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TO THE CITIZENS OF LOUISIANA



ur country and our world faced many challenges and changes in 2008. The LPFA embraces these challenges as opportunities to strengthen and further our mission and to serve the people of Louisiana.

Economic development, job creation, health care, and education are the cornerstones of our mission. 2008 proved to be a year where LPFA's assistance was needed more than ever. This year alone, more than 30 bond sales were completed to help finance the development of a wide range of projects. In fact, since opening for business in 1974, the LPFA has issued over \$20 billion in bonds for projects that directly helped the citizens of Louisiana.

In 2008, LPFA worked with the Legislature, the Public Service Commission, and Entergy to issue bonds that helped finance the hurricane recovery costs incurred by Entergy after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The bond issue, the first of its kind in the world to combine securitization technology with municipal finance, was internationally recognized by *International Financing Review* magazine with its Structured Finance Award for the Americas. The bonds are expected to save Louisiana taxpayers more than \$185 million.

At the LPFA, we recognize that education is the key to improving the economy and the quality of life for Louisianians—and all Americans. This year, when other lenders were forced to exit the student loan market due to the global financial crisis, the LPFA continued to help our citizens access and afford higher education through Lela, our student loans division. Since 1995, Lela has helped more than 370,000 students finance their college educations and has helped families across the state have the opportunity to save more than \$151.7 million on their student loans.

As our country faces tough economic times, LPFA's doors remain open and our commitment to improve the lives of our citizens is stronger than ever. It has been a privilege for the LPFA to be a part of Louisiana's growth for the past 34 years and we look forward to continuing this journey, fulfilling our mission, and improving the quality of life of the people of our great state.

SINCERELY,

Guy Campbell III
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

James W. Parks II
PRESIDENT & CEO



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A CATALYST FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

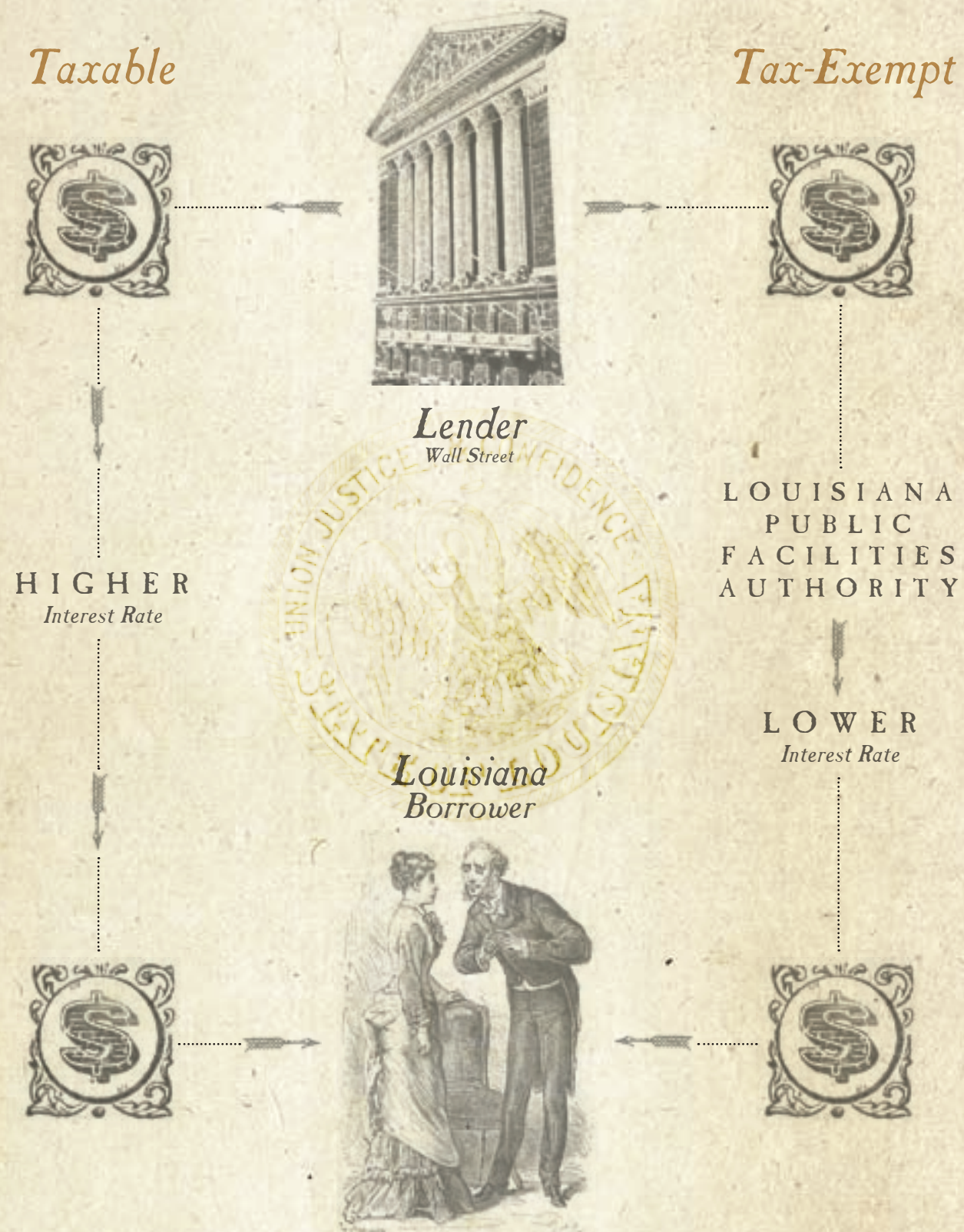
Created in 1974, the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (LPFA) is a financing authority created as a public trust and public corporation by a private corporation pursuant to an indenture of trust. The State of Louisiana is the beneficiary of the LPFA trust. The LPFA is completely self-supporting, operating solely on revenues generated by fees on bonds issued through the LPFA. The LPFA has never received any tax or other appropriation from the State of Louisiana for its operations.

