Louisiana Requests $3.4 Million for Cleanup Jobs Assistance

BATON ROUGE -- The Louisiana Workforce Commission has asked the U.S. Department of Labor for $3,358,000 to pay unemployed individuals to do cleanup work from Hurricane Isaac.

The LWC's National Emergency Grant application seeks federal funds for residents and workers in parishes most affected by Hurricane Isaac.

Included in the grant request are employment services and pay for an estimated 450 people. People directly impacted by the storm would be given priority under the grant. The LWC also has applied to include workers in the affected area who have been unemployed for 10 weeks or longer.

The LWC is seeking the funds to assist residents and workers in Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Jefferson, Orleans, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Ascension, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana, Assumption, Lafourche and Terrebonne.