide 6 new jobs.

15. Rapides Parish GIS

Grantee: Rapides Parish Police Jury

Federal ID#: 72-6001132

Grantee Contact: Richard Lindsey

Telephone: 318-473-6660

Parish: Rapides-Distressed

Congressional District: 5th

Funding:

DRA	\$50,000.00	83.33%
Applicant	\$10,000.00	16.67%
Total	\$60,000.00	100.00%

Description: Purchase GIS 9.2 software and equipment to upgrade Office of Economic Workforce Development's GIS capabilities, train staff to input and manipulate GIS data.

Benefits: Identifying locations of employers and jobseekers on the GIS map layers to support decision-making and strategic planning of the Workforce Investment Board and Career Center staff.

Mississippi
Fiscal Year 2007 Federal Grant Program Project Summary

**Mississippi – Fiscal Year 2007 Federal Grant Program Project Summary
Total 2007 Mississippi Projects (5)**

1. Health Care Facility Construction

Grantee: Amite County Medical Services, Inc.

Federal ID#: 64-063-2268

Contact: Ms. Pam Poole, Executive Director

Telephone: 601-657-8867

County: Amite-Distressed

Congressional District: 3rd

Funding:

DRA	\$400,000.00	23.95%
RD Grant	\$100,000.00	5.99%
RD Loan	\$870,000.00	52.10%
Grantee	\$300,000.00	17.96%
Total	\$1,670,000.00	100.00%

Description: Construct a 10,000 square foot facility to house the medical clinic, the dental clinic, and the administrative offices on two acres of land at 102 West Freedom Drive, Liberty, Mississippi. Land for this facility was purchased in 2000 and the modular dental clinic currently sits at one end of the property. Construction can be accomplished without displacing the modular unit; when the new facility has opened, the modular unit will be removed and additional parking space will be paved where the modular currently sits. The facility will include medical examination rooms and offices; dental operatories and offices; medical and dental laboratories; medical records rooms; waiting areas for patients; and offices for support staff and administrative staff. A meeting room is also planned for the Board of Directors and for group educational presentations.

Benefits: New facility in place; 3 + new jobs created; 2000 additional people served and able to join workforce. 500 additional hypertensive patients served and 300 additional diabetic patients served.

4. Okhissa Lake Sewer System Construction Phase I

Grantee: Okhissa Lake Sewer District

Federal ID: 41-215-5992

Grantee contact: Jerry Wilkinson

Telephone: 601-384-3953

County: Franklin-Distressed

Congressional District: 3rd

Funding:

DRA	\$165,000.00	23.64%
EPA	\$383,000.00	54.87%
MDA	\$150,000.00	21.49%
Total	\$698,000.00	100.00%

Description: The installation of 20,500 linear feet of HDPE sewer line, with 20 grinder pump stations; all to be constructed on public road right-of-way.

Benefits: Installation of sewer lines to twenty (20) existing homes and achieving environmental safety and regulatory compliance for this portion of the sewer district.

5. Sewer line extension to new low/medium security prison facility

Grantee: City of Natchez / Natchez Waterworks

Federal ID: 64-6000864

Grantee Contact: Phillip C. West

Telephone: 601-445-7555

County: Adams-Distressed

Congressional District: 3rd

Funding:

DRA	\$500,000.00	10.75%
State-CDBG	\$3,925,625.00	84.41%
Applicant Cash	\$183,364.00	3.94%
Applicant In-Kind	\$41,636.00	0.90%
Total	\$4,650,625.00	100.00%

Description: Natchez Waterworks will be required to extend sewer lines to the site in order for Corrections Corp. of America to locate at Hobo Forks road near Cranfield in Adams County. Engineering services are required in order to provide this sewer service to CCA, and it is anticipated that DRA funds will be utilized primarily in this area. A small percentage of DRA funds will be used to provide site work in clearing and grubbing the route to prepare the sewer line route in preparation of survey points and construction.

Benefits: Corrections Corporation of America will create and maintain between 270 and 300 full time jobs at this facility with estimated wages of \$32,000 per year.

Missouri
Fiscal Year 2007 Federal Grant Program Project Summary

**Missouri – Fiscal Year 2007 Federal Grant Program Project Summary
Total 2007 Missouri Projects (6)**

1. Road Improvements for Sikeston business, Education & Technology Park

Grantee: Scott County **Federal ID#:** 43-6003431
Grantee Contact: Dennis Ziegenhorn **Telephone:** 573-545-3549
County: Scott-Distressed **Congressional District:** 8th

Funding:

DRA	\$236,400.00	66.63%
Applicant	\$118,400.00	33.37%
Total	\$354,800.00	100.00%

Description: Improvements to County Road 468 to a point 3,900 feet west of Route 61, the approximate west line of the Industrial Park. These improvements will include widening the road base for a pavement width of 24 feet plus 4-foot wide gravel shoulders. The base would be upgraded to provide a total base thickness of 8 inches, and the driving surface would be a 60inch thick bituminous pavement. Additionally, the grade crossing of the Burlington-Northern-Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) would need to be upgraded by the railway company to replace the existing timber crossing with a new and wider concrete crossing.

Benefits: Bootheel Agri-Energy, LLC will create sixty (60) new full time permanent jobs upon construction completion of the ethanol plant.

2. Water line construction to Stoddard County Ag Complex

Grantee: Stoddard County Development Foundation **Federal ID#:** 43-1875085
Grantee Contact: Bill Aslin, President **Telephone:** 573-568-4400
County: Stoddard-Distressed **Congressional District:** 8th

Funding:

DRA	\$211,871.00	100.00%
Total	\$211,871.00	100.00%

Description: Construction and installation of 12,500 feet 8 inch PVC waterline and a 5 1/4" Fire Hydrant with Gate Valve.

Benefits: Creation of thirteen (13) new jobs.

3. Water Well Project

Grantee: City of Lilbourn

Federal ID#: 43-0918512

Grantee Contact: Mayor Dale Ray

Telephone: 573 688-2584

County: New Madrid-Distressed

Congressional District: 8th

Funding:

DRA	\$128,814.00	90.83%
Grantee	\$4,000.00	2.82%
Applicant	\$9,000.00	6.35%
Total	\$141,814.00	100.00%

Description: The DRA grant funds will be used for engineering and administration services and construction of the well improvements with the assistance of an outside contractor through the competitive bidding process. The City will install the well house and install the piping that would be purchased with grant funds.

Benefits: The City and County will generate additional tax revenue from real estate, personal property and sales tax. Total investment by the company will be \$4,760,000.00; total investment per job from public funds would be \$14,181.40

4. Construct rail to port and new business location

Grantee: Pemiscot County Port Authority

Federal ID#: 43-1165251

Grantee Contact: David Madison

Telephone: 573-333-4125

County: Pemiscot-Distressed

Congressional District: 8th

Funding:

DRA	\$205,701.00	17.08%
State-MODOT	\$998,520.00	82.92%
Total	\$1,204,221.00	100.00%

Description: Construct for STA 232+00 to STA 339+00 (10,700 feet), across State Highway 84. There the rail will connect with the spur planned for the bio-fuels plant.

Rationale: Rail access will be provided to the new business location allowing for the \$30,000,000.00 in private investment and the creation of twenty (20) new full time jobs.

Benefits: The creation of twenty (20) new full time jobs.

