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October 31, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: System and Campus Heads

FROM: E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education 

RE: Statewide Strategic Planning for Research Commercialization and Educational Enhancement Efforts

On October 13, 2006, I transmitted a memorandum to all campuses regarding the development of a strategic plan to harness scientific research and educational resources in a manner which aggressively promotes commercialization and economic development in Louisiana. Though a key component of the proposed program, funded initially with federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies, is available only to campuses in the eight parishes most severely impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, funding is currently being sought to expand the program statewide. Accordingly, the strategic plan will provide analysis and recommendations for both the regional CDBG-funded initiative and a longer-range statewide program.

As part of the strategic planning process, the October 13th memo requested that each Louisiana campus prepare and submit one white paper, due November 22, 2006. We emphasize that statewide participation is critical to the success of this effort and remind all campuses of this request.

The October 13th memo and additional information are available on our website at <http://laregents.org>, as are instructions for the development of white papers. If you have questions regarding these matters, please email Dr. Kerry Davidson at davidson@laregents.org.

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