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Sewage Treatment Ponds

Awardee: City of Melville

Federal ID#: 72-6000890

Awardee Contact: Cullen Curole

Telephone: 337-623-4226

Parish: St. Landry

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$155,500	100.00%
Total	\$155,500	100.00%

Description: Emergency funding was provided to correct documented sewer pond overflow and failure, due to a breach and subsequent discharge of sewage into the Atchafalaya River/Basin.

Benefits: An imminent health threat has been averted. Additionally, the Atchafalaya River/Basin area serves as an estuary for wildlife and fisheries and supports both recreation and commercial activities. The Atchafalaya River and its broad basin flow south from Melville through St Landry, Pointe Coupee, St Martin, Iberville, St Mary, Assumption and Terrebonne Parishes.

Emergency Room Expansion

Awardee: Franklin Parish Hospital Service

Federal ID#: 72-0685044

Awardee Contact: Mark Spence

Telephone: 318-435-9411

Parish: Franklin

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$199,124	33.75%
Other Public Investment	\$390,940	66.25%
Total	\$590,064	100.00%

Description: DRA funds shall be used to equip and outfit two rooms that will be specifically designated for trauma and high-acuity patients. DRA funding is a critical part of the emergency room renovations.

Benefits/Outcomes: With more rooms and more appropriate settings to treat patients, an anticipated increase in through-put and volume in the department is expected. Having passed a local tax subsidy for support of the hospital and having secured financing for expanding the ER another 4,000 sq. ft., the newly expanded Emergency Department will allow for life-saving care to this entire region. Franklin, Tensas, and Catahoula Parishes are the homes to over 30,000 citizens.

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Madison Parish Rail Spur

Awardee: Madison Parish Port

Federal ID#: 72-07088655

Awardee Contact: Terry Murphy

Telephone: 318-574-2181

Parish: Madison

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$200,000	54.00%
Other Public Investment	\$172,913	46.00%
Total	\$372,913	100.00%

Description: The recent purchase of the Delta Southern Railroad by Continental Rail gives the Port a chance to help create new jobs by providing additional rail service that has not been in the Port. In order for Continental to serve the Port properly, an additional rail spur is needed at the Port. The railroad serves the anchor industrial facility in the Port, Complex Chemical.

Benefits/Outcomes: Continental Rail's commitment to invest \$5 million in the existing short line rail (formerly Delta Southern Railroad) from the Kansas City Southern existing line from Tallulah, Louisiana to Magee, Arkansas, a Union Pacific connection, will positively impact the Northeast Louisiana economy. This will open up this pivotal region of the State to a much needed rail service.

Natural Advantage Wastewater Service

Awardee: City of Oakdale

Federal ID#: 72-6001026

Awardee Contact: Gene Paul

Telephone: 318-335-1111

Parish: Allen

Congressional District: 4

Funding:

DRA	\$185,800	82.00%
Other Public Investment	\$40,000	18.00%
Total	\$225,800	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used in the construction of a lift station and force main from the Natural Advantage Facility to Oakdale's wastewater treatment plant. These upgrades are necessary for the expansion of Natural Advantage.

Benefits/Outcomes: This project will result in the removal Natural Advantage's non-compliant wastewater discharge from a local stream and redirect it to the City of Oakdale's wastewater treatment plant for more thorough treatment, thereby eliminating the current environmental impacts of the Natural Advantage Plant.

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Emergency Sewer System Rehabilitation

Awardee: Town of Campti

Federal ID#: 72-0578290

Awardee Contact: Roland Smith

Telephone: 318-476-3321

Parish: Natchitoches

Congressional District: 4

Funding:

DRA	\$105,051	100.00%
Total	\$105,051	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will assist the Town of Campti's sewer system meet Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) enforced requirements, affecting the public health and economic growth in Natchitoches, Grant, Rapides, and Avoyelles Parishes.

