

**For Immediate Release
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LASERS Closed Due to Hurricane Isaac

Baton Rouge-- Executive Director Cindy Rougeou announced today that the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS), located at 8401 United Plaza Blvd. in Baton Rouge, will be closed on Tuesday, August 28, and Wednesday, August 29 due to Hurricane Isaac. Additional closures may occur as necessary.

"The staff, management, and trustees of LASERS wish to assure our retirees that payment of their monthly retirement benefit is a top priority," Rougeou emphasized. "Electronic payments will be transmitted to banks by September 1. Retirees should check with their financial institution as to availability. Paper checks will be mailed as close to September 1 as weather conditions and post office closures allow."

LASERS provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to over 100,000 active and retired state employees. All scheduled meetings, educational programs, and on-site customer service have been suspended until further notice.

LASERS will regularly update the news media as details become available. Interested parties should monitor the LASERS website at www.lasersonline.org. In addition, we will regularly update information on our phone system, 225.922.0600 and toll-free 1.800.256.3000.

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