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TO: Fiscal Officers
All State Agencies

FROM: Lindsay Schexnayder, CPA
State Accounting Systems Director

SUBJECT: Coding Expenditures and Tracking Lost Revenues Related to Proclamation no. 165
JBE 2021 August 2021 Tropical Storm IDA

Attached is a memorandum from the Commissioner of Administration, Jay Dardenne, requiring all agencies to track all expenditures and lost revenues relating to August 2021 tropical storm threat. Please read this memorandum and follow the instructions as indicated.

If you have questions on any part of the memorandum, please contact the control Agencies for the specific functional area in the memorandum.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Department Secretaries and Undersecretaries

FROM: Jay Dardenne
Commissioner of Administration

DATE: August 26, 2021

SUBJECT: State of Emergency – Tropical Storm IDA – Proclamation No. 165 JBE 2021 – August 2021 Procedures for Coding of Expenditures, Emergency Procurement, Overtime Reimbursement, etc.

With the threat of the tropical weather in the Gulf, it is critical to review the required maintenance of emergency-related records and documentation and the required policies and procedures as a result of this event. Please communicate this guidance to your management and staff immediately.

EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT

Emergency procurement and contract procedures can be found in the Division of Administration's emergency procurement guide, which is available on the Office of State Procurement website (<https://www.doa.la.gov/media/j4enytf0/emergencyprocurement.pdf>) as well as in any executive orders that may be issued by Governor John Bel Edwards.

Any such emergency procurements and/or contracts should emphasize the following:

- Competition, where practical;
- Results-oriented contracts;
- Documentation for audit and reimbursement purposes; and
- Reporting on emergency procurements as soon as practical.

Agencies are encouraged to have employees verify their contact information and to make updates through LEO or their Employee Administration Office. If employees relocate to a temporary address, the mailing address (not permanent residence address) should be changed in LaGov HCM.

OVERTIME

Department and agency heads should review their overtime policies. All such policies should comply with Civil Service Rules, and the FLSA. Departments should have an overtime policy in place guiding the earning and compensation of overtime. Also, departments should have adopted a policy on “Overtime Compensation for Emergency Support Workers” that may supersede their department policy regarding workers who perform duties relative to disaster operations and management.

CODING OF EXPENDITURES AND TRACKING LOST REVENUES

It is critically important that all agencies accurately capture and maintain all records and documentation related to expenditures incurred due to the tropical weather threat in order for the State of Louisiana to successfully request and receive full reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and/or other third party.

Agencies should not, at this time, be concerned with what may or may not qualify for reimbursement; rather, any and all costs related to the disaster relief and recovery efforts should be coded to the **“158****” Functional Area**. Full and complete documentation and justification of all expenditures will be critical to securing reimbursement. In addition to the impact on expenditure budgets, there will also be revenue impacts related to the tropical weather threat – decreases to self-generated revenues, lost revenue streams, “savings” due to office closures, etc.

Expenditures

A new **“158****”** Functional Area has been established in LaGov to track expenditures related to the tropical weather threat. **LaGov Financial agencies should enter the Functional Area from the attached list on any LaGov Document. LaGov Financial agencies using Project(s), should link the Functional Area to the project created related to the event.** If you have already incurred expenditures related to the event that are not coded to this Functional Area, please prepare a journal entry to include this Functional Area so that costs can be captured in reporting this event for all state agencies. This procedure is being implemented to track all tropical weather threat related expenditures for the State to be used in future decisions. Invoices for these expenditures should be clearly marked ‘Related to the 165 JBE 2021’ and, if necessary, should have a brief explanation of why it was necessary to incur the expenditure. It is imperative that these expenditures be properly documented so we can provide substantiations during audit.

Agencies that do NOT utilize the State’s LaGov or ISIS systems must develop their own mechanism to capture the tropical weather threat related expenditures and report this information, upon request, to the Division of Administration (DOA).

Lost Revenues

If your agency has incurred a loss of revenues as a result of the tropical weather threat, you must begin tracking this loss. Estimating will be acceptable and can be accomplished by using the last two years average revenue received during the same period (week/month) last year versus this year. This comparison should be made on a spreadsheet with a line for each type (source) of revenue. It should begin with the last period that had “normal” revenues and then continue with subsequent periods.

Payroll Costs

- LaGov Financial Agencies should follow the same process outlined in the expenditure paragraph for use of Functional Area (see page two).
 - Regular Hours Worked:
 - FEMA may reimburse straight time force account labor costs for State employees performing emergency protective measures, if such work is not typically performed by those employees. Force account labor is defined as labor performed by the applicant's employees, rather than by a contractor. Force account labor costs associated with the conduct of eligible work may be claimed at an hourly rate. Labor rates include actual wages paid plus fringe benefits paid or credited to personnel.
 - LaGov HCM Agency Timekeepers should code ZA01 (regular attendance) hours and Functional Area or Project as applicable for regular hours worked which meet the above definition. Refer to LaGov HCM Help for assistance in entering this data. Note: Agencies should use their discretion in determining which regular hours may qualify for reimbursement.
 - Overtime Hours Worked:
 - LaGov HCM Agency Timekeepers must code all overtime hours worked related to activity associated with this event to Functional Area or Project. Refer to LaGov HCM Help for assistance in entering this data.
- Office Closure – If an Office Closure Occurs: Costs incurred for employees who are being compensated during office closures due to the event **must be identified**. For LaGov HCM Paid Agencies, Special Leave Office Closure code “LSOC” must be entered in order to track these payments. The Division of Administration will execute reports to determine this cost. Agencies are NOT to enter the Functional Area or Project on these LSOC entries.
- If retroactive adjustments are necessary, they must be processed through LaGov HCM, not via ISIS journal vouchers.
- **Agencies not paid through LaGov HCM** must develop a mechanism for tracking and reporting this information to the Division of Administration upon request.

A new Activity Code ‘IDA1’ has been established in ISIS to track the tropical weather as well.

Department and agency heads should disseminate this and all future communications from the Division of Administration to all business and administrative functional units (i.e., human resources, payroll, budget, accounting, etc.) within their agencies.

Thank you for your cooperation. Do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or need further information.