5. Cape CTC Annex Equipment

Grantee: Cape Girardeau Career & Technology Ctr. **Federal ID#:** 43-600601

Grantee Contact: Richard Payne **Telephone:** 573 334-0826

County: Bollinger, Scott, Stoddard-Distressed **Congressional District:** 8th
Cape Girardeau-Non-Distressed

Funding:	DRA	\$92,154.00	21.22%
	State-MO	\$253,429.00	58.37%
	Applicant	\$88,602.00	20.41%
	Total	\$434,185.00	100.00%

Description: The CTC is constructing a 12,000 square foot annex to meet industry and area demands for its training delivery. This annex is scheduled to be in use in mid- August, 2007 for the fall semester. In addition to other classroom spaces, it will include two 2,400 square foot laboratories with adjoining 840 square foot classrooms to teach entry- level skills in cabinetmaking and electrical trades, respectively. This project will equip these classrooms and laboratories with state of the art training aids and equipment to fulfill its mission.

Benefits: The CTC will provide entry-level skills for first time workers and upgrade the skill levels of existing employees in the Cabinetmaking and Electrical Trades programs within this two-year curricula. CTC intends to provide 30 students with entry-level skills and 40 students with upgrade skills, resulting in FTE for 70 individuals.

6. Breton Creek Sewer and Water Upgrade

Grantee: City of Potosi

Federal ID#: 43-6002868

Grantee Contact: Thomas Dudley

Telephone: 573-438-2767

County: Washington-Distressed

Congressional District: 8th

Funding:

DRA	\$103,950.00	35.77%
USDA-RD	\$58,200.00	20.03%
USFS	\$6,500.00	2.24%
State DNR	\$24,950.00	8.59%
Grantee	\$62,520.00	21.51%
Private	\$34,500.00	11.87%
Total	\$290,620.00	100.00%

Description: Construction of approximately 3,000 lineal feet of sewer line; 3,000 lineal feet of water line; fifteen manholes; and three creek crossings.

Benefits: Alleviation of infiltration and inflow at the sewer treatment plant caused by the current substandard sewer system in the project area. The extension of basic water and sewer infrastructure to the Great Mines Health Center construction site will result in the creation of 30 new professional jobs and the retention of 20 existing jobs.

Tennessee
Fiscal Year 2007 Federal Grant Program Project Summary

**Tennessee – Fiscal Year 2007 Federal Grant Program Project Summary
Total 2007 Tennessee Projects (6)**

1. Rail Switch Connection for New Industry Location

Grantee: Obion County **Federal ID#:** 62-6000780
Grantee Contact: Benny McGuire **Telephone:** 731-885-9611
County: Obion-Distressed **Congressional District:** 8th

Funding:

DRA	\$200,000.00	88.89%
Local	\$25,000.00	11.11%
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Total	\$225,000.00	100.00%

Description: Construct a switch on the Canadian National Railway mainline near milepost 291.5 on the Fulton sub-division, near Obion, TN, to serve an ethanol facility. This will be a number 10 switch complete with connecting track to reach the clearance point front the CN mainline but will no include compromise joints or derail.

Benefits: Ethanol Grain Processors at start of ethanol production will create forty (40) full time permanent jobs.

2. Wastewater Collection System Pump Station Improvements Project

Grantee: City of Middleton **Federal ID#:** 62-0801023
Grantee Contact: Mayor James Maxwell **Telephone:** 731-376-8409
County: Hardeman-Distressed **Congressional District:** 7th

Funding:

DRA	\$200,000.00	94.97%
Local	\$10,600.00	5.03%
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Total	\$210,600.00	100.00%

Description: New pumps, valves and fencing for the pump station located on Highway 57. New screening, pumps, valves and controls for the lagoon influent station. Radio telemetry of the sites needs to be installed to provide a rapid alert in the event of a problem occurring at the lift stations.

Benefits: 323 total households (762 citizens) will be served by the two stations as well as industrial and commercial users.

3. Sanitary Sewer Improvement

Grantee: City of Gleason

Federal ID#: 62-6020470

Grantee Contact: Mayor Jack Dunning

Telephone: 731 648-5547

County: Weakley-Distressed

Congressional District: 8th

Funding:

DRA	\$200,000.00	94.00%
Local	\$12,300.00	5.00%
Total	\$212,300.00	100.00%

Description: This sewer system in Gleason was installed in the 1950's with a major expansion in 1969. This system has deteriorated to the point that excessive amounts of inflow are having serious negative impacts. Repairs have been assumed to be point repairs. But, before actual work can begin, the major problems need to be identified.

Benefits: The outcome of the project will be conducting a recommended evaluation survey. The city will be responsible for locating and ensuring that most, if not all, manholes are visible and accessible. For example they should not be covered with asphalt. The next step is flow monitoring, which is done on the basis of sub-basins. It is anticipated that flow monitoring will eliminate portions of the sanitary sewer system that are not having excessive infiltration/inflow problems. The next step is smoke testing followed by the final step of television viewing.

4. Sanitary Sewer Project

Grantee: City of Dresden

Federal ID#: 62-6002522

Grantee Contact: Mayor Danny Forrester

Telephone: 731 364-2270

County: Weakley-Distressed

Congressional District: 8th

Funding:

DRA	\$199,839.00	95.00%
Local	\$10,000.00	5.00%
Total	\$209,839.00	100.00%

Description: The city has purchased their own flow meter equipment to monitor locations within the sewer system during both dry and wet conditions. This equipment has helped identify areas with high inflows. Also the city purchased their own camera equipment to continue inspections throughout the system. This work has been without any grant assistance; but, they have only been able to repair a portion of the system. Many areas are still in need of repairs.

Benefits: The outcome of this project will be that additional areas of the city's sewer system will be addressed in the identification of sewer problems and provide a dependable sanitary sewer system.

5. Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project

Grantee: City of Adamsville

Federal ID#: 62-6010454

Grantee Contact: Mayor Tommy Morris

Telephone: 731 632-1401

County: McNairy-Distressed

Congressional District: 7th

Funding:

DRA	\$200,000.00	95.00%
Local	\$10,000.00	4.76%
Total	\$210,000.00	100.00%

Description: The City will remove and replace the old pneumatic control system with an electrical system, clean, weld, repair, and repaint the existing pressure filters at the plant. The old system has become very unreliable. These necessary improvements will help bring the full system into full compliance with the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

Benefits: Results and accomplishments to be derived from the project deal with (a) Compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, and (b) compliance with TDEC standards regarding public water systems.

6. Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project

Grantee: City of Decaturville

Federal ID#: 62-0804531

Grantee Contact: Mayor Timothy Grace

Telephone: 731-852-2034

County: Decatur-Distressed

Congressional District: 7th

Funding:

DRA	\$175,925.00	100.00%
Total	\$175,925.00	100.00%

Description: Repair and/or replace existing inoperable raw water magnetic flow meter, submersible pumps, a new water supply well, force main from the new well to the plant, and removal of sludge from the water plant lagoon as required by EPA. Many of these pieces have become inoperable due to the high iron content of the water.

Benefits: 746 total households (1718 customers), 2 industrial and 69 commercial users will be served by the new water treatment plant.

Fiscal Year 2008 Grant Program Timeline and Instructions

October 10 — DRA 2008 Federal Grant Program Announced

The Delta Regional Authority (DRA), consist of the Federal Co-Chairman and the Governors of the eight participating member states:

- Patrick H. “Pete” Johnson - Federal Co-Chairman,
- Governor Bob Riley - State Co-Chairman, Louisiana,
- Governor Mike Beebe, Arkansas,
- Governor Steve Beshear, Kentucky,
- Governor Bobby Jindal, Louisiana,
- Governor Haley Barbour, Mississippi,
- Governor Matt Blunt, Missouri,
- Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, Illinois and
- Governor Phil Bredeson, Tennessee.

The Authority will make available to its Members of Congress, the Region’s 44 local development districts (LDDs) and the general public its pre-application package for the DRA 2008 Federal Grant Program.

