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Algiers Development District Assesses Readiness for Federal City

April 2008, New Orleans - In August 2007 the Algiers Development District Board of Commissioners (A.D.D.) requested that the offices of the state's legislative auditor and attorney general perform an assessment of the ADD organization in relation to the Federal City project. The entire list of recommendations and plan to address each will be available on the ADD website as soon as the final report is received.

"This is the largest economic development project in the entire state," said newly elected ADD Chairman Jeff Arnold. Our Board of Commissioners wanted to ensure that everything necessary was put in place between our entity and our working partners to ensure strict compliance with all ethical and legal rules and regulations and to facilitate a smooth operation with a project of this enormous importance." The "working partners" Arnold referred to are New Orleans Federal Alliance, The City of New Orleans, and The Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

Arnold stressed that the ADD staff worked diligently with the state offices in reviewing ADD's entire operation as well as its principle relationships with the city, state and the New Orleans Federal Alliance, which is the 501c3 group leading the Federal City project for ADD. "The legislative auditors sent us the preliminary assessment report which contains recommendations for improving our operations. We are committed to working with our partners to implement an action plan to address each recommendation so that the ADD continues to operate in a transparent and ethical manner as this important project moves forward," said Arnold.

ADD wishes to thank State Legislative Auditor Steve J. Theriot, Attorney General James D. "Buddy" Caldwell and their teams for this outstanding work and their support of the Federal City project, as well as Governor Bobby Jindal and the state legislators and delegation, the City of New Orleans, and the other numerous partners who are working to make the Federal City project a reality.

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