The LPFA promotes, encourages, and furthers all activities that are or may become beneficial to the State of Louisiana. This includes, but is not limited to, issuing taxable and tax-exempt bonds for:

- ✦ Industry and commerce to foster economic growth and stability
- ✦ Hospital, extended care, clinical, community health, geriatric, nursing home, and medical care facilities
- ✦ Educational facilities
- ✦ Student loans
- ✦ Residential housing
- ✦ Projects protecting the people of Louisiana against air, water, noise, ground, and other types of pollution
- ✦ Public utility facilities and services
- ✦ Projects that increase efficiency in the operation of state and local governments
- ✦ Cultural and recreational facilities
- ✦ Public transportation facilities
- ✦ Other activities or facilities that may be deemed a proper public function for the furtherance of the general welfare, health, safety, economic, environmental, governmental, educational, scientific, transportation, recreational, and cultural development of the State of Louisiana and its residents

To finance eligible public and private projects throughout the state, the LPFA acts on behalf of a borrowing entity by serving as a conduit issuer of special obligation revenue bonds. Entities borrow money through the LPFA, not from the LPFA, using LPFA-issued bonds to access financial markets and capital.

The LPFA complies with state laws regarding public records, public contracts, open meetings, public bids, the Bond Validation Procedures Law, and the state Code of Ethics. An auditing firm selected by the State Legislative Auditor performs an annual independent audit of the LPFA's finances and submits its findings to the State Legislative Auditor. All LPFA bond issues must undergo review and approval by the State Bond Commission. All bond-issuance fees paid in connection with LPFA bond issues are subject to the review and approval of the State Bond Commission or the Louisiana Attorney General. The annual operating budget of the LPFA is also subject to review and approval by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.



ACTING AS A CONDUIT

The LPFA acts as a conduit by passing payments from the borrower to the bondholder to reduce the borrower's financing costs.

The LPFA issues bonds on behalf of the borrower, allowing the borrower to benefit from a tax-exempt borrowing.

LPFA funds are not at risk in connection with a financing and no funds of the State of Louisiana or any political subdivision thereof are at risk. Each LPFA bond contains language to that effect.

