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March 20, 2015

Artovia Engineering & Management Consulting
1011 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 18
Mandeville, LA 70471

Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the intent of Artovia Engineering to collaborate and become a partner with Jefferson Parish resilience efforts, should Jefferson Parish receive funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition; Artovia Engineering shall seek to enter into a formal agreement with Jefferson Parish to carry out eligible activities as provided in Jefferson Parish's CDBG-NDR application.

Artovia Engineering is a New Orleans area based woman owned small business that offers professional services for public and private sector clients, with a primary focus on program management, construction management, real estate development and engineering. The firm has also assisted Jefferson Parish with the Phase I CDBG-NDR application. Our proposed role will be that of a contractor that provides professional services to Jefferson Parish's as a part of the parish's resilience efforts.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of Artovia Engineering's intent to partner with Jefferson Parish. Proper parish selection processes are required to be adhered to prior to any agreement being drafted or formalized.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Barcelona".

Jennifer Barcelona
Chief Executive Officer



BAYOU LAND
RC&D Council

March 19, 2015

Ms. Michelle Gonzales, Director, Flood Plain and Hazard Mitigation Management
Jefferson Parish
1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., Ste. 801
Jefferson, LA 70121

Re: Intent to Participate

Dear Ms. Gonzales:

This letter is to confirm the intent of Bayou Land RC&D Council to collaborate and become a partner with Jefferson Parish resilience efforts, should Jefferson Parish receive funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition; Bayou Land RC&D Council shall seek to enter into a formal agreement with Jefferson Parish to carry out eligible activities as provided in Jefferson Parish's CDBG-NDR application.

Bayou Land RC&D Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization serving the communities of Southeastern Louisiana. Bayou Land collaborates with a wide-array of community partners to promote and implement natural resource restoration and conservation as well as community development. Our proposed role will be that of a subrecipient that assists in environmental project development and research as part of Jefferson Parish's resilience efforts.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of Bayou Land RC&D's intent to partner with Jefferson Parish. Proper parish selection processes are required to be adhered to prior to any agreement being drafted or formalized.

Sincerely,

Kathy Russo, President
Bayou Land RC&D

1000 Veteran's Memorial Blvd., Ste. 307
Metairie, LA 70005

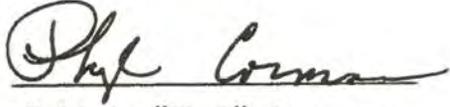
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Memorandum of Intent to Participate
As part of
Jefferson Parish Government's
National Disaster Resilience Competition

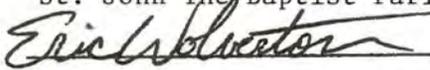
This memorandum is to confirm the mutual intent of the Southeast Louisiana Community Rating System (CRS) User Groups to collaborate and participate on the preparation, development, implementation, and outreach of eligible activities associated with Jefferson Parish's Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition. The participating User Groups in this memorandum include the Flood Loss Outreach and Awareness Taskforce (FLOAT) and Jefferson United Mitigation Professionals (JUMP).

The purpose of this memorandum is to establish commitment from and a cooperative working relationship with FLOAT and JUMP to assist in the development, education and outreach strategies, and dissemination efforts as stated in the Programs for Public Information developed by each group to help bring awareness of resilient building practices to the public in conjunction with the CDBG-NDR grant application. In addition, the intent of this memorandum is to ensure that the resilience planning process will be conducted in an open manner involving community stakeholders; that will be consistent with the Parish's policies, programs and authorities; and will be an accurate reflection of the community's values.

FLOAT Signatures



Felicie "Phyl" Cornman
Executive Secretary/CRS Coordinator
St. John The Baptist Parish

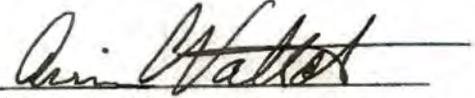


Eric Wolverton
Floodplain Administrator
St. John The Baptist Parish

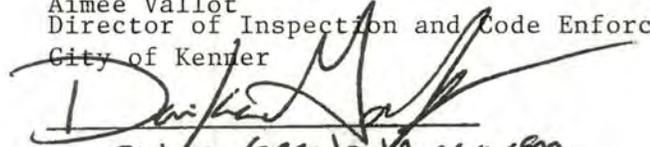


Matthew Bethel
Asst. Executive Director of Research
Louisiana Sea Grant

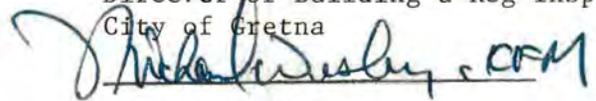
JUMP Signatures



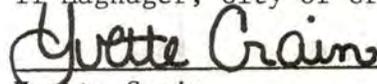
Aimee Vallot
Director of Inspection and Code Enforce
City of Kenner



