



December 14, 2005

BRIEF HISTORY

FORMED December, 2004 in response to needs arising by reason of Hurricane Ivan – a business oriented, volunteer based Florida not-for-profit corporation with good standing under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

MISSION STATEMENT:

REBUILD Northwest Florida is a public/private partnership existing to coordinate need-based recovery initiatives for citizens of Santa Rosa and Escambia Counties impacted by Hurricane Ivan. This is a collaborative effort including private citizens, non-profit organizations, interfaith communities, government entities and businesses which will assist individuals and families in restoring their lives primarily, but not exclusively, by rebuilding and fortifying their homes.

PRIMARY MISSIONS:

- **Repair of Need Based Housing:** As of December 5, almost 700 need based home repairs have been completed or in progress, with another 250 homes in process of qualification, and an additional 300-500 repairs anticipated. **NO GOVERNMENT FUNDS RECEIVED OR EXPENDED TO DATE.**
- **Replacement Housing:** In process of helping Pensacola Habitat for Humanity to triple its capacity from 40 - 50 homes per year to 150 home per year, in order to build an additional 300-400 new homes over the next few years.
- **Wind Retrofit Mitigation:** See below

FUNDING:

Contributions (private sector donations as of November 30, 2005)

Cash	\$2,761,000
In-Kind	\$1,406,000
Total	\$4,167,000

Volunteer Hours (as of September 30, 2005) **118,000 Hours**

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“WIND RETROFIT” MITIGATION PROJECT

Funding is a result of the Federal “Hurricane Mitigation Grant Program” attributable to Hurricane Ivan; administered in Florida by the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Department of Community Affairs; and made available through the Local Mitigation Strategies of Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

1. WHAT IS WIND RETROFIT MITIGATION?

Essentially it is construction activity that seeks to fortify (or “harden”) the envelop of individual residential structures by utilizing a variety of techniques, such as bottom and top plate strapping/tie down; roof clips; gable end bracing; and securing openings (e.g. shutters or storm proof glass; strengthening door openings, etc.).

2. WHAT BENEFITS ARE THERE FOR THE RECIPIENT AND COMMUNITY?

Recipient Benefits: May reduce the need for evacuation, but in any event should shorten dramatically the time of rehabilitation; additionally, should enhance both wind insurance availability and affordability.

Community: The more individual housing units that stay on line following a storm reduces the number of displaced individual residents; reduces governmental costs of temporary housing; reduces social service costs; reduces business costs of displaced workers; etc.

3. HOW MUCH MONEY IS THERE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROJECT?

\$22 million in the two county area (plus a potential additional \$16 million)

4. HOW MANY HOUSES CAN BE WIND RETROFITTED WITH THIS MONEY?

BASED ON THE COST ESTIMATES AT THE TIME THE MITIGATION GRANTS WERE APPLIED FOR (late spring, 2005), approximately 3,000-5,500 homes depending upon ultimate level of funding).

3. WHO DETERMINES WHAT HOMES ARE “WIND RETROFIT” CANDIDATES?

In general, REBUILD’S Board of Trustees will establish broad eligibility guidelines (which is anticipated to be need based oriented) and then individual houses will be selected within those guidelines based upon individual, professional onsite home assessments of benefits versus costs..