Bonds issued by the LPFA are payable solely by the underlying borrower from the funds and assets pledged for each individual bond issue. The LPFA does not enhance the credit of the underlying borrower.

LPFA and its bond counsel analyze each project's eligibility for tax-exempt bond financing as specified by Federal law.

The LPFA does not assume the responsibility of determining the creditworthiness of a project or borrower, nor does it assume the resulting legal liability from making such a determination.

The marketplace determines if the bonds are marketable, not the LPFA.

FULFILLING LPFA'S MISSION

LPFA COMES THROUGH IN GOOD AND BAD TIMES



Over the past 34 years, the LPFA has issued more than \$20 billion in bonds for projects and programs that serve as engines for economic development throughout Louisiana. This level of involvement has resulted in the creation of hundreds of thousands of jobs and provided Louisiana borrowers access to billions of dollars at lower than market interest rates.

LPFA's flexibility in putting together major financing packages has played a critical role in rescuing state and local agencies and private companies during difficult times. These financings not only saved tens of millions of dollars for taxpayers, utility customers, and private industries, they also created and helped preserve thousands of Louisiana jobs.

In its first three decades of operations, the LPFA helped generate more than 247,000 new jobs and \$4.9 billion in additional personal earnings for Louisiana's economy. During that period, Louisiana's economy experienced a number of ups and downs, prompting LPFA to work with officials to develop a variety of special programs that helped pull Louisiana, its businesses, and its citizens through difficult times.

More recently, in 2008 the LPFA worked with Entergy—one of Louisiana's leading corporations—to develop bond sales totaling almost \$1 billion to help the utility company finance the costs it incurred in restoring power after the 2005 hurricanes, and to prepare a reserve fund for future storm damage. This one-of-a-kind financing, internationally recognized by *International Financing Review* magazine, is expected to save Louisiana taxpayers approximately \$185 million.

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HELPING THE PEOPLE OF LOUISIANA

Every LPFA project and program is done with the intent of helping the people of Louisiana. Our mission is to make Louisiana a better place to live, work, and raise families by furthering education, health care, economic development, and job creation in the state.

As the LPFA completes its 34th year of service, we continue to fulfill our mission of fostering economic development and helping to improve the quality of life for our citizens through our financing activities.



LPFA HAS ISSUED MORE THAN \$20 BILLION IN BONDS (1974-2008)

The charts demonstrate the broad range of sectors that
LPFA has impacted since it was founded in 1974.



