

The Mississippi Development Authority's (MDA) Disaster Recovery Division, in partnership with the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), seeks interested for profit and non-profit organizations to permanently place and elevate 150-200 cottages over 5'7 in Hancock, Harrison, Jackson and Pearl River counties. All cottages will be placed on individual properties identified by MEMA.

For profit organizations must have been in business for at least two (2) years and be in good standing with the Secretary of State's office. Non-profits must have at least two (2) years of 501 (c) (3) tax exempt status and be in good standing with the Secretary of State's office. All organizations must have the administrative and financial capacity to develop and carry out the cottage placement initiative, if awarded. ***Priority will be given to non-profits located on the four coastal counties with demonstrated experience working in construction.***

Interested organizations should submit a letter of interest to MDA no later than September 25, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Letters of interest will be accepted by mail to MDA, Attn: Long Term Workforce Housing, P.O. Box 849, Jackson, MS 39205 or in person at 239 North Lamar Street, Robert E. Lee building, Suite 702. Letters of interest should include at a minimum:

- Background of the organization
- Resumes of key staff to be involved in the project
- Certification of (2) years of tax exempt status
- Certification of being in existence at least (2) years
- Experience in CDBG related recovery programs
- Proposed number of cottages to be placed
- Experience in construction and elevation

Questions concerning this solicitation should be directed to Alethia Thomas at (601) 359-2838 or Lynn Seals at (601) 359-2905.