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Audubon Nature Institute's Whooping Crane Recovery Program, Phase Two	Audubon Nature Institute, New Orleans, LA	This investment will complete phase two of this successful whooping crane recovery program. Whooping cranes are the most endangered crane species in the world and are among North America's most endangered birds. This funding will add four specially-designed whooper breeding pens to hold two new crane pairs, increasing Audubon's egg-production capacity by 20% and contributing greatly to whooping crane preservation.	\$500,000
Improvements to Expand the Infrastructure Capacity at InterTech Science Park in Shreveport, Louisiana	Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana, Shreveport, LA	This investment in a new sewer system will allow the Louisiana State University Health Science Center at Shreveport and the InterTech Science Park to attract to businesses and stem the exodus of college graduates to other states. Currently, the high risk of flooding associated with the current sewer system prevents many businesses from locating at the park.	\$1,540,000
Cane River National Heritage Area Commission	Cane River National Heritage Area Commission, Natchitoches, LA	The Cane River National Heritage Area comprises Louisiana's only National Heritage area and is known for its historic plantations, Creole Architecture and Mult-Cultural legacy. The region includes a national park, seven National Historic Landmarks, and three state parks. This federal investment will fund ongoing operations, projects and programming for the Cane River National Heritage Area.	\$1,000,000
Bastrop Municipal Sewer System Rehabilitation Project	City of Bastrop, Bastrop, LA	This investment will relocate Bastrop's existing 76 year old waste water treatment facility to a remote site in order to meet Louisiana and EPA waste water treatment standards. By relocating the outdated treatment facility, the City will be able to continue ongoing residential developments that were threatened by the close proximity to hazardous materials and waste.	\$3,800,000
East Baton Rouge Parish Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements	City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, LA	This investment will allow the city, under a consent decree with the EPA, to rehabilitate or replace many of the sewer trunk lines and pump stations currently transporting flow to the South Wastewater Treatment Plant. This facility currently serves 210,000 people and has experienced heavy population growth post-Katrina.	\$1,000,000
Bogalusa replacement water distribution and sewer lines	City of Bogalusa, Bogalusa, LA	This infrastructure investment will replace the old and deteriorating distribution sewer and water lines to improve these services to all citizens and businesses and to improve water pressure for fire protection. The sewer and water distribution system consist of 121 miles of water and sewer distribution lines and is 50 (+) years old.	\$700,000
Bogalusa Replacement Water Meters	City of Bogalusa, Bogalusa, LA	This investment will allow the city of Bogalusa to determine accurate water usage numbers for its citizens and businesses. Currently the city charges for water use on a flat-rate system because it is unable to determine which users account for what amount of water. Installing this metered system should allow the city to cut back on water use from its current rate of 12 million gallons/day to around 4 million gallons/day.	\$4,300,000
Bogalusa Water System Improvements	City of Bogalusa, Bogalusa, LA	This infrastructure investment will allow the city of Bogalusa to construct a new water well and 500,000 gallon tank in the western portion of the city for improved water services to residences and businesses. Water pressure in this area is low and impacts water service to residences and businesses and hinders fire protection.	\$1,500,000

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Restoration of the Historical Campti Creston High School,	City of Campti, LA	This project involves the renovation of the vacant old Historical Campti Creston High School, which was home to many students throughout the early 60s and 70s. After renovations the historic high school will be utilized as a multi-purpose community center.	\$1,139,140
Grambling Sewer and Water Improvements	City of Grambling, Grambling, LA	This funding will be used to rehabilitate portions of Grambling's water and sewer infrastructure. Specifically included are the extension of 8" water mains and sewer lines to recently annexed portions of the city that are currently underserved.	\$1,627,000
Grambling Well #3 / Booster Station and Ground Storage	City of Grambling, Grambling, LA	This funding will improve the potable water supply for the residents and commercial water customers in Grambling, Louisiana. Completion of this well will provide essential backup to other operating water wells that are currently providing supply for the entire city drinking water system.	\$542,500
Verot School Road Widening Project - Water and Wastewater Improvements	City of Lafayette, Lafayette, La	This investment will assist the State of Louisiana by relocating drinking water distribution lines and sewerage collection systems in advance of the state's Vero road widening project.	\$15,660,000