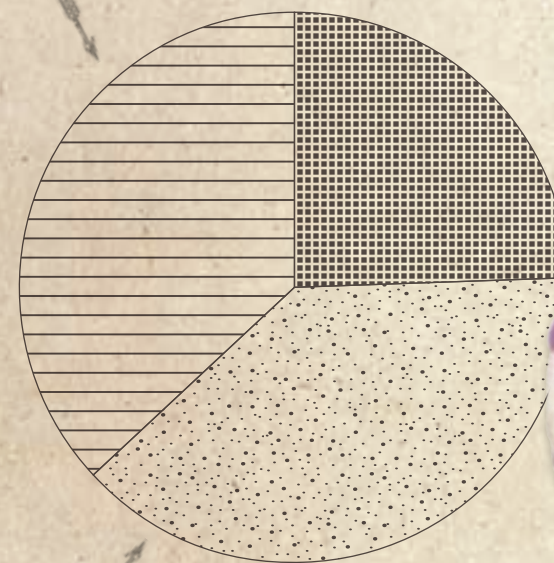
Health Care
\$6.93 BILLION



Economic Development
\$5.19 BILLION



Universities
\$1.84 BILLION



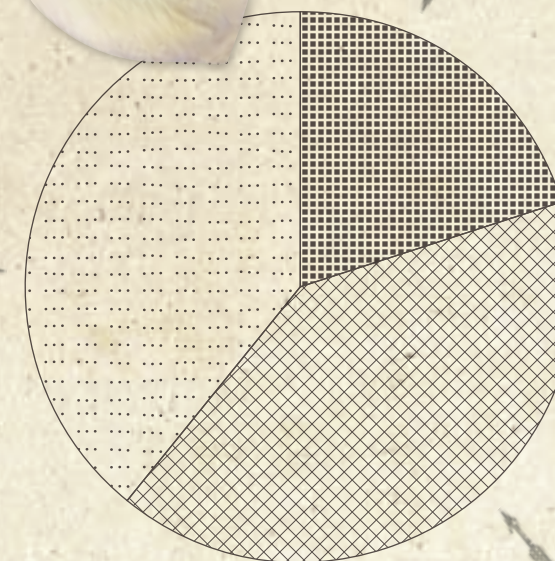
Student Loans
\$1.93 BILLION

*Unemployment
Compensation*
\$1.55 BILLION



School Boards
\$1.22 BILLION

*Single-Family
Housing*
\$327 MILLION



Communities
\$657 MILLION

State of Louisiana
\$391 MILLION

LA Insurance Guaranty Association
\$187 MILLION

Law Enforcement Districts
\$73.7 MILLION

LPFA HAS ISSUED OVER \$14.59 BILLION IN PRIVATE ACTIVITY AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BONDS (1974-2008)



A significant portion of the LPFA's economic development work involves helping private entities finance their projects. In the past 34 years, the LPFA has issued more than \$14.59 billion in private activity bonds and industrial development bonds (IDBs) to finance more than 593 projects that have generated thousands of construction and permanent jobs in the state.

<i>Parish.....</i>	<i>Total Financed</i>	Plaquemines	\$18,770,000
Acadia	\$9,500,000	Pointe Coupee	\$1,700,000
Allen	\$500,000	Rapides	\$33,775,000
Ascension	\$11,600,000	Richland	\$1,100,000
Avoyelles	\$1,600,000	Sabine	\$10,800,000
Beauregard.....	\$4,349,500	St. Bernard	\$9,478,594
Bienville	\$1,250,000	St. Charles	\$15,345,000
Bossier.....	\$71,726,011	St. Helena.....	\$1,000,000
Caddo	\$556,098,374	St. James	\$36,840,000
Calcasieu.....	\$151,250,000	St. John the Baptist	\$14,505,000
DeSoto	\$4,080,000	St. Landry	\$23,310,900
East Baton Rouge....	\$2,584,434,086	St. Martin	\$1,000,000
Evangeline.....	\$1,000,000	St. Mary	\$2,425,000
Franklin.....	\$1,500,000	St. Tammany	\$82,910,000
Iberia	\$27,332,100	Tangipahoa	\$22,445,000
Iberville	\$57,776,000	Tensas	\$595,000
Jefferson	\$949,592,255	Terrebonne	\$27,820,000
Jefferson Davis	\$1,000,000	Union	\$1,000,000
Lafayette	\$268,500,000	Vernon	\$6,400,000
Lafourche	\$59,240,000	Washington	\$3,000,000
Lincoln	\$147,381,000	Webster	\$8,250,000
Livingston	\$4,050,000	West Baton Rouge	\$58,675,000
Natchitoches	\$6,100,000	Multiple Parishes ...	\$5,265,540,400
Orleans	\$3,807,429,325		
Ouachita	\$219,959,888		
		<i>Total.....</i>	<i>\$14,593,933,433</i>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In 2008, LPFA closed 30 bond issues totaling over \$1.9 billion. That makes 2008 the second highest year for bond issuance in the authority's 34-year history.

\$9,600,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds
Ray Brandt Project
Series 2008

Delivered: January 29, 2008

The proceeds from this Go Zone bond issue financed the construction of an automobile dealership in Marrero, a new automobile showroom in Harvey, land in Kenner, and construction of an office building in Metairie.

\$15,000,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds
General Health System Project
Series 2008

Delivered: January 31, 2008

The proceeds from this bond sale financed the purchase of a medical office building for Baton Rouge General Health System.

