



State of Louisiana

Division of Administration
Office of the Commissioner

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 19, 2012

Contact: Christina Stephens, 225-603-3896

State of Louisiana will Temporarily Relocate Iberville Housing Development Residents, Others with Respiratory Issues During Pallas Hotel Implosion

NEW ORLEANS – The State of Louisiana will offer bus service for residents of the Iberville Housing Development and others in the potential dust area created by the Pallas Hotel implosion to voluntarily relocate the morning of Sunday, July 22.

Out of an abundance of caution, the state is working with the Housing Authority of New Orleans to move residents with respiratory issues out of the Iberville Housing Development temporarily on the morning of the implosion. Residents in the Iberville Housing Development are not required to evacuate, as they live several hundred feet outside of the mandatory evacuation zone.

The state will provide bus service on the morning of the implosion for Iberville residents and others in the area with respiratory problems who wish to leave the area during the implosion. Buses will pick residents up between 5 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. both at the corner of Canal and Galvez and Iberville and Marais Streets.

Residents will be transported away from the area, where they will be provided a light breakfast. Residents who require medication or who have special dietary needs should bring these items with them. Residents will return to the area via bus after the dust has settled and when streets are re-opened.

Residents with respiratory problems and others who do not wish to leave the area should close their doors and windows and turn off fans and air conditioning units from around 7:45 a.m. to about 30 minutes after the implosion, around 8:30.

After the implosion, the dust is expected to settle within 10 to 20 minutes. Most of the heavy dust will be between 150 and 175 feet from the base of the hotel, which is about a half block from the

hotel. A mandatory evacuation has been called for residents within 600 feet of the hotel site and the state is providing temporary housing for these residents overnight, if they require it.

The state has established a hotline for residents with questions or concerns about the implosion. It can be accessed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by calling (855) 592-8146.

###