Benefits/Outcomes: The benefits of this project are to meet the enforced requirements of LDEQ to ensure the health and safety of the region, and support tourism and current businesses. More than 30 employers in Campti currently employ over 100 people, all of whom depend on the Town's sewer system. Completion of this project will also be a catalyst for regional economic growth.

Harrisonburg Emergency Water Tank Upgrade

Awardee: Village of Harrisonburg

Federal ID#: 72-0635469

Awardee Contact: Michael Tubre

Telephone: 318-476-3321

Parish: Catahoula

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$128,000	78.53%
Other Public Investment	\$35,000	21.47%
Total	\$163,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used to replace the Village of Harrisonburg's ground storage water tank, per Louisiana Department of Health & Hospital's mandate.

Benefits/Outcomes: The 1,000 people dependent on this water system will be protected from the tank rupturing and destroying lives, homes, and their potable water supply.

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Town of Plaisance Water System

Awardee: Town of Plaisance

Federal ID#: 72-0710045

Awardee Contact: Raymond Cassimere

Telephone: 337-948-6832

Parish: St. Landry

Congressional District: 4

Funding:

DRA	\$90,000	100.00%
Total	\$90,000	100.00%

Description: The Town of Plaisance will use DRA funds to redevelop the Plaisance Water System so that it is a reliable and sustainable source of clean, potable drinking water.

Benefits/Outcomes: This redevelopment will eliminate the effects on the educational system, local businesses, and the medical community that depend on Plaisance Water System to provide reliable, quality water to them every day. The 6,200 people dependent on this water system are at risk of the brain eating ameoba, Naegleria Fowleri, without proper water treatment and must be protected.

Mobile Hospitality Industry Training Unit

Awardee: Reconcile New Orleans, Inc.

Federal ID#: 72-1341294

Awardee Contact: Glenn Armantrout

Telephone: 504-934-1633

Parish: Orleans

Congressional District: 1, 2

Funding:

DRA	\$100,000	74.07%
Other Public Investment	\$35,000	25.93%
Total	\$135,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used in assisting the Mobile Hospitality Industry Training Unit and Reconcile New Orleans to train and place 100 at-risk youth in employment in the city's growing hospitality industry.

Benefits/Outcomes: The Mobile Hospitality Industry Training Unit will allow Reconcile to expand on its successful fifteen-year track record of training more than 1,500 at-risk youth for careers in the hospitality industry. It does this by providing the equipment for students to participate in hands-on training activities with Reconcile's growing catering operation across the region. This unit will also allow Reconcile to earn additional revenue from its catering operation, supporting all equipment maintenance costs and the overall sustainability of the program.

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Lake Providence Warehouse, Providence Foods

Awardee: Town of Lake Providence

Federal ID#: 72-6000648

Awardee Contact: Robert Amacker

Telephone: (318) 559-2288

Parish: East Carroll

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$28,000	7.04%
Other Public Investment	\$245,000	61.56%
Private Capital Investment	\$125,000	31.40%
Total	\$398,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used to construct a 50'x60' metal warehouse with a concrete base and will be wired for electricity. Also, a new 20'x30' cooler will be purchased to store produce. The warehouse will be retrofitted to include a work and storage area as well as house the cooler.

Benefits/Outcomes: The Company has invested \$500,000.00 of their funds and plans to invest another \$125,000.00 in the next year. It will employ twenty (20) local persons and projects to create another four (4) jobs.

Acadiana Planning Commission

Awardee: South Central Planning & DC

Federal ID#: 72-0721574

Awardee Contact: Kevin Belanger

Telephone: 985 851-2900

Parish: Terrebonne

Congressional District: 3, 4, 5

Funding:

DRA	\$100,000	100.00%
Total	\$100,000	100.00%

Description: This project proposes to continue the development of APC to meet the described need and to include contact with municipalities so as to best serve Acadiana jurisdictions, public and business community.