The DRA’s 2008 “Uniform Pre-Application Package” will include the:

- Cover Letter,
- Simplified Process and Timeline,
- DRA 2008 Uniform Grant Pre-Application Form,
- Application for Federal Assistance – Standard Form 424, 424a & 424b non-construction projects or 424c & 424d construction projects.
- “Attachment A.1 – Distressed Counties” — Determined by the Delta Regional Authority in September, 2008.
- 1. If the project assists a private entity to locate and create jobs or an existing entity is involved in the retention of jobs, then a completed **Participation Agreement is required**. The Participation Agreement is posted as a document on the DRA website www.dra.gov under the Federal Grant Program. Failure to provide the Participation Agreement will result in an incomplete pre-application and disqualification.

The DRA 2008 “Uniform Pre-Application Package” can also be accessed through DRA’s web site or by the following:

- DRA's web site:www.dra.gov, "DRA 2008 Federal Grant Program", or by
- Calling: 1-888-GO TO DRA,
- Your Local Development District: For a list of the Region’s LDD contacts, please refer to www.dra.gov “DRA 2008 Federal Grant Program”
- Writing: DRA 2008 Federal Grant Program – Pre-Application Team

Delta Regional Authority
236 Sharkey Avenue – Suite 400
Clarksdale, MS 38614

Please note: DRA will periodically update its site with new information, clarification, etc., and it will be to your advantage to frequently refer back to the online *DRA 2008 Federal Grant Program* information for updates.

Commencing October 10 — Local Development Districts — Publicize, Educate and Assist

The LDDs will be the “front-line” facilitators, within their districts, to publicize, educate and provide technical assistance for the DRA 2008 Federal Grant Program’s pre-application process. Specifically, commencing October 10, each LDD will begin publicizing the DRA 2008 Federal Grant Program through their hosting of public-information forums plus all other means appropriate to their respective client bases.

Each LDD will be the principal contact for the provision of technical and pre-application assistance to the pre-applicants in its area throughout this one hundred four (104)-day period, from announcement to pre-application deadline.

On a separate but important note, most DRA 2008 Federal Grant Program projects will be administered by agencies other than the DRA. These agencies are referred to as “Administering Agencies”. If either USDA Rural Development or the Economic Development Administration is a participant in the project, then DRA will have a supplement grant and the applicable for mentioned Agency will administer the DRA supplement grant. Otherwise, the Local Development district will administer the DRA portion of the project.

Please note: these services (publicity, education and technical assistance for pre-application preparation) to be provided by the Region’s LDDs will be provided at no cost to the public, as the Delta Regional Authority has allocated the funds to, and has an agreement with, each LDD specifically for these purposes.

During November — All LDDs Host Public Forums

The Local Development will hold public forums to educate and assist the public concerning the Delta Regional Authority 2008 Federal Grant Program.

January 08 — Pre-application Due at Local Development District

Please note: All pre-application packages must be received by the Local Development District no later than Noon CDT, January 08, 2008. The Local Development Districts will

screen the pre-applications for completeness. Packages received after that time will automatically be deemed ineligible for DRA 2008 Federal Grant funds, with no recourse.

PRE-APPLICATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED THROUGH YOUR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, WHICH MUST BE LISTED ON THE LDD TRANSMITTAL COVER LETTER.

All submitted pre-application packages MUST include both the completed “Uniform Pre-Application Form” and the appropriate Federal Standard Forms 424 and (424a & 424b non-construction or 424c & 424d construction).

Please include in your submission to DRA:

1. One set of originals for DRA review,
2. One set of copies, which DRA will send to the participating state member and
3. One set of copies, which DRA will send to the (prospective) Administering Agency

And please send the packages to your Local Development District office.

January 22 — Local Development Districts Forward Pre-Applications

Local Development Districts package complete Pre-Applications and send original plus one copy to DRA. Local Development Districts will also send a copy to their Governor’s office DRA contact at the same time.

Please note: Failure to submit complete pre-application packages and/or the requisite number of copies will automatically render the submission automatically ineligible for DRA 2008 Federal Grant funds, with no recourse.

No Later Than February 22 — Project Eligibility Shall Be Determined

Project eligibility for the DRA 2008 Federal Grant Program will be completed no later than February 22 and will be determined by the Federal Co-Chairman, based on:

1. The eligibility guidelines as prescribed by the U.S. Congress in the “Delta Regional Authority Act of 2000”, as amended (Attachment A — Eligibility),
2. Delta Regional Authority policy promulgations (Attachment A.1 – Distressed Counties) and
3. The “Clarification Notes” described both on the “Uniform Pre-Application Form” and which may subsequently be described at www.dra.gov “DRA 2008 Federal Grant Program (please check for any updated “Clarifications”).

Upon completion of his eligibility determinations, the Federal Co-Chairman will forward that list to each participating state member, and he will also notify the pre-applicants and the Administering Agencies.

By April 11 — Participating State Member Select Approved Projects and Notify the Federal Co-Chairman

Each state's Governor will select his projects for DRA 2008 Federal Grant funding from the Federal Co-Chairman's list of eligible pre-applications.

With the singular independence as prescribed by the "Delta Regional Authority Act of 2000", as amended, each Governor will select his projects for funding, and will do so within the context of his own Authority-approved state plan and priorities.

When the Governors have selected their projects, these selections basically become "pre-certified" for DRA 2008 funding, needing now an application ("business plan") sufficient to satisfy the Authority and the (if needed) Administering Agency that the project will work as described and be able to comply with all appropriate federal regulations.

As Governors make their selections, they will forward their lists to the Federal Co-Chairman, who will in turn, invite these full application for these "pre-certified" projects.

As stated above, in the main, projects funded through the DRA 2008 Federal Grant Program will be administered by other federal agencies. Specifically, each Administering Agency's involvement will be:

- Federal Administering Agencies will receive the Federal Co-Chairman's list of the eligible projects, which the Administering Agency may be requested to administer, when he forwards this list to the participating state members.
- The Federal Administering Agency will certify that it will administer such projects according to their identified programs.
- Administering Agency will send DRA appropriate processing checklist and required documents for each project to be included in the full application packet and inform DRA of proposed funding for each project, if any.

Please note: When projects have been:

1. **Deemed eligible by the Federal Co-Chairman,**
2. **Pre-certified by the Governors and**
3. **Accepted by Administering Agencies,**

the applicants basically become "pre-grantees".

Accordingly, the DRA staff will proceed to work collaboratively and collegially with these "pre-grantees" to best insure their applications are sound, all contingencies are satisfied, the projects will be closed and funded in a timely manner — all to best insure each project will be successful.

On April 14 — Federal Co-Chairman Issues "Invitations to Apply" to Governors' Selections

Using the DRA 2008 Federal Grant “Uniform Grant Application Form”, which will include the Administering Agency’s required checklists and documents, the Federal Co-Chairman will invite a full application from each participating state’s lists of eligible and pre-certified projects.

May 21 — Applications Must be Prepared and Received by DRA

Using the packages provided by the Federal Co-Chairman, and the 40 days allowed, each applicant must complete such application packages and have the DRA receive their application packages – no later than 5pm CDT, May 21, 2008:

One set of originals for DRA review,

- One set of copies, which DRA will send to the participating state member and
- One set of copies, which DRA will send to the (prospective) Administering Agency

Applicants shall send their packages to:

DRA 2008 Federal Grant Program – Review Team
Delta Regional Authority
236 Sharkey Avenue – Suite 400
Clarksdale, MS 38614

Beginning May 21, all applications shall be received to the DRA Central Office, and the DRA staff will conduct a final review of the details, while working collaboratively and collegially with each applicant.

No Later Than July 11 — DRA Staff Review of Applications Completed and Reviews Forwarded to Governors

By July 11, DRA staff will have forwarded all the completed application reviews to each Governor for the state’s “evaluation and certification” as prescribed by the “Delta Regional Authority Act of 2000”, as amended.