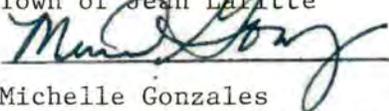
DANIKA GUENDRON, CSO, CFM
Director of Building & Reg Inspections
City of Gretna



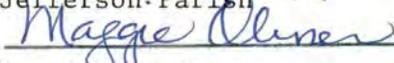
Michael Wesley
IT Magnager, City of Gretna



Yvette Crain
Clerk/CRS Coordinator
Town of Jean Lafitte



Michelle Gonzales
Director of FloodplainMngt & Haz Mit
Jefferson Parish



Maggie Olivier
Floodplain/CRS Specialist
Jefferson Parish



10 PARISHES
Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard
St. Charles
St. James
St. John the Baptist
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington

Greater New Orleans, Inc.
365 Canal St.
Suite 2300
New Orleans, La 70130

Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of both Jefferson Parish and Greater New Orleans, Inc. (GNO, Inc.) and its affiliate, the Greater New Orleans Development Foundation (GNODF), to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement, contingent upon the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition, to carry out eligible activities as provided in the Jefferson Parish CDBG-NDR application.

As the economic development organization for the 10-parish Greater New Orleans region, GNO, Inc. recognizes the inherent connection between resiliency and economic vitality. Working through a two-pronging approach of business development (marketing the region) and product development (improving regional business conditions through policy, workforce, and research initiatives), GNO, Inc. has been the driving force behind over \$6 billion in economic investment and the creation of over 11,000 direct and indirect jobs in the past three years alone. Achieving these benchmarks following one of the most significant federally-declared disasters in the nation's history required GNO, Inc. to extend its capacity as a traditional economic developer and create innovative strategies which support and compound regional resilience. From creating tools like the Greater New Orleans Urban Water Plan, to identifying and cultivating Emerging Environmental Industries as one of six key industry sectors, GNO, Inc. has effectively turned the region's greatest environmental vulnerabilities into key economic strengths.

Moving forward through the following phases NDRC process, GNO, Inc. will continue to support this application and Jefferson Parish by:

- **Identifying, Supporting and Developing Policy Recommendations:** Through the aforementioned involvement in both implementing innovative water management and encouraging holistic coastal restoration efforts, GNO, Inc. has a firm grasp on the overall landscape of resilience throughout the region, and specifically how current efforts around resilience can act as a barrier to wealth generation, or be leveraged as an opportunity for job creation and economic investment. Through both Phase I and Phase II of the NDRC process, GNO, Inc. will work with Jefferson Parish to identify what policies at the federal, state and local level are needed to encourage business and job growth. Beyond initial identification, GNO, Inc. will also lend the strength of its Board of Directors and business community network to developing these policies more thoroughly and supporting their implementation.
- **Analyzing and Pursuing Leveraged Funding Opportunities:** Innovative and collaborative financing structures are critical to the sustainability of any resiliency program or project. Building on recent outreach and research to vet various financing tools—such as assessment districts, tax increment financing/value capture—to fund resiliency efforts supporting water management, GNO, Inc. will work with Jefferson Parish to identify best-practices in resiliency

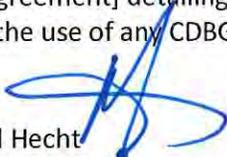


funding through the NDRC program, as well as replicate such programs across the regional network of resilience being established through the NDRC process.

- **Conducting Outreach and Education to Target Stakeholders:** With a board made up of over 70 executives and business leaders from the Greater New Orleans region, as well as deans and chancellors from over 10 regional two and four year college and universities, and local economic developers, GNO, Inc. has an exceptional network of core stakeholders which is convened monthly to discuss issues of regional significance. Beyond this core audience is a vast network of political and non-profit partners with whom GNO, Inc. has built a legacy of trust between. Leveraging these relationships, GNO, Inc. will advance key objectives and project needs uplifted by Jefferson Parish to ensure the appropriate stakeholder conversations are maintained to advance key project, data and engagement needs.
- **Providing Research and Regional Frameworks:** With the aid of an in-house research department and a foundation of evidence testifying to the strength of resilient approaches on the economic health and vitality of the region, GNO, Inc. will uplift and integrate national and local best practices, data and evidence to Jefferson Parish throughout the Phase 1 and 2 application process. Further, the organization's close relationships with government allies on the national, state and local levels position GNO, Inc. to act as a conduit and facilitator of various data sets and resources germane to the NDRC process.
- **Connecting Workforce and Business Development Opportunities:** Recovery efforts of the past ten years have not only contributed to the GNO region's environmental resiliency, but created new economic diversification and opportunity as well through the Emerging Environmental industry sector. Defined as for-profit businesses solving government and industry needs in energy, waste and water, this new sector has grown in relevance and expertise over the last decade through the significant infrastructure investments made in the wake of various disasters. Through the NDRC process, GNO, Inc. will continue to propel and position this sector by marketing and publicizing the latest innovations and opportunities in the GNO landscape to both companies and labor pools.