Lake Charles - Final Clarifiers Installation	City of Lake Charles, LA, Lake Charles, LA	This investment will allow the city of Lake Charles to complete installation of final clarifiers at their wastewater treatment facility. The addition of these clarifiers, with an associated (WAS/RAS) system, will enable Lake Charles to meet their design flow rate and provide a much improved final clarifier effluent. Reduced solids will greatly improve the efficiency of the UV disinfection system and lead to lower effluent fecal counts. Installation of these clarifiers will provide a safer environment for downstream users of the receiving waters. For these reasons, the project should receive priority in federal funding.	\$3,500,000
Minden MG Clear well installation	City of Minden, Minden, LA	This investment will allow the City of Minden the ability to store up to one complete days worth of water for the city. This increase in capacity will be useful in the event of an interruption in service because the city would be able to meet demand for a day, whereas currently they are unable to meet demand.	\$6,300,000
Minden Automated Meter installation System - Water Improvements	City of Minden, Minden, LA	This investment in automated meter readers for the City of Minden will allow the city to keep real-time, more accurate measures of it's water usage and thus be able to more effectively control for waste and over-use.	\$8,200,000
City of Monroe Wastewater Treatment System (STAG)	City of Monroe, Monroe, LA	Over the past 90+ years, even with maintenance, breaks have developed along the pipeline and in manholes throughout the City of Monroe's wastewater collection system. These breaks allow excess rainwater and groundwater to enter the collection system adding extreme pressure to an over taxed system and resulting in Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs), which are violations of the Clean Water Act. This project will continue the rehabilitation and general abatement work required under the EPA Consent Decree.	\$5,000,000

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South Natchitoches Drainage Improvement Project	City of Natchitoches, LA	With increased development, the south Natchitoches area has experienced extensive drainage and flooding problems in recent years. This plan will redirect drainage on Fairgrounds Road. Approximately one-half of the drainage system will be redirected in the opposition direction to Cane River Lake.	\$1,160,000
Texas and Pacific Railway Depot, Natchitoches Depot Redevelopment	City of Natchitoches, LA	This one-time request is to assist in rehabilitation of the Texas and Pacific Railway Depot, located in the City Historic District, into a cultural center/museum and inter-modal transportation hub. Built in 1926 and donated to the city by Union Pacific in 1995, this National Register property's design is ornate Renaissance style and based on the Villa Medici in Rome. The depot recently was named by Louisiana Preservation Alliance as one of 10 most endangered historic sites.	\$2,901,835
New Iberia Rehab Sanitary Sewerage Basins A, C, E, and G	City of New Iberia, New Iberia, LA	This investment will eliminate sewer system overflows (SSOs) to ditches and other surface waters, where children may be exposed to harmful bacteria that can lead to serious illnesses. Additionally, funding will enable the City to meet the mandates of a Federal Consent Decree with the EPA directly related to elimination of SSOs.	\$30,000,000
Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant	City of Plaquemine, Plaquemine, La	This vital investment would be used to construct a new Wastewater Treatment Facility. The current facility is over 50 years old and operates at 25% above its pre-Katrina capacity. The collection system has backed up during previous hurricanes and dry weather conditions and it is now further strained by the influx of evacuees from Katrina and Rita.	\$10,185,000
Drinking water replacement well project	City of Port Allen, La	This project would fund the design and replacement of the Avenue D well. The Avenue D well has been taken out of service due to lost pumping capacity in spite of rehabilitation efforts. Should one of the remaining two wells fail, the City would be reliant on a single water source which could not meet current demand thereby creating an emergency situation.	\$1,000,000
Wastewater Treatment Facility	City of Port Allen, La	Funding will design and build a new wastewater treatment facility. The existing wastewater treatment plant is nearly 50 years old. The plant and all of its equipment operates over its design capacity due to high infiltration/inflow (I/I) in the system during periods of high water table and rainfall. Due to the age of the existing treatment facility, the City is experiencing increased expenses for repairs and equipment replacement and the possibility of a catastrophic failure.	\$2,100,000
City of West Monroe - Graphic Packaging Wastewater Recycling Project	City of West Monroe, LA	Funding will be used to treat effluent from the City of West Monroe's wastewater treatment plant and to pipeline it to a large paper mill – Graphic Packaging – that employs 1,300 people. Instead of the mill using water from the Sparta aquifer in its daily operations, it will use the City's treated wastewater.	\$6,600,000