By July 25 — Governors Will Evaluate and Certify Projects

Upon receiving each application for their state, and on or before July 25, each participating Governor shall evaluate and certify each application through his appropriate review process. The Governors will then forward their lists of evaluated and certified applications to the Federal Co-Chairman.

On July 29 — The Delta Regional Authority Votes on Funding 2008 Projects

On July 29, in Memphis, TN, each application will be voted on and approved by the participating state members and the Federal Co-Chairman, together, the Delta Regional Authority. Once projects are approved, the administration of each project will proceed in accordance with the “Memorandum of Agreement” between DRA and the appropriate Administering Agencies.

On July 31 — The Region’s Members of Congress notified

On July 31, the Members of Congress from the Region will be notified by the Federal Co-Chairman of all projects funded in their states and districts.

On August 4 — The Region’s Governors are notified

On August 4, the Governors of the Region will be notified by the Federal Co-Chairman of all projects funded in their states.

By September 15 — Applicants will be notified as to their application status

By September 15, most DRA Board-approved projects will be closed and all will be funded. The Administering Agencies will then provide DRA with copies of appropriate closing documents.

DRA Uniform Grant Pre-Application Form

PLEASE REFER TO CLARIFICATION NOTES BEFORE COMPLETING THIS PRE-APPLICATION

<p>[1.] Applicant Information:</p> <p>Applicant: _____</p> <p>Chief Elected Official: _____</p> <p>Street/PO Box: _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p>Fax Number: _____</p> <p>Email Address: _____</p> <p>For notification: _____</p> <p>County: _____</p> <p><u>No stamps: Blue Ink</u></p> <p>Official's Signature: _____</p>	<p>[2.] Application Preparer:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Agency: _____</p> <p>Street/P.O. Box: _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p>Fax Number: _____</p> <p>Email Address: _____</p> <p>Project's Congressional District: _____</p>
<p>[3.] DRA Goal/Objective:</p> <p>_____ Committed Economic Development Project</p> <p>_____ Committed Job Retention Project</p> <p>_____ Community Development Project</p> <p>_____ Project included in a "Recruiting Process"</p>	<p>[4.] Project Focus (check all that apply):</p> <p>_____ Transportation Infrastructure</p> <p>_____ Basic Public Infrastructure</p> <p>_____ Workforce Development</p> <p>_____ Business Development</p> <p>_____ "Distressed County" (see www.dra.gov -- as defined in "Attachment A.1" -- DRA 2005 Federal Grant Program).</p>
<p>[5.] Funding Sources for the Project:</p> <p>DRA Funds Requested: \$ _____</p> <p>Applicant Funds:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Cash: \$ _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">In-kind: \$ _____</p> <p>CDBG Funds: \$ _____</p> <p>Other State Funds: \$ _____</p> <p>Other Funds Label:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">_____ \$ _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">_____ \$ _____</p> <p>Private Investment Funds:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">_____ \$ _____</p>	<p>[6.] Job Creation (Full-Time Equivalency) Impact of DRA Project:</p> <p>Existing Jobs: _____ FTE</p> <p>New Jobs to be Created: _____ FTE</p> <p>Total Jobs: _____ FTE</p> <hr/> <p>[7.] Business/Industry Information: Committed</p> <p>Company Name: _____</p> <p>Contact Person: _____</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Street/P.O. Box: _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip: _____</p>

2008 Federal Grant Program Clarification Notes

Eligibility Clarification Notes

1. Applicants must demonstrate through a sound, comprehensive business plan based on hard data, proven methodology and reasonable forecasts acceptable to the DRA that the applicant is capable of maintaining the project after DRA funding to assure the sustainability of the project and achievement of the level of service outlined in the project description.

A project will NOT be deemed sustainable if it is dependent on future grants to meet its normal operating expenses.

Sustainability, by definition, includes all costs associated with management, operation and maintenance necessary to maintain an acceptable level of service.

2. Eligible entities may NOT be conduits for private-sector entities. The DRA 2007 federal grant program is ONLY available to participating member states, public and non-profit entities.
3. Basic Public and Transportation Infrastructure: to be deemed eligible, projects shall demonstrate job-creation or job-retention impact or demonstrate that a reasonable expectation of an impending sanction exists.
4. Workforce and Business Development: to be deemed eligible, projects shall demonstrate job-creation or job-retention.
5. "Workforce Development" means: job training or employment-related education for a specific employer to fill immediate job openings or retain current jobs, which are documented as such by that specific employer.
6. Delivery of such training shall be through the use of existing public educational facilities (EPEFs) located in the Region. However, if, the pre-applicant demonstrates (1) sufficient documentation demonstrating an EPEF's inability (as examples, insufficient capacity, curriculum, and/or accessibility) to satisfy the defined need, and the pre-applicant (2) demonstrates a compelling need to use a non-EPEF for such training, then the Federal Co-Chairman can waive this requirement and deem a project eligible.
7. Business Development – For eligibility purposes, this category refers to those areas of business development which include entrepreneurship, the creation of new businesses or the retention or expansion of existing businesses in the local communities.
8. Local, state and/or federal road, highway and/or bridge maintenance projects will NOT be eligible for DRA funding. However, projects involving development of access roads for industrial parks or economic development project sites (as examples) would be deemed eligible, if such are considered to be "basic public infrastructure".

9. Other than for “Workforce Training” projects as described above, normal operating costs (including but not limited to, salaries, vehicles, equipment and maintenance) will NOT be deemed eligible.
10. Government-facility construction and/or improvements (including but not limited to, local/state government offices, libraries, fire stations, multi-purpose buildings and public education buildings/schools) will NOT be eligible unless project leads to creation or retention of private sector jobs.
11. “Indirect Cost Allocations” are eligible but will be carefully assessed for reasonableness.
12. “Isolated Areas of Distress” means: Areas of distress identifiable by census tract (distressed county criteria) within a non-distressed county.
13. DRA 2007 federal grant funds will NOT be used for projects deemed to be “Speculative”, “Maintenance” or “Deferred Maintenance”.
14. Typically, “On-going Operating Costs”, will NOT be deemed eligible. However, for such costs to be considered, the project MUST be documented as a “Workforce Development” project.
15. NO financial assistance will be authorized to assist any relocation from one area (of the region) to another, except as authorized, to attract businesses from outside the DRA region to the DRA region.
16. DRA 2007 federal grant funds CAN NOT be used to “supplant” existing funding streams.
17. DRA funds can be used as the “first-dollar in” to attract additional funds, if needed. However, if this project will require other funds to work, please document or describe the source(s) of those additional funds.
18. Allow expansion of existing business incubators and industrial parks, river ports and airports; only allow funding start-up facilities if a committed economic development project or committed business incubator tenants.
19. All programs and activities will be carried out in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and other federal laws prohibiting discrimination, and in such a manner that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination with respect to any such programs or activities.
20. Delta Regional Authority reserves the right to withdraw grants for projects not under contract within 18 months of approval.
21. Business incubation is a business support process that accelerates the successful development of start-up and fledgling companies by providing entrepreneurs with any array of targeted resources and services. A business incubator’s main goal is to produce successful firms that will leave the program financially viable and freestanding. These incubator graduates have the potential to create jobs, revitalize neighborhoods, commercialize new technologies, and strengthen local and national economies. (Incubators typically graduate companies within three years) – National Business Incubator Association – www.niba.org

22. Geographic Information System (GIS) and Broadband projects (not to include speculative or feasibility-type studies – rather, complete and sustainable projects) will be considered technological infrastructure, a subpart of “basic public infrastructure”, and will be deemed eligible for State, County/Parish, or Municipal government entities, if they do not directly subsidize for-profit entities.
23. Feasibility/marketing type studies will be considered non-sustainable and speculative, therefore will not be considered eligible.