As evidenced above, the unique position of GNO, Inc. as a regional entity supports the willing engagement of this organization in this process, as well as the specific insight on issues of critical importance that relate to overall resilience.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement [or other agreement] detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.


Michael Hecht
President and CEO

March 13, 2015

Gulf Restoration Network
541 Julia Street, Suite 300
New Orleans, LA 70130

Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the intent of the Gulf Restoration Network to collaborate and become a partner with Jefferson Parish resilience efforts, should Jefferson Parish receive funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition; the Gulf Restoration Network shall seek to enter into a formal agreement with Jefferson Parish to carry out eligible activities as provided in Jefferson Parish's CDBG-NDR application.

The Gulf Restoration Network is committed to uniting and empowering people to protect and restore the natural resources of the Gulf Region. The mission of the Gulf Restoration Network is one of uniting and empowering people to protect and restore the resources of the Gulf Region for future generations. To this end, the GRN works to provide technical support and mentoring to grassroots groups, to connect our members to developments on national and regional issues of importance to their work, and to provide coordination, when needed, of member activities across the region. Our proposed role will be that of a partner agency that provides grassroots development and advocacy support services to Jefferson Parish as a part of the parish's resilience efforts.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of the Gulf Restoration Network's intent to partner with Jefferson Parish. Proper parish selection processes are required to be adhered to prior to any agreement being drafted or formalized.

Gulf Restoration Network

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Cynthia Sarthou
Executive Director

March 13, 2015

Ms. Michelle Gonzales
Jefferson Parish, Director of
Floodplain Management & Hazard Mitigation
1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., Suite 801
Jefferson, LA 70123

Re: Intent to Participate

Dear Ms. Gonzales,

This letter is to confirm the intent of the Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO) to collaborate and become a partner with Jefferson Parish resilience efforts, should Jefferson Parish receive funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition; JEDCO shall seek to enter into a formal agreement with Jefferson Parish to carry out eligible activities as provided in Jefferson Parish's CDBG-NDR application.

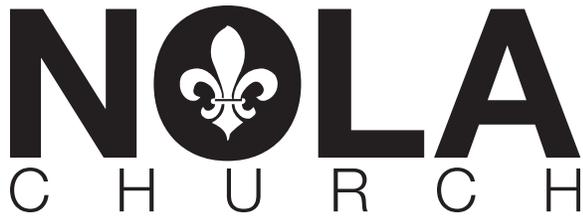
JEDCO is an independent, yet complementary arm of Jefferson Parish government with the main objective of attracting, growing and creating new business in our area. JEDCO's mission is to proactively influence the economy through the retention and creation of quality jobs, entrepreneurship and investment in Jefferson Parish. Our proposed role will be that of a partner agency that provides economic development support as part of Jefferson Parish's resilience efforts.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of JEDCO's intent to partner with Jefferson Parish. Proper parish selection processes are required to be adhered to prior to any agreement being drafted or formalized.

Sincerely,



Jerry Bologna
Executive Director



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Email: info@nolachurch.com
Phone: 504-541-9037

5632 Salmen Street
New Orleans, LA 70123

March 23, 2015

NOLA Church
6221 S Claiborne Ave
Suite 426
New Orleans, LA 70125

Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the intent of NOLA Church to collaborate and become a partner with Jefferson Parish resilience efforts, should Jefferson Parish receive funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition; NOLA Church shall seek to enter into a formal agreement with Jefferson Parish to carry out eligible activities as provided in Jefferson Parish's CDBG-NDR application.

NOLA Church is an organization that is dedicated to making a lasting impact in our parish through faith-based initiatives, as well as through humanitarian, charitable and educational initiatives, and strategic partnerships with non-faith-based organizations. Our proposed role will be that of a subrecipient that provides grassroots development and advocacy support services to Jefferson Parish's as a part of the parish's resilience efforts.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of NOLA Church's intent to partner with Jefferson Parish. Proper parish selection processes are required to be adhered to prior to any agreement being drafted or formalized.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Monte Young", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Monte Young
Lead Pastor



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March 13, 2015

Restore or Retreat, Inc.
P.O. Box 2048 - NSU
Thibodaux, LA 70310

Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the intent of Restore or Retreat, Inc. to collaborate and become a partner with Jefferson Parish resilience efforts, should Jefferson Parish receive funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition; Restore or Retreat shall seek to enter into a formal agreement with Jefferson Parish to carry out eligible activities as provided in Jefferson Parish's CDBG-NDR application.

