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WEST VIRGINIA OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSISTS THE STATE OF LOUISIANA WITH ITS STORM RECOVERY EFFORTS AFTER HURRICANE ISAAC

Charleston, W.Va. – West Virginia’s Chief Technology Officer Gale Given announced today that members of her staff will be assisting the government of the state of Louisiana in its recovery efforts from Hurricane Isaac. Information technology professionals from West Virginia will join other state technical experts in supporting the Department of Children and Family Services in Louisiana.

“I’m pleased that our IT staff will be helping our fellow state employees in Louisiana to provide vital services after such a terrible disaster affecting so many citizens in the south,” Given said. “We had more than 50 of our staff volunteer to help; however, to ensure the continuity of our operations here at home, we selected 17 employees to travel to Louisiana to assist.”

These employees will provide technical assistance with personal computers, local area networks, card swipe systems and other technical requirements as needed. The employees of the West Virginia Office of Technology are expected to leave this week and assist in Louisiana for about two weeks.

“As West Virginians, it is part of our DNA to help others in need. When we were asked to assist, our employees eagerly stepped up to volunteer. They are committed to using their skills to help Louisiana’s children and families recover from this devastation,” Given added.

The state of Louisiana will reimburse the costs associated with this volunteer effort.

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