2008 DRA Distressed Counties/Parishes

Alabama

Barbour	Lee	Crittenden	St. Charles	Sunflower	Carroll
Bullock	Lincoln	Fulton	St. Helena	Tallahatchie	Chester
Butler	Lonoke	Graves	St. James	Tate	Crockett
Choctaw	Marion	Hickman	St. John the Baptist	Tippah	Decatur
Clarke	Mississippi	Hopkins	St. Landry	Tunica	Dyer
Conecuh	Monroe	Livingston	St. Martin	Union	Fayette
Dallas	Ouachita	Lyon	Tangipahoa	Walthall	Gibson
Escambia	Phillips	Marshall	Tensas	Warren	Hardin
Greene	Poinsett	McCracken	Union	Washington	Henry
Hale	Prairie	McLean	Washington	Wilkinson	Hardeman
Lowndes	Randolph	Muhlenberg	West Carroll	Yalobusha	Haywood
Macon	Searcy	Todd	West Feliciana	Yazoo	Henderson
Marengo	Sharp	Trigg	Winn		Lauderdale
Monroe	St. Francis	Union		Missouri	Lake
Perry	Stone		Mississippi	Bollinger	McNairy
Pickens	Union	Louisiana	Adams	Butler	Obion
Russell	Van Buren		Amite	Carter	Tipton
Sumter	White	Acadia	Attala	Crawford	Weakley
Washington	Woodruff	Allen	Benton	Dent	
Wilcox		Assumption	Bolivar	Douglas	

Illinois

Arkansas

	Alexander	Caldwell	Claiborne	Howell	
Arkansas	Franklin	Catahoula	Coahoma	Iron	
Ashley	Gallatin	East Carroll	Copiah	Madison	
Baxter	Hamilton	East Feliciana	Covington	Mississippi	
Bradley	Hardin	Evangeline	Franklin	New Madrid	
Calhoun	Jackson	Franklin	Grenada	Oregon	
Chicot	Johnson	Grant	Hinds	Ozark	
Clay	Massac	Iberia	Holmes	Pemiscot	
Cleveland	Perry	Iberville	Humphreys	Perry	
Craighead	Pope	Jackson	Issaquena	Phelps	
Crittenden	Pulaski	Jefferson	Jefferson	Reynolds	
Cross	Randolph	La Salle	Jefferson Davis	Ripley	
Dallas	Saline	Lincoln	Lafayette	Scott	
Desha	Union	Lafourche	Lawrence	Shannon	
Drew	White	Livingstone	Leflore	St. Francois	
Fulton	Williamson	Madison	Lincoln	Ste. Genevieve	
Grant		Morehouse	Marion	Stoddard	
Greene	Kentucky	Natchitoches	Marshall	Texas	
Independence		Orleans	Montgomery	Washington	
Izard	Caldwell	Ouachita	Panola	Wayne	
Jackson	Calloway	Plaquemines	Pike	Wright	
Jefferson	Carlisle	Pointe Coupe	Quitman		
Lawrence	Christian	Richland	Sharkey	Tennessee	
		St. Bernard	Simpson	Benton	

Delta Regional Authority's Support of Local Development Districts and LDD Contact Information

Assisting the Delta Regional Authority are the 44 Local Development Districts from its eight-state region. These regional entities have a proven track record of helping small municipalities, counties and parishes improve basic infrastructure and stimulate growth. During each federal grant program cycle, the Local Development Districts provide technical support to grantees through workshops and one-on-one settings.

"The local development districts provide the frontline troops for us," said Pete Johnson, the federal co-chairman of the Delta Regional Authority. "They are our people on the ground in the eight states we serve. For those seeking grants, the development districts are there to provide technical support and training. Our grants program would not have been as successful as it was the first four years without the support of the development districts."

The Authority's authorizing legislation has always included support for multi-county planning and development organizations:

"A local development district shall operate as a lead organization serving multi-county areas in the region at the local level; and serve as a liaison between state and local governments, non-profit organizations (including community-based and educational institutions), the business community, and citizens."

As seen above, the vision of Congress is that the local development districts will link federal and state officials with local entities. After five years, the partnership is working better than ever before. With limited resources, it is important the Delta Regional Authority continue to work with local development districts.

These local development districts (LDD's) have become an important element of the DRA partnership. Each LDD is governed by a board of directors comprised of locally elected officials and non-elected individuals. Many of these state-chartered entities were originally created by state executive orders, but now over half are authorized in state legislation. Some also have 501 (c) (3) non-profit status, enabling them to access support from foundations and other non-public sources.

Duties of Local Development Districts

Further, the Local Development Districts play key roles in the development of the Region by:

- Participating in multi-jurisdictional planning;
- Providing technical assistance to local jurisdictions and potential grantees; and
- Providing leadership and civic development assistance.

DRA LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS (44) CONTACT INFORMATION

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Legislation Establishing The Delta Regional Authority (as amended)

Excerpt From Conference Report On H.R. 4577, Departments Of Labor, Health And Human Services, And Education, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 -- (House Of Representatives - December 15, 2000) as amended by H.R. 2646, The Farm Security And Rural Investment Act of 2002 (2002 Farm Bill)

SUBCHAPTER VI--DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY

The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

SEC. 2009aa. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

- (1) **AUTHORITY.**--The term 'Authority' means the Delta Regional Authority established by section 2009aa-1 of this title.
- (2) **REGION.**--The term 'region' means the Lower Mississippi (as defined in section 4 of the Delta Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 100-460)).
- (3) **FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM.**--The term 'Federal grant program' means a Federal grant program to provide assistance in--
 - (A) acquiring or developing land;
 - (B) constructing or equipping a highway, road, bridge, or facility;
or
 - (C) carrying out other economic development activities.
- (4) **ALABAMA AS MEMBER OF AUTHORITY.**--Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State of Alabama shall be a full member of the Delta Regional Authority and shall be entitled to all rights and privileges that said membership affords to all other participating States in the Delta Regional Authority.

SEC. 2009aa-1. DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY.

- (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**--
 - (1) **IN GENERAL.**--There is established the Delta Regional Authority.
 - (2) **COMPOSITION.**--The Authority shall be composed of--

- (A) a Federal member, to be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate; and
- (B) the Governor (or a designee of the Governor) of each State in the region that elects to participate in the Authority.

(3) **COCHAIRPERSONS.**--The Authority shall be headed by--

- (A) The Federal member, who shall serve--
 - (i) as the Federal cochairperson; and
 - (ii) as a liaison between the Federal Government and the Authority; and
- (B) a State cochairperson, who--
 - (i) shall be a Governor of a participating State in the region; and
 - (ii) shall be elected by the State members for a term of not less than 1 year.

(b) **ALTERNATE MEMBERS.**--

(1) **STATE ALTERNATES.**--The State member of a participating State may have a single alternate, who shall be--

- (A) a resident of that State; and
- (B) appointed by the Governor of the State.

(2) **ALTERNATE FEDERAL COCHAIRPERSON.**--The President shall appoint an alternate Federal cochairperson.

(3) **QUORUM.**--A State alternate shall not be counted toward the establishment of a quorum of the Authority in any instance in which a quorum of the State members is required to be present.

(4) **DELEGATION OF POWER.**--No power or responsibility of the Authority specified in paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (c), and no voting right of any Authority member, shall be delegated to any person--

- (A) who is not an Authority member; or
- (B) who is not entitled to vote in Authority meetings.

(c) **VOTING.**--

(1) **IN GENERAL-**

(A) **TEMPORARY METHOD-** During the period beginning on the date of enactment of this subparagraph and ending on December 31, 2008, a decision by the Authority shall require the affirmative vote of the Federal cochairperson and a majority of the State members (not including any member representing a State that is delinquent under subsection (g)(2)(C)) to be effective.