Restore or Retreat is a non-profit coastal advocacy group created by coastal Louisiana residents and stakeholders who recognize that the Barataria and Terrebonne basins are the two most rapidly eroding estuaries on earth, and that this erosion represents an economic and ecological crisis. With a growing membership of over 250 businesses and individuals, ROR seeks to identify and expedite the implementation of aggressive, large-scale restoration projects to protect this irreplaceable region. Our proposed role will be that of a subrecipient that provides advocacy and education support as part of Jefferson Parish's resilience efforts.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of Restore or Retreat's intent to partner with Jefferson Parish. Proper parish selection processes are required to be adhered to prior to any agreement being drafted or formalized.

Sincerely,

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Simone Theriot Maloz
Executive Director

WATER WORKS



March 18, 2015

Water Works
4035 Washington Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70125

Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the intent of Louisiana Water Works, L3C (Water Works) to collaborate and become a partner with Jefferson Parish resilience efforts, should Jefferson Parish receive funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition; Water Works shall seek to enter into a formal agreement with Jefferson Parish to carry out eligible activities as provided in Jefferson Parish's CDBG-NDR application.

Water Works is a socially conscious company dedicated to building resilient communities in which water is managed effectively to reduce flooding and water pollution. We provide services that include community education and outreach, professional training, watershed monitoring, data collection and analysis, hazard mitigation planning, low impact development and low cost retrofit resource guidance and watershed improvement planning. Our proposed role will be that of a contractor that provides professional training and community education and outreach activities as part of Jefferson Parish's resilience efforts.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of Water Works' intent to partner with Jefferson Parish. Proper parish selection processes are required to be adhered to prior to any agreement being drafted or formalized.

Sincerely,

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Miriam S. Belblidia
CEO, Water Works, L3C



UNIVERSITY of NEW ORLEANS

OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS

March 11, 2015

The University of New Orleans
2000 Lakeshore Drive
New Orleans, LA 70148

Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the intent of the University Consortium for Resilient Communities to collaborate and become a partner with Jefferson Parish resilience efforts, should Jefferson Parish receive funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition; the Consortium shall seek to enter into an agreement with Jefferson Parish to carry out eligible activities as provided in Jefferson Parish's CDBG-NDR application.

The University Consortium for Resilient Communities includes a team of experts from a variety of disciplines necessary for creating resilient future, including urban planning, engineering, environmental sciences, architecture and landscape design, social sciences, and public administration and policy. The expertise across this consortium is unparalleled in the United States, representing faculty and research staff members that chair national committees on topics related to resilience, but have also been actively engaged in working in disaster response and recovery for decades, including leading go-to experts during the recovery of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Our members have published dozens of books, written hundreds of scientific articles, chair leading scholarly conferences and serve as resilience experts in a variety of capacities to public, private and non-governmental institutions across the United States. Leading scholars on the topic of resilience from a variety of disciplines have formed a consortium to provide assistance to NDRC eligible applicants, including the City of New Orleans, Jefferson Parish, St. Tammany Parish and the State of Louisiana.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of the Consortium's intent to partner with Jefferson Parish. Proper parish selection processes are required to be adhered to prior to any agreement being drafted or formalized.

The University of New Orleans

Kenneth W. Sewell, Ph.D.
Vice President for Research and Economic Development

Waggonner & Ball Architects

March 23, 2015

Waggonner & Ball Architects
2200 Prytania Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

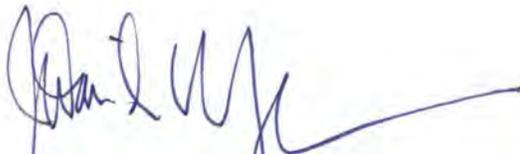
Re: Intent to Participate

This letter is to confirm the intent of Waggonner & Ball to collaborate and become a partner with Jefferson Parish resilience efforts. Should Jefferson Parish receive funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition, Waggonner & Ball shall seek to enter into a formal agreement with Jefferson Parish to carry out eligible activities as provided in Jefferson Parish's CDBG-NDR application.

Waggonner & Ball Architects, APC is an internationally-active, broad-based architectural and planning firm rooted in the New Orleans region with more than 30 years' experience on a wide variety of architectural and planning projects. The firm most recently provided an assessment and improvement plan for Jefferson Parish's storm water infrastructure systems and related land use within the Greater New Orleans Urban Water Plan. Our proposed role will be that of a potential contractor who assists in project development and design as part of Jefferson Parish's resilience efforts. In that Jefferson Parish provides a cross-section of coastal Louisiana's landscapes and geotypes, we recommend to HUD Jefferson's advancement in the NDRC process, and hope to participate in demonstrating the value of design propositions to be implemented here.

It is understood that this letter is only an expression of Waggonner & Ball Architects' intent to partner with Jefferson Parish. It is understood that proper parish selection processes are required to be adhered to prior to any agreement being drafted or formalized.

Sincerely,



J. David Waggonner III, FAIA
President, Waggonner & Ball Architects