

**Long Term Workforce Housing Action Plan**  
**Amendment 6 – Modification 4**  
**Unmet Needs**  
**Technical Modification**  
Date: June 20, 2012

**Background and Scope**

The Long Term Workforce Housing (LTWH) “Unmet Needs Action Plan” was approved October 29, 2010—LTWH Amendment 6-Modification 3. A copy of the LTWH Action Plan Amendment 6 and all modifications to it in English, Spanish and Vietnamese can be found at [http://www.msdisasterrecovery.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=9&Itemid=65&lang=us](http://www.msdisasterrecovery.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9&Itemid=65&lang=us).

The modification created the new “Neighborhood Home Program” under LTWH which is designed to provide the eligible activities of home repair, rehabilitation, and reconstruction for those eligible households which have previously unmet Katrina related housing needs, as well as rental assistance provided to a limited number of households.

Since the approval of Neighborhood Home Program (Unmet Needs Program) LTWH, the State of Mississippi and MDA have continued to evaluate housing needs of the eligible beneficiaries who have unmet housing needs as a result of Hurricane Katrina on the Mississippi Gulf Coast as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

The Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) submits this Technical Modification 4 to the Neighborhood Home Program (Unmet Needs Program) and to the final Long Term Workforce Housing Program (LTWH) Action Plan Amendment 6 that was approved by HUD on June 23, 2008.

**Purpose**

The Purpose of this Technical Modification is to clarify the eligible activities included in the Long Term Workforce Housing (LTWH) “Unmet Needs Action Plan” approved October 29, 2010—LTWH Amendment 6-Modification 3. Specifically, the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) seeks to clarify the language regarding new construction by adding “manufactured homes to the language of the third paragraph of the eligible activities section of the Action Plan is included below:

Eligible activities under the Neighborhood Home (Unmet Needs) program consist of the following:

- Home repairs, which must be directly related to Hurricane Katrina flooding or wind damage, must be made to the primary residence of the applicant, and may not be made to a rental or secondary residence.

- The home upon which repairs will be made must have been either (a) owned at least in part by the current owner prior to Katrina and occupied by the current owner prior to and on the date of Katrina; or (b) owned prior to and on the date of Katrina by another person from whom title has been conveyed to the current owner and also occupied by the current owner prior to Katrina.
- Only repair, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of homes will be considered. **New construction and/or elevation, except for cottages, will not be considered in the program.** (*emphasis added*).
- Direct rental assistance to those renters displaced by Katrina who have previously opened a case file, as defined by the program, said assistance to be provided strictly from private dollars provided by the Gulf Coast Renaissance Corporation.

**Clarifying Amendment:**

It was always the intent of the Neighborhood Home (Unmet Needs) Program to include as an eligible activity limited new construction by providing “Cottages” or other manufactured housing as an alternative housing solution for those with unmet needs. Cottages may not meet all of the unmet housing needs, therefore, to clarify this intent; the third paragraph above is revised to read as follows:

Only repair, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of homes will be considered. **New construction may be permitted as an alternative housing solution only for the elevation and/or placement of “cottages” and manufactured homes.**

MDA has determined that this change does not represent a substantial modification to the LTWH Action Plan requiring public comment and formal submission to HUD. The nature, purpose, and scope of the LTWH Action Plan and the Unmet Needs Program remain the same subsequent to the modification. This technical modification will not negatively impact other potential beneficiaries presently included in the Neighborhood Home Program or the LTWH Action Plan.