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MEMORANDUM TO: Write Your Own (WYO) Principal Coordinators and

NFIP Servicing Agent for Dissemination to All Claims Managers

FROM: James S.P. Shortley, Director of Claims

Claims Section, Risk Insurance Branch

Mitigation Division

SUBJECT: Hurricane Katrina Adjuster Certification

Hurricane Katrina has caused unparalleled damage throughout the Gulf Coast. In view of this devastation, adjuster resources may be strained. Therefore, FEMA has authorized emergency adjuster certification for WYO companies and Independent Adjusting (IA) firms.

FEMA is conducting two Adjuster Certification workshops at the locations listed below. During these workshops, WYO companies and IA firms must certify to the NFIP Bureau and Statistical Agent that adjusters who do not meet the minimum experience requirements will adjust flood claims under the direction of a seasoned flood adjuster until the company decides that the less experienced adjusters are capable of adjusting claims on their own. Adjusters who participate in these workshops must complete and submit the NFIP Adjuster Certification Application to the NFIP Bureau and Statistical Agent as soon as possible.

## **Adjuster Certification Workshop Locations**

Date: **September 15, 2005**Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Date: **September 17, 2005**Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Cottage Hill Baptist Church
4255 Cottage Hill Rd.
Mobile, AL 36609
Southeastern Louisiana University
12 Oaks Dining Hall
500 West Texas Ave.
Hammond, LA 70402

Main Worship Center

Parking in the South Parking Lot For directions: www.selu.edu

For directions: 251-660-2422

cc: Vendors, IBHS, and Government Technical Representative Required Routing: Claims and Underwriting