Benefits/Outcomes: The reformation of a Local Development District (LDD) for Acadiana will provide long term benefits to constituents in multiple parishes (eight (8)) and municipalities (forty eight (48)) in the region. The sustainability of the new LDD reinforces what every economist and every resident already knows, "growth requires jobs and investment", sometimes that means an investment in the resource provides so as to improve the potential for sustainable communities.

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Region 8 Workforce Development

Awardee: NOVA Workforce Institute

Federal ID#: 30-0462723

Awardee Contact: Paul West

Telephone: 318-807-4024

Parish: Ouachita

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$80,000	12.99%
Other Public Investment	\$536,000	87.01%
Total	\$616,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used solely to fund the educational needs of Region 8 residents who seek to secure a living wage job.

Benefits/Outcomes: An additional 168 participants have been placed in transitional employment while they are enrolled in training programs. NOVA's current program completion rate is 80%, and the average hourly wage earned by our graduates is \$13.50, which means a projected wage impact in Region 8 of Northeast Louisiana of approximately \$7.7 million.

St. Bernard Parish Digital Infrastructure

Awardee: St. Bernard Parish

Federal ID#: 72-6001193

Awardee Contact: David Peralta

Telephone: 504-278-4226

Parish: Chalmette

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$70,000	4.76%
Other Public Investment	\$1,400,000	95.24%
Total	\$1,470,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will provide a functional GIS system for St. Bernard Parish Government that will meet the digital infrastructure needs of the parish's future recovery and economic development efforts as well as meet the DRA and State of Louisiana goals for improved digital connections.

Benefits/Outcomes: The ability of St. Bernard Parish to provide and share data with regional and state planning and transportation agencies.

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Delta Work Ready Academy

Awardee: Louisiana Dept. of Education

Federal ID#: 72-600745

Awardee Contact: John White

Telephone: 1-877-453-2721

Parish: East Baton Rouge

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$150,000	100.00%
Total	\$150,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will ensure this project will provide work readiness & technical skill training annually for approximately 350 over-aged and historically disadvantaged students that have dropped out and/or are potential dropouts

Benefits/Outcomes: This DRA project will provide the planning and organization necessary to implement a pilot program in Northeast Louisiana that will provide education and work ready training to many young adults (emerging workers). This program plans to offer training to 200-350 students the first year with replication for years to come.

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Village of Forest Water Well

Awardee: Village of Forest

Federal ID#: 72-0920241

Awardee Contact: Larry Denmon

Phone: 318-428-9058

Parish: West Carroll

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$110,000	30.56%
CDBG	\$250,000	69.44%
Total	\$360,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will aid in the installation of a new water well for the village's potable water system and capping of an inoperable well.

Benefits/Outcomes: The project will ensure the reliability of the water system for the customers served by the Village of Forest Water System. By installing the new water well the system will come into compliance with Section 3.2.1.2 of the Recommended Standards for Water Works ensuring approximately 2,200 citizens clean water.

Lake Providence Port Rail Extension

Awardee: Lake Providence Port Commission

Federal ID#: 72-0571915

Awardee Contact: James Thom

Phone: 318-559-2365

Parish: East Carroll

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$210,000	100.00%
Total	\$210,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used to extend a current rail line to accommodate the Myriant Succinic Acid Bio Refinery Plant. Through a collaborative effort with Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, the Port Commission rail line is part of a \$5 million rehabilitation project that will result in bringing the rail into operable status.

Benefits: While the most immediate impact of the project is the retention of 50 full-time employees, these improvements will also provide a cost-effective shipping option for industries in northeast Louisiana and southeast Arkansas and will provide the area with a competitive edge in attracting industries.

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GIS Infrastructure for Tensas Assessor's Office

Awardee: Tensas Parish Assessor's Office

Federal ID#: 72-6001387

Awardee Contact: Donna Ratcliff

Phone: 318-766-3501

Parish: Tensas

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$100,000	100.00%
Total	\$100,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used to update assessment software technology to integrate computer-assisted mass appraisal with GIS, acquire current pictometry, and update hardware.

