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MEMORANDUM

To: Presidents and System Heads, RC/EEP-Eligible Campuses

From: *E. Joseph Savoie*, Commissioner of Higher Education

Re: RC/EEP Strategic Plan Draft

As you are aware, the Board of Regents and the Louisiana Recovery Authority have engaged a consulting firm, Regional Technology Strategies, Inc. (RTS) of North Carolina, to develop a strategic plan establishing guidelines for the Research Competitiveness and Educational Enhancement Program (RC/EEP) that will utilize U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant funds. An initial draft of the RTS RC/EEP strategic plan is attached to this memorandum.

As required in the Action Plan Amendment Number 5 for Disaster Recovery Funds, a public hearing will be held to ensure broad public input for the strategic plan. The public hearing is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Friday, February 9, 2007, in the Ile de France ballroom, Salon Three, at the JW Marriott hotel, 614 Canal Street, New Orleans. In order to assist us in planning for this meeting, please indicate if you plan to send representatives, and, if so, the number and names of individuals who will attend. Please forward this information to Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, no later than Friday, February 2, 2007. In addition to attendance at the public hearing, all institutions are encouraged to provide written responses to the draft, for dissemination to RTS representatives, as well as the staffs of the Board of Regents and Louisiana Recovery Authority. Further information regarding written responses and organization of the meeting in New Orleans will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Davidson at 225-342-4253 or kerry.davidson@regents.la.gov.

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