(B) **PERMANENT METHOD-** Effective beginning on January 1, 2009, a decision by the Authority shall require a majority vote of the Authority (not including any member representing a State that is delinquent under subsection (g)(2)(C)) to be effective.

(2) **QUORUM.--**A quorum of State members shall be required to be present for the Authority to make any policy decision, including--

(A) a modification or revision of a Authority policy decision;

(B) approval of a State or regional development plan; and

(C) any allocation of funds among the States.

(3) **PROJECT AND GRANT PROPOSALS.--**The approval of project and grant proposals shall be--

(A) a responsibility of the Authority; and

(B) conducted in accordance with section 2009aa-8 of this title.

(4) **VOTING BY ALTERNATE MEMBERS.--**An alternate member shall vote in the case of the absence, death, disability, removal, or resignation of the Federal or State representative for which the alternate member is an alternate.

(d) **DUTIES.--**The Authority shall--

(1) develop, on a continuing basis, comprehensive and coordinated plans and programs to establish priorities and approve grants for the economic development of the region, giving due consideration to other Federal, State, and local planning and development activities in the region;

- (2) not later than 220 days after the date of enactment of this subchapter, establish priorities in a development plan for the region (including 5-year regional outcome targets);
 - (3) assess the needs and assets of the region based on available research, demonstrations, investigations, assessments, and evaluations of the region prepared by Federal, State, and local agencies, universities, local development districts, and other nonprofit groups;
 - (4) formulate and recommend to the Governors and legislatures of States that participate in the Authority forms of interstate cooperation;
 - (5) work with State and local agencies in developing appropriate model legislation;
 - (6) (A) enhance the capacity of, and provide support for, local development districts in the region; or
(B) if no local development district exists in an area in a participating State in the region, foster the creation of a local development district;
 - (7) encourage private investment in industrial, commercial, and other economic development projects in the region; and
 - (8) cooperate with and assist State governments with economic development programs of participating States.
- (e) **ADMINISTRATION.**--In carrying out subsection (d), the Authority may--
- (1) hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, receive such evidence, and print or otherwise reproduce and distribute a description of the proceedings and reports on actions by the Authority as the Authority considers appropriate;
 - (2) authorize, through the Federal or State co-chairperson or any other member of the Authority designated by the Authority, the administration of oaths if the Authority determines that testimony should be taken or evidence received under oath; and

- (3) request from any Federal, State, or local department or agency such information as may be available to or procurable by the department or agency that may be of use to the Authority in carrying out duties of the Authority;
- (4) adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws, rules, and regulations governing the conduct of Authority business and the performance of Authority duties;
- (5) request the head of any Federal department or agency to detail to the Authority such personnel as the Authority requires to carry out duties of the Authority, each such detail to be without loss of seniority, pay, or other employee status;
- (6) request the head of any State department or agency or local government to detail to the Authority such personnel as the Authority requires to carry out duties of the Authority, each such detail to be without loss of seniority, pay, or other employee status;
- (7) provide for coverage of Authority employees in a suitable retirement and employee benefit system by--
 - (A) making arrangements or entering into contracts with any participating State government; or
 - (B) otherwise providing retirement and other employee benefit coverage;
- (8) accept, use, and dispose of gifts or donations of services or real, personal, tangible, or intangible property;
- (9) enter into and perform such contracts, leases, cooperative agreements, or other transactions as are necessary to carry out Authority duties, including any contracts, leases, or cooperative agreements with--
 - (A) any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States;
 - (B) any State (including a political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of the State); or
 - (C) any person, firm, association, or corporation; and
- (10) establish and maintain a central office and field offices at such locations as the Authority may select.

(f) **FEDERAL AGENCY COOPERATION.**--A Federal agency shall--

- (1) cooperate with the Authority; and
- (2) provide, on request of the Federal cochairperson, appropriate assistance in carrying out this subchapter, in accordance with applicable Federal laws (including regulations).

(g) **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.--**

(1) **IN GENERAL.--**Administrative expenses of the Authority (except for the expenses of the Federal cochairperson, including expenses of the alternate and staff of the Federal cochairperson, which shall be paid solely by the Federal Government) shall be paid--

- (A) by the Federal Government, in an amount equal to 50 percent of the administrative expenses; and
- (B) by the States in the region participating in the Authority, in an amount equal to 50 percent of the administrative expenses.

(2) **STATE SHARE.--**

- (A) **IN GENERAL.--**The share of administrative expenses of the Authority to be paid by each State shall be determined by the Authority.
- (B) **NO FEDERAL PARTICIPATION.--**The Federal cochairperson shall not participate or vote in any decision under subparagraph (A).
- (C) **DELINQUENT STATES.--**If a State is delinquent in payment of the State's share of administrative expenses of the Authority under this subsection--
 - (i) no assistance under this subchapter shall be furnished to the State (including assistance to a political subdivision or a resident of the State); and
 - (ii) no member of the Authority from the State shall participate or vote in any action by the Authority.

(h) **COMPENSATION.--**

(1) **FEDERAL COCHAIRPERSON.--**The Federal cochairperson shall be compensated by the Federal Government at level III

of the Executive Schedule in subchapter II of chapter 53 of title V, United States Code.

- (2) **ALTERNATE FEDERAL COCHAIRPERSON.**--The alternate Federal cochairperson-- (A) shall be compensated by the Federal Government at level V of the Executive Schedule described in paragraph (1); and
- (A) shall be compensated by the Federal Government at level V of the Executive Schedule described in paragraph (1); and
 - (B) when not actively serving as an alternate for the Federal cochairperson, shall perform such functions and duties as are delegated by the Federal cochairperson.
- (3) **STATE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES.**--
- (A) **IN GENERAL.**--A State shall compensate each member and alternate representing the State on the Authority at the rate established by law of the State.
 - (B) **NO ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.**--No State member or alternate member shall receive any salary, or any contribution to or supplementation of salary from any source other than the State for services provided by the member or alternate to the Authority.
- (4) **DETAILED EMPLOYEES.**--
- (A) **IN GENERAL.**--No person detailed to serve the Authority under subsection (e)(6) shall receive any salary or any contribution to or supplementation of salary for services provided to the Authority from--
 - (i) any source other than the State, local, or intergovernmental department or agency from which the person was detailed; or
 - (ii) the Authority.
 - (B) **VIOLATION.**--Any person that violates this paragraph shall be fined not more than \$5,000, imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.
 - (C) **APPLICABLE LAW.**--The Federal cochairperson, the alternate Federal cochairperson, and any Federal officer or employee detailed to duty on the Authority

under subsection (e)(5) shall not be subject to subparagraph (A), but shall remain subject to sections 202 through 209 of title 18, United States Code.

(5) **ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.--**

(A) **COMPENSATION.--**

- (i) **IN GENERAL.--**The Authority may appoint and fix the compensation of an executive director and such other personnel as are necessary to enable the Authority to carry out the duties of the Authority.
- (ii) **EXCEPTION.--**Compensation under clause (i) shall not exceed the maximum rate for the Senior Executive Service under section 5382 of title 5, United States Code, including any applicable locality-based comparability payment that may be authorized under section 5304(h)(2)(C) of that title.

(B) **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.--**The executive director shall be responsible for--

- (i) the carrying out of the administrative duties of the Authority;
- (ii) direction of the Authority staff; and
- (iii) such other duties as the Authority may assign.

(C) **NO FEDERAL EMPLOYEE STATUS.--**No member, alternate, officer, or employee of the Authority (except the Federal cochairperson of the Authority, the alternate and staff for the Federal cochairperson, and any Federal employee detailed to the Authority under subsection (e)(5)) shall be considered to be a Federal employee for any purpose.