Westwego Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade	City of Westwego, Westwego, La	This investment will allow the City of Westwego to upgrade its failing sewer facility. Currently the facility is inefficient at removing large organic and inorganic objects from wastewater entering the plant.	\$11,631,532

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Westwego Water Treatment Plant Upgrade	City of Westwego, Westwego, La	This investment will provide Westwego with much needed potable water system improvements by increasing the storage capabilities of finished water, increasing capacity and upgrading the existing treatment plant, and improving the water distribution system. The City of Westwego's existing water treatment plant was originally constructed in 1922 and last had a major capacity increase in 1956.	\$8,325,661
SE Louisiana Ecosystem Restoration and Preservation Program	Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, Multi-City	Funds will support the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation's mission of restoring and preserving the waters and habitats of the 10,000 square mile Pontchartrain Basin (all of SE Louisiana). To accomplish this mission, the LPBF executes five integrated programs: 1) Coastal Preservation and Storm Protection; 2) Water Quality Monitoring; 3) Pollution Reduction; 4) Habitat Preservation; and 5) Education/Outreach. These programs contribute to the recovery of coastal Louisiana post Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, and Ike.	\$800,000
Lincoln Parish Stormwater and Conservation Management Program	Lincoln Parish Police Jury, Lincoln Parish, LA	Funds would develop a stormwater and conservation management program for the Parish as a whole. Direct beneficiaries of the results of this program will include the City of Ruston, the City of Grambling, the incorporated areas of Simsboro, Dubach, Choudrant, and Vienna, the unincorporated areas of Lincoln Parish.	\$1,500,000
Bayou Barbary Water Community Water System	Livingston Parish Council, Livingston Parish, LA	Funds would support a 300 household community water system for Bayou Barbary, La which is currently underserved.	\$520,000
Federal Funding for Task Force States under Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan	Lower Mississippi River Sub-basin Committee on Hypoxia, State Wide	Project will provide federal funding to 14 states on Gulf Hypoxia Task Force to implement Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan; states will provide 25% match; smaller amount of funding for 3 Sub-basin Committees (Upper, Lower Mississippi River, Ohio River) to carry out coordination and education activity on nutrient reduction in the basin. This project will benefit Louisiana and the nation as a whole by preserving the vital Gulf of Mexico ecosystem.	\$20,000,000
Red River Watershed Management Institute	LSU - Shreveport, Shreveport, LA	The Red River Watershed Management Institute is a consortium of LSUS faculty working in cooperation with other universities and professional personnel from local, state, and federal government agencies collaborating in research, education, and community service/outreach related to watershed management in the area drained by the Red River and its tributaries. Working in partnership with government agencies, environmental organizations and other stakeholders, the Institute provides information critical for developing resource management strategies focusing on the natural resources and biological diversity within the Red River Watershed.	\$700,000
Complete Lee Nelson Hall at National Center Preservation Technology and Training	National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT), Natchitoches, LA	Funding will be used to complete Lee Nelson Hall. A catastrophic fire during building rehab prevented completion of track level office, archives, and exhibition space as construction funds were diverted to repair fire damage.	\$375,000

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Preserve America National Preservation Clearinghouse at NCPTT	National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT), Natchitoches, LA	This investment will create a clearinghouse will be an ongoing program of web-based and traditional information resources, related to the heritage of the Creole people. Traditional information resources will include research by NCPTT and its partners, and materials from workshops and forums.	\$1,650,000
City Park WPA Facilities Infrastructure Improvements, Save America's Treasures	New Orleans City Park Improvement Assoc., New Orleans, La	This project request is for \$3.2 million to repair and modernize City Park's Botanical Garden facilities and surrounding infrastructure that are not covered by FEMA program reimbursements. The project will restore walkways, drainage, historic areas and facilities and related areas as well as expansion of the Conservatory that is necessary to help restore these WPA facilities/structures to current user standards and Federal, State, and local regulatory and code requirements.	\$3,200,000