Benefits: Tensas Parish Assessor's Office is responsible for the property values of 5,869 assessments. This IT Expansion Project will allow the integration of CAMA and GIS data, resulting in the 5,869 assessments being more uniformly assessed. Fair and accurate assessments affect individual taxpayers as well as businesses and generate appropriate revenue to the local taxing bodies.

ULM Unmanned Aerial Systems

Awardee: University of Louisiana Monroe

Federal ID#: 72-0920241

Awardee Contact: Leonard Clark

Phone: 318-342-1887

Parish: Ouachita

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$110,000	95.56%
CDBG	\$5,106	4.44%
Total	\$115,106	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used to provide training seminars on precision ag with an emphasis on unmanned aerial systems (UAS). There will be two types of training seminars: a two-day hands-on seminar with field components and a one-day demonstration with limited field components. The main focus of these seminars is to train farmers, crop consultants, business entrepreneurs and others interested in agriculture on how to integrate unmanned aerial systems into existing precision agriculture techniques.

Benefits: The use of UAS will ultimately increase agricultural productivity towards higher yields, higher quality crops, and less chemical applications. These seminars will create a workforce that is capable of using the latest technologies in UAS applications.

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GIS Infrastructure for Morehouse Assessor's Office

Awardee: Morehouse Parish Assessor's Office

Federal ID#: 72-6000910

Awardee Contact: John C. Hill

Phone: 318-281-1802

Parish: Morehouse

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$100,000	83.33%
Applicant	\$20,000	16.67%
Total	\$120,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used to update assessment software technology to integrate computer-assisted mass appraisal with GIS, acquire current pictometry, and update hardware.

Benefits: Morehouse Assessor's Office is responsible for the property values of 6,000 assessments. This IT Expansion Project will allow the integration of CAMA and GIS data, resulting in the 6,000 assessments being more uniformly assessed. Fair and accurate assessments affect individual taxpayers as well as businesses and generate appropriate revenue to the local taxing bodies.

South First Street Sewer

Awardee: City of Monroe

Federal ID#: 72-6000903

Awardee Contact: Chris Fisher

Phone: 318-329-2331

Parish: Ouachita

Congressional District: 2

Funding:

DRA	\$71,859	100.00%
Total	\$71,859	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be utilized in the replacement of collapsed sewer infrastructure on private properties that have been donated to the city.

Benefits/Outcomes: This project will remove a health hazard affecting the entire community. The project will provide efficient and safe sewage service to six homes and will protect the whole community for several city blocks from exposure to conditions that pose hazardous health risks.

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Louisiana Business and Technology Center

Awardee: Louisiana State University

Federal ID#: 72-6000848

Awardee Contact: Winona Ward

Phone: 225-578-7555

Parish: East Baton Rouge

Congressional District: 2, 6

Funding:

DRA	\$95,000	90.48%
Applicant	\$10,000	9.52%
Total	\$104,999	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used to jumpstart a prototype center—an entrepreneurial center focused on giving small business owners and entrepreneurs the tools needed to design and build new products.

Benefits: This project will benefit the entrepreneurial community in Louisiana by giving small businesses the ability to create rapid prototypes and computer renderings. The prototype center will spur innovation in small businesses and offer the client a more effective opportunity for success in the commercialization of their products. This will allow a culture of innovative products to be fostered and developed in Louisiana.

Brown's Dairy Infrastructure Improvements

Awardee: City of New Orleans

Federal ID#: 72-6000969

Awardee Contact: Aimee Quirk

Phone: 504-658-4248

Parish: Orleans

Congressional District: 2

Funding:

DRA	\$47,579	89.62%
Applicant	\$5,509	10.38%
Total	\$53,088	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used for public and transportation infrastructure upgrades surrounding the Brown's Dairy facility in central New Orleans, funding industrial strength streets, sidewalk improvements, and catch basins.