(i) **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.--**

- (1) **IN GENERAL.--**Except as provided under paragraph (2), no State member, alternate, officer, or employee of the Authority shall participate personally and substantially as a member, alternate, officer, or employee of the Authority, through decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, the rendering of advice, investigation, or otherwise, in any proceeding, application, request for a ruling or other

determination, contract, claim, controversy, or other matter in which, to knowledge of the member, alternate, officer, or employee--

- (A) the member, alternate, officer, or employee;
- (B) the spouse, minor child, partner, or organization (other than a State or political subdivision of the State) of the member, alternate, officer, or employee, in which the member, alternate, officer, or employee is serving as officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee; or
- (C) any person or organization with whom the member, alternate, officer, or employee is negotiating or has any arrangement concerning prospective employment;

has a financial interest.

(2) **DISCLOSURE.**--Paragraph (1) shall not apply if the State member, alternate, officer, or employee--

- (A) immediately advises the Authority of the nature and circumstances of the proceeding, application, request for a ruling or other determination, contract, claim, controversy, or other particular matter presenting a potential conflict of interest;
- (B) makes full disclosure of the financial interest; and
- (C) before the proceeding concerning the matter presenting the conflict of interest, receives a written determination by the Authority that the interest is not so substantial as to be likely to affect the integrity of the services that the Authority may expect from the State member, alternate, officer, or employee.

(3) **VIOLATION.**--Any person that violates this subsection shall be fined not more than \$10,000, imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both.

(j) **VALIDITY OF CONTRACTS, LOANS, AND GRANTS.**--The Authority may declare void any contract, loan, or grant of or by the Authority in relation to which the Authority determines that there has been a violation of any provision under subsection (h)(4), subsection (i), or sections 202 through 209 of title 18, United States Code.

SEC. 2009aa-2. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.

- (a) **IN GENERAL.**--The Authority may approve grants to States and public and nonprofit entities for projects, approved in accordance with section 2009aa-8 of this title--
- (1) to develop the transportation infrastructure of the region for the purpose of facilitating economic development in the region (except that grants for this purpose may only be made to a State or local government);
 - (2) to assist the region in obtaining the job training, employment-related education, and business development (with an emphasis on entrepreneurship) that are needed to build and maintain strong local economies;
 - (3) to provide assistance to severely distressed and underdeveloped areas that lack financial resources for improving basic public services;
 - (4) to provide assistance to severely distressed and underdeveloped areas that lack financial resources for equipping industrial parks and related facilities; and
 - (5) to otherwise achieve the purposes of this subchapter.
- (b) **FUNDING.**--
- (1) **IN GENERAL.**--Funds for grants under subsection (a) may be provided--
 - (A) entirely from appropriations to carry out this section;
 - (B) in combination with funds available under another Federal or Federal grant program; or
 - (C) from any other source.
 - (2) **PRIORITY OF FUNDING.**--To best build the foundations for long-term economic development and to complement other Federal and State resources in the region, Federal funds available under this subchapter shall be focused on the activities in the following order or priority:
 - (A) Basic public infrastructure in distressed counties and isolated areas of distress.
 - (B) Transportation infrastructure for the purpose of facilitating economic development in the region.

- (C) Business development, with emphasis on entrepreneurship.
- (D) Job training or employment-related education, with emphasis on use of existing public educational institutions located in the region.

SEC. 2009aa-3. SUPPLEMENTS TO FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS.

- (a) **FINDING-** Congress finds that certain States and local communities of the region, including local development districts, may be unable to take maximum advantage of Federal grant programs for which the States and communities are eligible because--
 - (1) the States or communities lack the economic resources to provide the required matching share; or
 - (2) there are insufficient funds available under the applicable Federal law authorizing the Federal grant program to meet pressing needs of the region.
- (b) **FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING-** Notwithstanding any provision of law limiting the Federal share, the areas eligible for assistance, or the authorizations of appropriations of any Federal grant program, and in accordance with subsection (c), the Authority, with the approval of the Federal cochairperson and with respect to a project to be carried out in the region--
 - (1) may increase the Federal share of the costs of a project under the Federal grant program to not more than 90 percent (except as provided in section 2009aa-5(b)); and
 - (2) shall use amounts made available to carry out this subchapter to pay the increased Federal share.
- (c) **CERTIFICATIONS.--**
 - (1) **IN GENERAL.--** In the case of any project for which all or any portion of the basic Federal share of the costs of the project is proposed to be paid under this section, no Federal contribution shall be made until the Federal official administering the Federal law that authorizes the Federal grant program certifies that the project--

- (A) meets (except as provided in subsection (b)) the applicable requirements of the applicable Federal grant program; and
- (B) could be approved for Federal contribution under the Federal grant program if funds were available under the law for the project.

(2) CERTIFICATION BY AUTHORITY.--

- (A) **IN GENERAL.--** The certifications and determinations required to be made by the Authority for approval of projects under this Act in accordance with section 2009aa-8--
 - (i) shall be controlling; and
 - (ii) shall be accepted by the Federal agencies.

(B) **ACCEPTANCE BY FEDERAL COCHAIRPERSON.--** In the case of any project described in paragraph (1), any finding, report, certification, or documentation required to be submitted with respect to the project to the head of the department, agency, or instrumentality of the Federal Government responsible for the administration of the Federal grant program under which the project is carried out shall be accepted by the Federal cochairperson.

SEC. 2009aa-4. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS; CERTIFICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

- (a) **DEFINITION OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.--**In this section, the term 'local development district' means an entity that--
 - (1) is--
 - (A) a planning district in existence on the date of enactment of this subchapter that is recognized by the Economic Development Administration of the Department of Commerce; or
 - (B) where an entity described in subparagraph (A) does not exist--
 - (i) organized and operated in a manner that ensures broad-based community participation and an effective opportunity for other nonprofit groups to contribute to the development and implementation of programs in the region;
 - (ii) governed by a policy board with at least a simple majority of members consisting of elected officials or employees of a general

- purpose unit of local government who have been appointed to represent the government;
 - (iii) certified to the Authority as having a charter or authority that includes the economic development of counties or parts of counties or other political subdivisions within the region--
 - (I) by the Governor of each State in which the entity is located; or
 - (II) by the State officer designated by the appropriate State law to make the certification; and
 - (iv)
 - (I) a nonprofit incorporated body organized or chartered under the law of the State in which the entity is located;
 - (II) a nonprofit agency or instrumentality of a State or local government;
 - (III) a public organization established before the date of enactment of this subchapter under State law for creation of multi-jurisdictional, area-wide planning organizations; or
 - (IV) a nonprofit association or combination of bodies, agencies, and instrumentalities described in subclauses (I) through (III); and (2) has not, as certified by the Federal cochairperson-
 - (A) inappropriately used Federal grant funds from any Federal source; or
 - (B) appointed an officer who, during the period in which another entity inappropriately used Federal grant funds from any Federal source, was an officer of the other entity.

(b) **GRANTS TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS.--**

- (1) **IN GENERAL.--**The Authority shall make grants for administrative expenses under this section.
- (2) **CONDITIONS FOR GRANTS.--**
 - (A) **MAXIMUM AMOUNT.--**The amount of any grant awarded under paragraph (1) shall not exceed 80

percent of the administrative expenses of the local development district receiving the grant.

(B) **MAXIMUM PERIOD.**--No grant described in paragraph (1) shall be awarded to a State agency certified as a local development district for a period greater than 3 years.

(C) **LOCAL SHARE.**--The contributions of a local development district for administrative expenses may be in cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including space, equipment, and services.

(c) **DUTIES OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS.**--A local development district shall--

(1) operate as a lead organization serving multicounty areas in the region at the local level; and

(2) serve as a liaison between State and local governments, nonprofit organizations (including community-based groups and educational institutions), the business community, and citizens that--

(A) are involved in multijurisdictional planning;

(B) provide technical assistance to local jurisdictions and potential grantees; and

(C) provide leadership and civic development assistance.