\$10,000,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds
Baton Rouge General Medical Center Project
Series 2008A (\$7,000,000)
Series 2008B (\$3,000,000)

Delivered: February 12, 2008

The proceeds from this bond sale were used to purchase new state-of-the-art cancer treatment technology and equipment that will allow for full automation of laboratory services for Baton Rouge General Medical Center.

\$60,000,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds
II City Plaza L.L.C. Project
Series 2008

Delivered: February 22, 2008

The proceeds from this Go Zone bond sale financed the construction of a 280,000-square-foot, high-rise office building and a 700-car parking garage in downtown Baton Rouge.

\$2,858,000

LPFA Multifamily Housing Revenue
Refunding Bonds
Tallow Wood Apartments Project
Series 2007

Delivered: March 11, 2008

The proceeds from this bond issue were used to refund existing revenue bonds previously issued for Tallow Wood apartments in Bossier City.



\$2,250,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds

*Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals
Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund
Match Project*

Series 2006 (\$1,000,000)

Delivered: March 18, 2008

Series 2006 (\$1,250,000)

Delivered: September 11, 2008

The proceeds from these bond sales were used as the state's matching funds necessary for the Department of Health and Hospitals to obtain grants from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency to help capitalize the state's Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund.

\$10,000,000

LPFA Adjustable Mode Go Zone Revenue Bonds

*Southern Ionics Incorporated Project
Series 2008*

Delivered: April 3, 2008

The proceeds of this Go Zone bond issue were used to finance the construction of a chemical manufacturing plant in Baton Rouge.

\$4,500,000LPFA Industrial Development Revenue Bonds
*Starmount Life Insurance Company Project
Series 2008*

Delivered: April 8, 2008

The proceeds of this bond issue were used to construct an office building that will serve as the headquarters for Starmount Life Insurance Company in Baton Rouge.

\$6,360,000LPFA Multifamily Housing Revenue
Refunding Bonds
*Wright Island Apartments Project
Series 2007*

Delivered: April 11, 2008

The proceeds of this bond issue were used to refund revenue bonds previously issued for Wright Island apartments located in Shreveport.

\$9,000,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds

*Century Wilshire, Inc. Project
Series 2008*

Delivered: April 14, 2008

The proceeds of this Go Zone bond issue were used to renovate an existing Holiday Inn in Covington to a full-service, upscale hotel, and to construct a new conference center and meeting facility.

\$7,500,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds

*Spicy Girls of Avery Island, L.L.C. Project
Series 2008*

Delivered: April 14, 2008

The proceeds of this Go Zone bond issue were used to construct a new three-story, 100-room hotel with meeting and conference space in New Iberia.

\$20,000,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds

*Summa Associates, L.L.C. Project
Series 2008*

Delivered: April 16, 2008

The proceeds of this Go Zone Bond issue are being used to build a new energy-efficient, eight-story office building in Baton Rouge.

**\$5,550,000**

LPFA Revenue Bonds

*Bridge House Corporation Project
Series 2008*

Delivered: April 18, 2008

The proceeds of this Go Zone bond issue were used to build a new substance abuse treatment center in New Orleans.

\$36,125,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds

*Coca-Cola Bottling Company Project
Series 2008*

Delivered: April 21, 2008

The proceeds of this bond issue were used to help build a new Coca-Cola bottling plant in Baton Rouge.

\$50,000,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds

*Bluebonnet Hotel Ventures, L.L.C. Project
Series 2008*

Delivered: May 8, 2008

The proceeds from this bond issue are being used to construct a 300-room, 13-story Renaissance Hotel in Baton Rouge.

\$35,000,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds

*Celtic Media Corporation Project
Series 2008*

Delivered: June 20, 2008

The proceeds from this Go Zone bond issue were used to construct a state-of-the-art film studio and media center in Baton Rouge.

\$64,700,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds

*CommCare Corporation Project
Series 2008A (\$17,200,000)*

Delivered: June 24, 2008

Series 2008B (\$47,500,000)

Delivered: July 17, 2008

The proceeds from these bond issues were used to fund the expansion, replacement, and construction of new nursing home facilities located in East Baton Rouge, Avoyelles, and Ouachita parishes.

