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### **Lafourche Parish Government Gathering Business Email Information to Improve Emergency Response**

Lafourche Parish Government mailed out its 2009 Occupational License Renewal forms on Thursday, December 11, 2008. Included with these renewals forms was a letter from Parish President Randolph offering businesses to provide parish government with their email address as an opportunity for the Office of Emergency Preparedness office to have additional contact information when emergencies arise.

As President Randolph stated, "During Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, our Emergency Operations Center distributed over fifty (50) press releases relating to numerous issues and concerns for our citizens and businesses in addition to news conferences and several media interviews. We want to use technology as an additional resource in providing information to more of our citizens and businesses in any future disasters or other types of emergencies."

The letter was mailed to approximately 4,000 businesses located in the unincorporated areas of Lafourche Parish. Additionally, the letter is being mailed to other businesses in the parish whose physical locations are within the city or town limits of Thibodaux, Lockport and Golden Meadow.

"Businesses in the parish are very interested and excited with this project. We are already receiving forms back from businesses in just six short days," said Gretchen Caillouet, Director of Grants & Economic Development.

Businesses can respond to this request by email, fax or mailing the form to the Occupational License office. Any business needing a copy of the letter from President Randolph can contact Debbie Swanner at (985) 446-8427.