Benefits: With DRA's investment, 194 jobs will be retained, and a growing institution will remain in the city. New Orleans will enjoy improved transportation infrastructure and safety, and the project will ensure the local distribution of milk to the community.

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Golden Meadow Floodwall Phase 3

Awardee: Town of Golden Meadow

Federal ID#: 72-0882290

Awardee Contact: Joey Bouziga

Phone: 985-475-5163

Parish: Lafourche

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$150,000	10.73%
FEMA	\$1,048,500	75.00%
Applicant	\$199,500	14.27%
Total	\$1,398,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be utilized in the refurbishment and improvement of an existing floodwall to enhance business and community safety.

Benefits: The Golden Meadow seawall refurbishment will protect 881 homes and 82 commercial properties located in the municipality. The project will support continued infill development within an existing community and develop a stronger tax base for Golden Meadow.

Feliciano Airpark Business Development Complex

Awardee: East Feliciana Parish Dept. of Econ. Development

Federal ID#: 41-2194319

Awardee Contact: Larry Thomas

Phone: 225-921-1823

Parish: East Feliciana

Congressional District: 5, 6

Funding:

DRA	\$200,000	100.00%
Total	\$200,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used in the construction of a common use aviation business development facility, which will provide small businesses and entrepreneurs a foundation to build their businesses.

Benefits: The construction of the Aviation Business Development Complex will result in an increase in the expansion of general aviation businesses. The general aviation industry has suffered a decline due to increased facility fees and therefore limiting opportunities for new aviation business startup.

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GIS Infrastructure for Concordia Parish

Awardee: Concordia Parish Assessor's Office

Federal ID#: 72-6015757

Awardee Contact: Jerry Clark

Phone: 318-336-5122

Parish: Concordia

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$100,000	53.36%
Applicant	\$87,400	46.64%
Total	\$187,400	100.00%

Description: DRA's investment will fund GIS mapping infrastructure for public safety and strategic development. This project will establish an online tool allowing collaborative efforts sponsored and led by the Concordia Parish Assessor's Office to advance competitiveness of the area with cutting-edge GIS infrastructure. The GIS software will allow for layer conversion and expanded attribute database inputs.

Benefits: Installation and operation of the GIS infrastructure will advance the collaboration and effectiveness of the parish, stimulating private investment.

Reintroducing Lafayette Area Development District

Awardee: South Central Planning & Development Commission **Federal ID#:** 72-0721574

Awardee Contact: Kevin Belanger

Phone: 985-851-2900

Parish: St. Landry

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$100,000	83.33%
Applicant	\$20,000	16.67%
Total	\$120,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used by South Central Planning & Development Commission to fund staff and travel, allowing employees to meet with local jurisdictions and conduct SWOT analyses related to the jurisdiction's staffing needs to rebuild the Lafayette Area Development District.

Benefits: SCPDC's efforts with the local parishes will help to reconstitute the former LADD to manage existing underutilized resources such as the Revolving Capital Fund Program to benefit citizen entrepreneurs within their areas.

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Elevated Water Storage Tanks Blasting & Repairs

Awardee: Town of Bernice

Federal ID#: 72-0721356

Awardee Contact: William Mitcham

Phone: 985-851-3265

Parish: Union

Congressional District: 4

Funding:

DRA	\$250,000	49.50%
Applicant	\$255,000	50.50%
Total	\$505,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used for blasting, repairs, and lead paint abatement of two of three elevated water tanks owned by the town of Bernice. The funding is necessary to satisfy requirements and meet mandated repairs and timelines levied on November 9, 2011 by the Louisiana Department of Health and the US Environmental Protection Agency.

Benefits: The refurbishment of the tanks will ensure clean water for the Bernice population of 1,689 that rely on the town's water supply system for potable water.