\$11,000,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds

*Grigsby Properties, L.L.C. Project
Series 2008*

Delivered: June 26, 2008

The proceeds from this bond issue were used to fund a 17,000-square-foot expansion to Cajun Industries, L.L.C.'s corporate headquarters in Baton Rouge and to build a new multipurpose facility in West Baton Rouge Parish.

\$966,100,000

LPFA System Restoration Bonds
*Louisiana Utilities Restoration Corporation/
 ELL-LA Project*

Series 2008 (\$687,700,000)

Delivered: July 29, 2008

*Louisiana Utilities Restoration Corporation/
 EGSL Project*

Series 2008 (\$278,400,000)

Delivered: August 28, 2008

These bond issues helped finance the hurricane recovery costs incurred by the Utilities after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and funded hurricane reserve funds for the utilities. The bonds, the first bond issues in the world to use this structure, were internationally recognized and are expected to save Louisiana taxpayers more than \$185 million.

\$47,185,000

LPFA Variable Rate Hospital Revenue
 Refunding Bonds

*Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady
 Health System Project*

Series 2008A

Delivered: August 7, 2008

Proceeds from this bond sale were used to refund previously issued bonds.

\$155,000,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds

Air Products and Chemicals Project

Series 2008A (\$75,000,000)

Delivered: August 14, 2008

Series 2008B (\$40,000,000)

Series 2008C (\$40,000,000)

Delivered: December 11, 2008

The proceeds from these bond sales were used to continue a project involving construction of a new steam methane reformer to be used by Marathon Petroleum Company's refinery in Garyville. In addition, the bond sale funded a project involving construction of a steam methane reformer to be used by ExxonMobil's refinery in Baton Rouge.

\$40,500,000

LPFA Go Zone Revenue Bonds

C-Port, L.L.C. Project

Series 2008

Delivered: October 17, 2008

Proceeds from this Go Zone bond sale were used by C-Port, L.L.C. to construct a new shipyard repair facility in Lafourche Parish.

\$100,000,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds

Dynamic Fuels, L.L.C. Project

Series 2008

Delivered: October 21, 2008

Proceeds from this Go Zone bond sale constructed an alternative fuels manufacturing facility in Ascension Parish. The plant will convert inedible fats and greases into renewable fuels for both military and civilian use.

\$176,760,000

LPFA Revenue Refunding Bonds

CHRISTUS Health Project

Series 2008B (\$46,345,000)

Delivered: November 25, 2008

Series 2008D-1 (\$65,210,000)

Series 2008D-2 (\$65,205,000)

Delivered: December 19, 2008

Proceeds from these bond sales were used to refund bonds previously issued for improvements to CHRISTUS facilities.

\$100,000,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds

CLECO Power, L.L.C.

Series 2008

Delivered: December 10, 2008

Proceeds from this Go Zone bond sale were used by CLECO Power, L.L.C. to construct transmission and distribution facilities that will improve power reliability for residents of Iberia, St. Mary, and St. Tammany parishes. The Pineville-based company is upgrading its utility systems throughout the three parishes.



ZERO INTEREST LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOND BANK PROGRAM

The LPFA enhanced its long history of service to Louisiana local governments with the creation of this program. In the fall of 1998, the LPFA Board of Trustees voted unanimously to create the Zero Interest Local Government Bond Bank Program to provide funds to assist local governmental entities in lowering the cost of borrowing for capital expenditures. This program has encouraged partnerships between local governmental entities, local financial institutions, and the LPFA.

In 2008, the LPFA Bond Bank Program provided **\$433,000** in financial assistance to local government entities, saving them over **\$61,000** in future interest payments. To date, the LPFA has assisted over 190 local government entities with their borrowing needs of more than **\$9.8 million**, saving these entities over **\$1.38 million** in interest payments. The 2008 borrowing entities are as follows:

Town of Rosepine borrowed a total of **\$200,000** to construct a new town hall and police headquarters. The new structure will replace a building that has served as a town hall and police headquarters for more than three decades. The LPFA funded **\$30,000** of the borrowing, saving the Town **\$4,813** in interest payments.