Northwestern State Creole Document Management Program	Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA	The NSU Creole Heritage Center of Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana has amassed thousands of records that reflect the important history and culture of the Creole people of Louisiana. A system that can ensure worldwide accessibility to this previously unavailable information is important to the accurate existence of the history of Louisiana's Creole culture.	\$226,000
Northwestern State Endangered Louisiana Creole Language Project	Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA	In response to concerns expressed by Creole constituents throughout the country, the Creole Heritage Center [CHC] initiated a consortium of agencies and individuals to document and address language change and loss in Louisiana Creole communities. The population of fluent Creole French speakers is rapidly declining, and intergenerational transmission of the language is severely limited. This consortium was awarded a Lower Mississippi Delta Region Initiative (LMDRI) grant to perform fieldwork within these communities regarding their language loss. Requested funding would support development and training methods for online accredited courses, educational online gaming and interactive technology, development of a language lesson database and an automated learning center that would apply to the Creole language situation.	\$146,000
Northwestern State Preservation and Access of the Natchitoches French	Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA	Funding would be used to provide enhanced digitization of 1960's microfilm, investigate new technologies to produce high quality digitization, and develop a comprehensive preservation plan.	\$165,000
Iberia Parish Green Waste Disposal Projects - Debris Processing Area	Parish of Iberia, Iberia Parish, LA	This project will backfill what had been two (2) holding ponds which are no longer being used as such. By doing so it will create an environmentally friendly site for emergency debris removal (staging area and tub grinder locations).	\$250,000
Sewerage Improvements at Acadiana Regional Airport	Parish of Iberia, Iberia Parish, LA	The project would provide for improvements and increased sewerage disposal capacity at the Acadiana Regional Airport and surrounding areas which are currently underserved.	\$5,000,000
Jefferson Parish Internal Drainage System Upgrade	Parish of Jefferson, Jefferson Parish, LA	This investment will be used to upgrade the parish's internal drainage system, which currently doesn't meet demand.	\$15,000,000

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Jefferson Parish, LA Infiltration/Inflow Upgrades	Parish of Jefferson, Jefferson Parish, LA	This request is to fund phase one of the infiltration/inflow management plan which includes completion of a parish-wide sewer system evaluation. This project will bring better service to an area prone to sewage over flows.	\$15,000,000
Holden Area Wastewater Improvements	Parish of Livingston, Livingston Parish, LA	Funding will provide sewer treatment and collection for approximately 1,200 underserved customers in Holden, Louisiana, area.	\$928,000
St. Charles Sewer Lift Station Improvements	Parish of St. Charles, St. Charles Parish, LA	Funds will provide much needed improvements to the overburdened St. Charles Parish sewer lift stations. The current stations are outmoded and need rehabilitation.	\$417,920
Wastewater Treatment Facilities for Various Rural Communities in St. Helena Parish	Parish of St. Helena, St. Helena Parish, LA	Funding will be use to construct treatment systems in the rural communities in southern St. Helena Parish known as Dennis Mills, the Self Quarters-Jackson Chapel Road area, Holy Hill, and the unnamed community in the Saymill Road-Leonard Chapel Road-Hano Road area.	\$8,570,000
St. John Parish Wastewater - Drinking Water Improvements	Parish of St. John the Baptist, St. John Parish, LA	Funds will be used to construct a new wastewater treatment plant WWTP to handle the 1.5 million gallon per day increase at the river road WWTP.	\$5,000,000
Bayou Chinchuba Regional Retention Pond	Parish of St. Tammany, St. Tammany Parish, LA	An online retention pond would be created at the western intersection of the bayou chinchuba and US HWY 59 to reduce floodwater heights in order to reduce the risk of home street and highway flooding in the area of Twin Oaks subdivision.	\$700,000
East St. Tammany Drainage Improvements	Parish of St. Tammany, St. Tammany Parish, LA	Funds will be used to create a large regional retention pond just north o of the of the boulevard off the east I-10 service road to reduce repetitive flood losses	\$2,000,000
Terrace Ave Wastewater Treatment Plant	Parish of St. Tammany, St. Tammany Parish, LA	The proposed project will construct the rerouted effluent force main from the terrace avenue WWTP to the Fritchie Marsh.	\$2,000,000
Sewell-Belmont House and Museum Upgrades	Sewell-Belmont House and Museum, Washington, DC	Major historic restoration of the Florence Bayard Hilles Research Library is needed. Over 10,000 pieces in the collection need to be catalogued and preserved, including one-of-a-kind papers, news clippings, photographs, cartoons and textiles which were collected by Alice Paul. These technology improvements will ensure better outreach to the public and education curriculum to students and organizations.	\$1,500,000
