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JEDCO and Jefferson Parish Encourage Louisiana Business Recovery Grant and Loan Program

Jefferson Parish has asked JEDCO for assistance in encouraging Louisiana Economic Development (LED) and the State of Louisiana to launch a third phase of the Louisiana Business Recovery Grant and Loan Program on behalf of the fishermen in Jefferson Parish, similar to the fund that was established after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

This new phase would provide short-term financial assistance to Louisiana businesses specializing in the seafood industry that are suffering damages from the recent Transocean Drilling incident.

As British Petroleum (BP) continues its attempt to contain the oil spill and cap the leak, “it is important that area parishes and the state unite to provide interim support for the seafood industry. “It is vital that the state immediately launch a financial assistance plan for Jefferson Parish’s fishermen who are experiencing hardships due to this oil spill in the gulf,” stated Jefferson Parish Councilman Chris Roberts.

The Louisiana Small Business Development Center has established a business assistance center at the Fisheries Assistance Center in Belle Chasse. It has already responded to over 150 businesses impacted by the oil spill, evaluating and assessing needs, providing information and coordinating responses with agency partners and networks such as Seedco and JEDCO.

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