Village of Maurice borrowed **\$250,000** to overhaul its waterworks system. The LPFA funded **\$37,000** of the borrowing, saving the Village **\$5,031** in interest payments.

Tensas Parish, Lake Bruin Waterworks District No. 1 borrowed **\$100,000** to make improvements to its waterworks system. The LPFA funded **\$15,000** of the borrowing, saving the District **\$2,701** in interest payments.

Acadia Parish First Ward Drainage District borrowed **\$220,000** to buy a new, large Link-Belt excavator and a smaller, used excavator. The LPFA funded **\$33,000** of the borrowing, saving the District **\$1,875** in interest payments.

Allen Parish Recreation District No. 11 borrowed **\$250,000** for the three-phase improvement plan for Kinder's Lambert Park. The LPFA funded **\$37,000** of the borrowing, saving the District **\$3,623** in interest payments.

Town of Baldwin borrowed **\$140,000** to acquire a 2008 Sterling garbage truck. The LPFA funded **\$21,000** of the borrowing, saving the Town **\$2,358** in interest payments.

Town of Baldwin also borrowed **\$500,000** to construct a new community center. The LPFA funded **\$75,000** of the borrowing, saving the Town **\$10,149** in interest payments.

Sabine Parish, Ebarb School District No. 17 borrowed **\$500,000** to finance the addition of a new classroom wing to Ebarb High School in Noble. The LPFA funded **\$75,000** of the borrowing, saving the District **\$9,214** in interest payments.

Sabine Parish School Board borrowed **\$500,000** to purchase 13 new school buses. The LPFA funded **\$75,000** of the borrowing, saving the School Board **\$8,253** in interest payments.

St. Tammany Parish Sub Drainage District 1 of Drainage District No. 3 borrowed **\$280,000** to study ways to improve storm drainage systems and reduce flooding in two areas of Slidell. The LPFA funded **\$42,000** of the borrowing, saving the District **\$5,374** in interest payments.

St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 borrowed **\$184,000** to purchase a new pumper truck to service Abita Spring residents. The LPFA funded **\$27,000** of the borrowing, saving the District **\$2,379** in interest payments.

West Feliciana Parish borrowed **\$340,000** to purchase a tract of land upon which a sewage treatment facility will be built. The LPFA financed **\$51,000** of the borrowing, saving the Parish **\$5,261** in interest payments.



RURAL DEVELOPMENT ZERO INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM

In 2000, once again the LPFA Board of Trustees unanimously voted to assist rural communities by creating a program that would help them reduce the cost of infrastructure projects. Much like the LPFA Zero Interest Bond Bank Program, this program buys down interest rates. Projects slated for Rural Development financing—such as sewer systems, water treatment plants, and other construction—in most cases, must have interim financing before receiving permanent financing from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Program. The LPFA portion of the interim financing, up to 20 percent, is provided at zero percent interest.

In 2008, the LPFA Rural Development Program provided **\$1.42 million** in interim financing loans at zero percent interest, saving the community **\$64,894** in interest payments. To date, rural entities and communities have borrowed over **\$11 million** and saved more than **\$320,000** in interest payments since the program's inception. The 2008 borrowing entities are as follows:

Vermilion Parish Waterworks District No. 1 borrowed \$2.8 million for improvements to extend the Parish's waterworks system by nearly 55 miles, which will provide cleaner drinking water for nearly 800 residents in the Kaplan area. LPFA funded \$450,000 of the borrowing at zero percent interest, saving the District **\$35,000** in interest payments.

The Town of Jonesboro borrowed \$2.3 million for widespread improvements to the Town's waterworks system and to fund reliable fire protection for more than 2,000 households. LPFA funded \$460,000 of the borrowing at zero percent interest, saving the Town **\$12,581** in interest payments.

The Town of Vivian borrowed \$3.44 million to install new water pipes and water lines that will allow better drinking water to run more efficiently throughout the community. LPFA funded \$516,000 of the borrowing at zero percent interest, saving the Town **\$17,313** in interest payments.