Pipelining Skills to Jobs in Greater New Orleans

Awardee: Greater New Orleans Development Foundation

Federal ID#: 72-1177207

Awardee Contact: Michael Hecht

Phone: 504-527-6900

Parish: Orleans

Congressional District: 2

Funding:

DRA	\$75,000	59.52%
State	\$51,000	40.48%
Total	\$126,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be utilized to help connect low-income residents (approximately 1,000-1,500 high school students) with jobs and satisfy industry demand for a workforce to fill specific positions.

Benefits: A total of 80 low-income residents will be connected with career pathways in skilled-labor fields to build a workforce pipeline to satisfy industry demand for a skilled workforce in New Orleans.

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Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks

Awardee: Town of Sterlington

Federal ID#: 72-0566197

Awardee Contact: Vern Breland

Telephone: 318-665-2157

County: Ouachita, LA

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$ 150,000	28.00%
DEQ	\$ 350,000	66.00%
Other	\$ 35,000	6.00%
Total	\$ 535,000	100.00%

Description: Design and construction of wastewater treatment plant headwork's structure. The purpose of this project is to provide equipment for a wastewater treatment plant head works structure to screen out the trash, rags, debris, sand, grit, grease, etc., from the incoming wastewater flow.

Benefits: The benefit of this project will be the enhanced quality of the wastewater effluent to the environment thereby protecting the residents of the area and the elimination of the possibility of additional compliance orders.

LaSalle Parish Industrial Corridor

Awardee: LaSalle Parish Police Jury

Federal ID#: 72-6000655

Awardee Contact: Bobby Francis

Telephone: 318-992-2101

County: LaSalle, LA

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$200,000	34.00%
State	\$400,000	66.00%
Total	\$600,000	100.00%

Description: DRA investment, combined with State funds, will be used to reconstruct a locally-owned, public roadway.

Benefits: The output shall be the reconstruction of a roadway to meet standards for commercial/industry.

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Covenant Water Treatment Plant

Awardee: St. James Parish

Federal ID#: 72-6001228

Awardee Contact: Timothy Roussel

Telephone: 225-562-2260

County: Saint James, LA

Congressional District: 3

Funding:

DRA	\$90,810	90.00%
State	\$10,909	10.00%
Total	\$101,719	100.00%

Description: Funds will be used for the design and construction of a chlorine storage building at the Convent Water Plant. The work included with this project is the construction of the Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) block building with metal roof and concrete foundation. The buildings will consist of specialty equipment to hoist system chlorine cradles, a chlorine monitoring system, a chlorine isolation room, and relocation of existing chemical lines and drains.

Benefits/Outcomes: The project will provide a high priority improvement to St. James Parish's water treatment that will improve the overall health and well-being of the community and allow the Parish to meet the existing and future usage requirements of businesses and industries.

North Webster Parish Industrial District Water System Expansion

Awardee: North Webster Parish Industrial District

Federal ID#: 72-0870764

Awardee Contact: David Smith

Telephone: 318-382-4426

County: Webster, LA

Congressional District: 4

Funding:

DRA	\$208,500	51.00%
Applicant	\$200,000	49.00%
Total	\$408,500	100.00%

Description: Funds will be used to drill a third fresh-water well to increase the potable water supply of the North Webster Parish Industrial Park water system to meet the needs of a committed tenant moving into the industrial park. The water well will be drilled within the North Webster Parish Industrial Park and the associated piping will connect the tenant to the existing water system run by the industrial park.

Benefits/Outcomes: It is expected that 30 additional jobs will be created in the industrial district by expanding the water system to accommodate the new tenant.

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Lake Providence Road Re-Route

Awardee: Town of Lake Providence

Federal ID#: 72-6000648

Awardee Contact: Robert Amacker

Telephone: 318-559-2288

County: East Carroll, LA

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$35,000	84.00%
State	\$7,000	16.00%
Total	\$42,000	100.00%

Description: The DRA funds will be used to engineer the re-routing of a road in Lake Providence and the contracting, cost of materials, and labor to apply the asphalt per engineering specifics. This project will be accomplished on public land and should be accomplished with 60 days of the notice to proceed from DRA. The project has not begun and will not be initiated until the application is approved and a notice to proceed is issued. The project encompasses a road 24 foot wide and 300 foot long utilizing approximately 850 square yards.

