

## **Ready for Recovery: Louisiana Weatherization Program's Ramp-Up**

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This report summarizes the Weatherization Assistance Program (W.A.P.) ramp-up efforts from April through June in 5 of Louisiana's Weatherization agencies with ready data; collectively they will deliver 17 % of the Recovery Act WAP resources. Although these experienced agencies have had no access to ARRA funding, they have prepared to meet their ARRA production goals with other funding. The table below shows the verified count of investments in the five sample agencies and an estimate of the similar investments across the rest of the network.

**Data provided by the Louisiana Association of Community Action Partnerships**

### **LA Ramp-up a glance:**

<b>Hired/Purchased</b>	<b>5 agencies*</b>	<b>Statewide</b>
		<b>Est. (=X4)</b>
<b>In-House Staff Hired</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>188</b>
<b>Still Interviewing for -</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Contracting Companies<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>37</b>	<b>148</b>
<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Blower Doors</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>Insulation Machines</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Truck-mounted Generators</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>IR Scanners</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>84</b>

\* The five agencies that contributed to the Louisiana Association of Community Action Partnerships (LACAP) survey this report is based on represent the full gamut of agency sizes, including 2 small agencies, 2 medium agencies and 1 large agency

<sup>1</sup> No data on contractor employees hired to date- at least one crew- or three people per company is the minimum

### **Other Real Results, Real Readiness:**

- Agencies are buying Louisiana products, including cellulose insulation from Monroe, LA manufacturing facilities (Applegate Insulation);
- Some local auto dealers, including Hollingsworth Ford, ordered new trucks from Ford manufacturer to meet demand.

- ☑ LACAP the statewide association of CAAs is developing a new weatherization training facility in Baton Rouge to meet increased training demand.
- ☑ The Community Action network increased production almost five-fold when it weatherized approximately 250 homes per month during last three months, compared to around 57 homes per month in previous months.



Images of Weatherization Training Facility, currently under development in Baton Rouge.

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