

**Credit Bureau of Baton Rouge Pledges \$1 Million to Help Rebuild
Business Economy of Louisiana; Will Donate Another \$500,000 to
Support Relief Efforts and Aid Employees of Several
Louisiana Public Service Agencies**

Baton Rouge, September 14, 2005 – The Credit Bureau of Baton Rouge, by a unanimous vote of its board of directors, pledged up to \$1 million to help rebuild the economic vitality of Louisiana communities impacted by Hurricane Katrina. According to Credit Bureau President and CEO Layne McDaniel, the donations will be made directly to non-profit, business-focused recovery efforts as well as through a donor advised fund the Credit Bureau has established with the Baton Rouge Area Foundation. “We will be directing our donations throughout the affected areas of the state in an effort to help get the Louisiana economy back and thriving as quickly as possible,” said McDaniel. “So far the majority of attention has been paid to helping families, and that effort seems to be going well. Now we want to take the lead in urging companies and organizations that are in a position to help facilitate the economic recovery of our state to begin thinking in that direction, so we can rebuild Louisiana businesses and put people back to work,” he said.

The Bureau will also donate a total of \$500,000 to support the relief efforts in Louisiana through organizations such as the Salvation Army and Red Cross and to help employees of various Louisiana public service agencies involved in search, rescue and relief operations during the hurricane. Some of the agencies identified include Wildlife & Fisheries, Police Departments, Sheriff’s Departments, Fire Departments, Coast Guard and others, said McDaniel.

“The board is comprised of business leaders from banking, credit unions, consumer finance, insurance, retail, healthcare, automotive and mortgage.” said McDaniel, “They very quickly agreed on the necessity for these funds to help these rebuilding and relief efforts. Louisiana is our home. It is up to Louisianans to lead the way in the rebuilding effort, as much as humanly possible.”

In May of 2005, the Bureau sold its credit files and its mortgage reporting assets to Atlanta-based Equifax, Inc.

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