Benefits/Outcomes: The project will result in a new business locating in one of America's poorest communities. 20 new jobs greatly impact this Delta community.

Springhill Small Business Incubator

Awardee: Town of Lake Providence

Federal ID#: 72-60001357

Awardee Contact: Carroll Breaux

Telephone: 318-465-2762

County: Webster, LA

Congressional District: 4

Funding:

DRA	\$100,000	25.00%
Applicant	\$300,000	75.00%
Total	\$400,000	100.00%

Description: To complete the infrastructure with new construction on a certified foundation with brick walls, this building has been donated for use through one of the area's philanthropist, which was expressed to be used for a small business incubator.

Benefits/Outcomes: A cost-benefit analysis of this situation predicts that with 137 contacts, provisioning seven eventual jobs, the gain to the economic base will be a multiple of the cash flow of such, at a minimum \$30,000 per unit will avail \$210,000 as a starting point of benefit above \$35,000.

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Water System Renovations

Awardee: Town of Oak Grove

Federal ID#: 72-6001027

Awardee Contact: Lavelle Brown

Telephone: 318-428-3275

County: West Carroll, LA

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$125,000	51.00%
State	\$121,918	49.00%
Total	\$246,918	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used specifically to replace the support media and the zeolite exchange media in the three softeners with replacement media and zeolite supplied by the original manufacture of the softeners (WesTech). This work will be accomplished by San-Tech Construction, West Monroe, LA.

Benefits: This project will result in the renovation of a water system for a small town and rural community. This renovation will provide safe water to approximately 1,100 businesses, schools and homes which total 2,700 residents. This project will have a positive outcome upon the health of 2,700 citizens in West Carroll Parish and upon 220 businesses which for this rural community will determine its economic health also.

Martin Luther King Dr. Sewer Line Extension

Awardee: Ouachita

Federal ID#: 72-0818438

Awardee Contact: Alvin Jackson

Telephone: 318-325-4328

County: Ouachita, LA

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$85,000	100.00%
Total	\$85,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funding will allow for the design and construction of the proposed sewer improvements. The Town of Richwood has no general fund monies that can be obligated; and there are currently no available grant monies from other funding sources that used as leverage for this project.

Benefits/Outcomes: Since the Louisiana Department of Health has set standards for acceptable sewer conditions, potential compliance issues with the State for these 25 citizens will be resolved. Continuous steps to improve and expand the sewer system will have a positive effect on the whole community; optimistically there will be future growth along Martin Luther King Dr.

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Richardson Medical Center Telecommunications System

Awardee: Hospital District of Richland

Federal ID#: 72-1179028

Awardee Contact: Oliver Holland

Telephone: 318-728-4181

County: Richland, LA

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$120,668	100.00%
Total	\$120,668	100.00%

Description: The Richardson Medical Center existing telecommunications system is more than 17 years old and many of the parts are no longer being manufactured and cannot be replaced once broken. In addition, the existing wiring system does not have the capacity to transmit the data information and the functionality is obsolete. In order to provide additional telecommunications services, new wiring and lines are required, thus increasing the monthly telecommunications expense for the hospital.

Benefits/Outcomes: The output/outcome for this proposed DRA project funding can be measured in direct management and oversight for the health care activities of the Richardson Medical Center. The replacement of the existing 17 year-old telecommunications system will allow for a more cost effective and efficient health care for the citizens of Richland Parish. The completion of the telecommunications project will also magnify the economic development potential for retaining existing jobs and creating new jobs in Richland Parish, Louisiana.