STUDENT LOANS



Despite the challenging economic climate in 2008, Lela continued to fulfill its mission of providing low-cost loan access and enabling more Louisiana families to reach their educational goals through expanded outreach services.

As Louisiana's non-profit student loan provider, Lela remained committed to originating loans throughout the 2008-09 academic year even though many lenders began exiting the student loan market. Lela also agreed to become a Lender of Last Resort for Louisiana to help alleviate any loan shortage concerns. Additionally, in order to help address the many questions and concerns of parents and students, Lela launched the "Ask Lela" campaign with a customized web address (askLela.org) to position itself as a resource for financial aid information. As a result, Lela remained one of Louisiana's largest student loan providers and consequently, loan volume increased over 33 percent from the previous year.

In 2008, although Lela reduced spending levels, dollars dedicated to fund scholarships and student outreach remained constant. Lela awarded over 30 scholarships in 2008 through various organizations, college fairs, and Lela's Financial Aid Awareness Month (FAAM) campaign. In addition, Lela networked with over 20,000 high school students seeking a college education through conferences and workshops.

Recognizing that today's youth is highly connected to the Internet, Lela leveraged new media outlets such as Facebook and YouTube as well as targeted email blasts to students, parents, and high school guidance counselors to make them aware of scholarship and loan programs available through Lela, the state, the federal government, and other sources.

PARTNERSHIPS

In 2008, Lela continued to forge new partnerships to enable continued progress in affordable education for Louisiana students, parents, schools lenders, and state agencies. The partnerships formed help LPFA to continue its mission and to offer assistance to other organizations as they face tough economic challenges.



LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Lela partnered with the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) to give more than 1,000 higher education students an opportunity to rehabilitate their defaulted student loans and restore their credit. Through an agreement, the LPFA began to purchase rehabilitated loans enabling LOSFA to continue helping borrowers rehabilitate their loans after a number of other national lenders discontinued their participation in the market.

Borrowers who participate in this program become eligible to have their loans rehabilitated by making nine timely, consecutive monthly payments, generally large enough to pay off the balance owed within a 10-year period. The LPFA has had a long-standing relationship with LOSFA. In 2008, the LPFA also became a student loan Lender of Last Resort, making it responsible to help supply student loans if no other lenders are able.

CENTENARY COLLEGE

Lela partnered with Centenary College of Louisiana to help preserve the Centenary Affordability Program (CAP) Parent PLUS loan. When previous lenders exited the program due to economic restraints, Lela agreed to partner with Centenary to enable the program to continue in the 2008-09 academic year.

CAP is a two-part financing solution offered to all Centenary students that includes both academic scholarships and the federally guaranteed Parent PLUS loans. The first part of the initiative is to assist students with their effort to pay for college. The second part of the program is to help parents save as they fund their students' four-year education at Centenary.

The CAP Parent PLUS loan offers parents tremendous savings by waiving the interest for up to four years. If borrowed at the maximum amount, the program can allow parents to save up to \$15,000 in interest payments.

CAREER COMPASS

Lela continues to advance its commitment to ensure access to college for Louisiana high school seniors by supporting Louisiana's college and career non-profit organizations including Career Compass of Louisiana. With Lela's support, Career Compass of Louisiana was able to expand coverage to rural high schools and reach more than 1,000 high school seniors throughout the Baton Rouge area in 2008. In addition, this partnership has allowed Career Compass of Louisiana to provide continual services, such as application fee assistance, scholarships, ACT preparation, and hands-on assistance with the college enrollment process.

Career Compass of Louisiana currently provides free college and career coaching to more than 27 high schools throughout the state and is also working with several Louisiana hurricane recovery schools. Career Compass of Louisiana's mission is to assist and guide high school students by encouraging and empowering them to pursue post-secondary education, primarily targeting need-based students.

No matter the circumstances, Lela's journey remains one of beneficial partnerships, continuous support to students and parents, and fulfillment of the LPFA's mission to improve lives through higher education and job creation.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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Dale Benoit; Christopher C. Arsement; Peter Egan; Guy Campbell III, *Chairman*

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