SEC. 2009aa-5. DISTRESSED COUNTIES AND AREAS AND NONDISTRESSED COUNTIES.

(a) **DESIGNATIONS.**--Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this subchapter, and annually thereafter, the Authority, in accordance with such criteria as the Authority may establish, shall designate--

(1) as distressed counties, counties in the region that are the most severely and persistently distressed and underdeveloped and have high rates of poverty or unemployment;

(2) as nondistressed counties, counties in the region that are not designated as distressed counties under paragraph (1); and

- (3) as isolated areas of distress, areas located in nondistressed counties (as designated under paragraph (2)) that have high rates of poverty or unemployment.

(b) **DISTRESSED COUNTIES.--**

- (1) **IN GENERAL.--**The Authority shall allocate at least 75 percent of the appropriations made available under section 2009aa-12 for programs and projects designed to serve the needs of distressed counties and isolated areas of distress in the region.
- (2) **FUNDING LIMITATIONS.--**The funding limitations under section 2009aa-3(b) shall not apply to a project providing transportation or basic public services to residents of 1 or more distressed counties or isolated areas of distress in the region.

(c) **NONDISTRESSED COUNTIES.--**

- (1) **IN GENERAL.--**Except as provided in this subsection, no funds shall be provided under this subchapter for a project located in a county designated as a nondistressed county under subsection (a)(2).

(2) **EXCEPTIONS.--**

- (A) **IN GENERAL.--**The funding prohibition under paragraph (1) shall not apply to grants to fund the administrative expenses of local development districts under section 2009aa-4 of this title.

- (B) **MULTICOUNTY PROJECTS.--**The Authority may waive the application of the funding prohibition under paragraph (1) to--

- (i) a multicounty project that includes participation by a nondistressed county; or
- (ii) any other type of project;

if the Authority determines that the project could bring significant benefits to areas of the region outside a nondistressed county.

- (C) **ISOLATED AREAS OF DISTRESS.--**For a designation of an isolated area of distress for

assistance to be effective, the designation shall be supported--

- (i) by the most recent Federal data available; or
- (ii) if no recent Federal data are available, by the most recent data available through the government of the State in which the isolated area of distress is located.

- (d) **TRANSPORTATION AND BASIC PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE.--**
The Authority shall allocate at least 50 percent of any funds made available under section 2009aa-12 for transportation and basic public infrastructure projects authorized under paragraphs (1) and (3) of section 2009aa-2.

SEC. 2009aa-6. DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PROCESS.

- (a) **STATE DEVELOPMENT PLAN.--**In accordance with policies established by the Authority, each State member shall submit a development plan for the area of the region represented by the State member.
- (b) **CONTENT OF PLAN.--**A State development plan submitted under subsection (a) shall reflect the goals, objectives, and priorities identified in the regional development plan developed under section 2009aa-1(d) of this title.
- (c) **CONSULTATION WITH INTERESTED LOCAL PARTIES.--**In carrying out the development planning process (including the selection of programs and projects for assistance), a State may--
 - (1) consult with--
 - (A) local development districts; and
 - (B) local units of government; and
 - (2) take into consideration the goals, objectives, priorities, and recommendations of the entities described in paragraph (1).
- (d) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.--**
 - (1) **IN GENERAL.--**The Authority and applicable State and local development districts shall encourage and assist, to the maximum extent practicable, public participation in the development, revision, and implementation of all plans and programs under this subchapter.

- (2) **REGULATIONS.**--The Authority shall develop guidelines for providing public participation described in paragraph (1), including public hearings.

SEC. 2009aa-7. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA.

- (a) **IN GENERAL.**--In considering programs and projects to be provided assistance under this subchapter, and in establishing a priority ranking of the requests for assistance provided by the Authority, the Authority shall follow procedures that ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, consideration of--
 - (1) the relationship of the project or class of projects to overall regional development;
 - (2) the per capita income and poverty and unemployment rates in an area;
 - (3) the financial resources available to the applicants for assistance seeking to carry out the project, with emphasis on ensuring that projects are adequately financed to maximize the probability of successful economic development;
 - (4) the importance of the project or class of projects in relation to other projects or classes of projects that may be in competition for the same funds;
 - (5) the prospects that the project for which assistance is sought will improve, on a continuing rather than a temporary basis, the opportunities for employment, the average level of income, or the economic development of the area served by the project; and
 - (6) the extent to which the project design provides for detailed outcome measurements by which grant expenditures and the results of the expenditures may be evaluated.
- (b) **NO RELOCATION ASSISTANCE.**--No financial assistance authorized by this subchapter shall be used to assist a person or entity in relocating from 1 area to another, except that financial assistance may be used as otherwise authorized by this title to attract businesses from outside the region to the region.

- (c) **REDUCTION OF FUNDS.**--Funds may be provided for a program or project in a State under this subchapter only if the Authority determines that the level of Federal or State financial assistance provided under a law other than this subchapter, for the same type of program or project in the same area of the State within the region, will not be reduced as a result of funds made available by this subchapter.

SEC. 2009aa-8. APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PROJECTS.

- (a) **IN GENERAL.**--A State or regional development plan or any multistate subregional plan that is proposed for development under this subchapter shall be reviewed and approved by the Authority.
- (b) **EVALUATION BY STATE MEMBER.**--An application for a grant or any other assistance for a project under this subchapter shall be made through and evaluated for approval by the State member of the Authority representing the applicant.
- (c) **CERTIFICATION.**--An application for a grant or other assistance for a project shall be approved only on certification by the State member that the application for the project--
 - (1) describes ways in which the project complies with any applicable State development plan;
 - (2) meets applicable criteria under section 2009aa-7;
 - (3) provides adequate assurance that the proposed project will be properly administered, operated, and maintained; and
 - (4) otherwise meets the requirements of this subchapter.
- (d) **VOTE FOR DECISIONS.**--On certification by a State member of the Authority of an application for a grant or other assistance for a specific project under this section, an affirmative vote of the Authority under section 2009aa-2(c) shall be required for approval of the application.

SEC. 2009aa-9. CONSENT OF STATES.

Nothing in this subchapter requires any State to engage in or accept any program under this subchapter without the consent of the State.

SEC. 2009aa-10. RECORDS.

(a) **RECORDS OF THE AUTHORITY.--**

- (1) **IN GENERAL.--**The Authority shall maintain accurate and complete records of all transactions and activities of the Authority.
- (2) **AVAILABILITY.--**All records of the Authority shall be available for audit and examination by the Comptroller General of the United States and the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture (including authorized representatives of the Comptroller General and the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture).

(b) **RECORDS OF RECIPIENTS OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE.--**

- (1) **IN GENERAL.--**A recipient of Federal funds under this subchapter shall, as required by the Authority, maintain accurate and complete records of transactions and activities financed with Federal funds and report on the transactions and activities to the Authority.
- (2) **AVAILABILITY.--**All records required under paragraph (1) shall be available for audit by the Comptroller General of the United States, the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture, and the Authority (including authorized representatives of the Comptroller General, the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture, and the Authority).

- (c) **ANNUAL AUDIT.--**The Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture shall audit the activities, transactions, and records of the Authority on an annual basis.

SEC. 2009aa-11. ANNUAL REPORT.

Not later than 180 days after the end of each fiscal year, the Authority shall submit to the President and to Congress a report describing the activities carried out under this subchapter.

SEC. 2009aa-12. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

- (a) **IN GENERAL.--**There is authorized to be appropriated to the Authority to carry out this subchapter \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2007, to remain available until expended.

- (b) **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**--Not more than 5 percent of the amount appropriated under subsection (a) for a fiscal year shall be used for administrative expenses of the Authority.

SEC. 2009aa-13. TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.

This subchapter and the authority provided under this subchapter expire on October 1, 2007.