Madison Parish Port Rail Project

Awardee: Madison Parish Port Commission

Federal ID#: 72-0708655

Awardee Contact: Clyde Thompson

Telephone: 318-574-2181

County: Madison, LA

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$100,000	87.00%
Applicant	\$15,000	13.00%
Total	\$115,000	100.00%

Description: The project proposes to restore and enhance a rail that serves a port on the Mississippi River in Madison Parish. The present rail is insufficient to handle both the traffic and load capacity of materials.

Benefits/Outcomes: The outcome of the project will be the restoration of a rail necessary to sustain an industry vital to the economic health of a rural delta community. The immediate measurable outcome will be the retention of 75 jobs and the creation of two new jobs.

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Ascension Parish Assessor IT Expansion

Awardee: Ascension Parish Assessor's Office

Federal ID#: 72-6008712

Awardee Contact: Justin Champlin

Telephone: 225-647-8182

County: Ascension, LA

Congressional District: 6

Funding:

DRA	\$150,000	87.00%
Other	\$25,000	13.00%
Total	\$175,000	100.00%

Description: DRA's investment will be used for the purchase of orthopedic and/or oblique aerial imagery, ESRI mapping software, sketching software and computer tablets, a new server and/or additional hard drive space to accommodate the new software and imagery and other incidental items necessary to reach this goal of technological improvement.

Benefits/Outcomes: The outcome of the project will be the provision of information to the public they would like to see considering the growing expectation of technology in government functions.

Louisiana Providence Road Re-Route

Awardee: City of Bunkie

Federal ID#: 72-6000215

Awardee Contact: Mike Robertson

Telephone: 318-346-7494

County: Avoyelles, LA

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$88,000	87.00%
Other	\$22,000	13.00%
Total	\$110,000	100.00%

Description: Re-location of a drainage ditch in advance of company construction.

Benefits/Outcomes: This project will secure a manufacturer which will use advanced technologies, sustainable resources, and energy efficient practices within plant design and processes. The project will create up to 200 jobs with wages of \$13.00 per hour and benefits.

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Avoyelles Parish Port Industrial Infrastructure

Awardee: Avoyelles Parish Port Commission

Federal ID#: 06-1795922

Awardee Contact: Samuel Maddie

Telephone: 318-359-2958

County: Avoyelles, LA

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$150,000	26.00%
RBEG Grant	\$200,000	35.00%
Other	\$220,000	39.00%
Total	\$570,000	100.00%

Description: The total port and industrial park infrastructure development project includes: 3,000 linear feet of access roadway; 1,130 linear feet of six-inch water line; and 1,080 linear feet of eight-inch sewer line to serve the APPC industrial park.

Benefits/Outcomes: Long-term performance for this proposed DRA project funding can be measured in the number of existing jobs to be retained and the number of new jobs to be created in Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, which has an unemployment rate of 6.7 percent in March 2013 as compared to the State of Louisiana unemployment rate of 6.0 percent for the same period of time. The project will help to retain 32 jobs and will create 65 jobs.

Town of Harrisonburg Wastewater

Awardee: Village of Harrisonburg

Federal ID#: 72-0635469

Awardee Contact: Michael Tubre

Telephone: 318-744-5794

County: Catahoula, LA

Congressional District: 5

Funding:

DRA	\$50,000	100.00%
Total	\$50,000	100.00%

Description: Installation of BioHaven Floating Treatment Wetlands for treating municipal waste water to resolve DEQ compliance issues.

Benefits/Outcomes: Resolution of compliance orders for the Village of Harrisonburg so that the communities can achievement full compliance with a Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality NPDES & LPDES permit.

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Wastewater System Upgrades

Awardee: Town of Maringouin

Federal ID#: 72-6000883

Awardee Contact: John Overton

Telephone: 225-625-2630

County: Iberville, LA

Congressional District: 6

Funding:

DRA	\$50,000	100.00%
Total	\$50,000	100.00%

Description: Upgrade municipal wastewater system to resolve DEQ compliance issues.

Benefits/Outcomes: Resolution of compliance orders for the Village of Harrisonburg and so that the communities can achievement full compliance with NPDES & LPDES permits.

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