Ecology and Restoration of the Manchac Area Wetlands	Southeastern Louisiana University,	Funding will be used to determine the ecological stresses on the Manchac Wetlands, including those associated with human behavior, and to provide scientific information to decision makers on methods and policies to stabilize, sustain, and enhance environmental recovery.	\$2,000,000
Red River National Wildlife Refuge - Cane River Unit - USFWS Land Acquisition	The Conservation Fund,	This land acquisition funding will allow the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to purchase Phase II of the Cane River Plantation, within the Red River National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). This funding, coupled with leveraged private donations, would purchase 2,215 acres of land in fee and complete the second phase of this two phase acquisition.	\$2,000,000

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Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research	The Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research, Inc., Baton Rouge, LA	CPBR will fund university research and technology transfer for phytoremediation and new, environmentally friendly industries. Working with Louisiana State University, it will develop new and improved technologies that range from "green" chemicals and industrial manufacturing processes to environmental remediation of hazardous materials. CPBR will help build the agricultural and environmental industries and the workforce of the future that will reduce pollutants and create new, high-paying jobs in Louisiana and the nation.	\$4,000,000
Grand Opera House of the South's Renovation Completion	The Grand Opera House of the South, Crowley, LA	Funding will complete the renovation and the restoration of the first floor, which will be used for a reception hall, to accommodate 630 people. Grand Opera House of the South has and will continue to have a positive effect on the economy in southwest Louisiana. Attracting visitors and locals alike through tours, professional entertainment for all ages and for educational purposes, and other social events the opera house serves as the main focal point in this area allowing local tax dollars to be generated. Other local businesses have benefited by the reopening of this landmark and have also created numerous jobs, directly and indirectly. The completion of the opera house is the key element in the revitalization of Crowley's downtown historic district.	\$910,000
Haynesville Water and Sewer Line Repair	Town of Haynesville, Haynesville, LA	This funding would repair the Water and Sewer Lines in Haynesville to ensure adequate water pressure and safe potable water. Additionally, this project will make repairs to a portion of sewer lines that are causing road surface damage and health concerns.	\$15,000
Italian American Museum Renovation	Town of Independence, Haynesville, LA	The project will upgrade and renovate a church building that was donated to the town for use as a museum focusing on the Italian American Heritage of the area.	\$300,000
Kentwood Repair and upgrade Sewer System	Town of Kentwood, Kentwood, LA	This funding will repair and upgrade the Sewer System including collection and treatment equipment. It will rehab approximately 15 miles of sewer lines, renovate the treatment plant and replace or renovate 5 lift stations and 188 manholes. This sewer system is over 50 years old and in need of repairs to improve health conditions and the environment. This upgrade will help improve the financial condition for the Town of Kentwood due high maintenance costs associated with the antiquated system.	\$2,700,000
Kentwood Replace Gas Distribution Lines	Town of Kentwood, Kentwood, LA	Kentwood has approximately 3 miles of old PVC pipe being used for distribution lines. PVC pipe was used many years ago but is no longer acceptable due to increased pressure required and the increase of customers both residential and commercial. The DOT Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration does not allow for PVC pipe to be installed due to safety and reliability. In order to continue to serve existing customers with safe and reliable gas service, the distribution lines to Poly pipe must be upgraded.	\$350,000
Kentwood Water System Repair and Upgrade	Town of Kentwood, Kentwood, LA	The main water tank for Kentwood is in need of refurbishing to be in compliance with safe drinking water regulations. Additionally, a new well is needed due to the age of the existing well. Upgrading the water system is vital to ensure safe potable water for all citizens and businesses.	\$2,000,000

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Lockport Drainage Improvements – South Lockport	Town of Lockport, Lockport, LA	This project will fund drainage improvements at the south end of Lockport to complete an ongoing project that moves water away from the municipality to the outfall drainage canal. This work will include installation of culverts for the better movement of water and provide a safer and healthier environment while reducing the potential for property damage. Maintenance will be reduced significantly by eliminating the debris from accumulating in the open drainage ways.	\$500,000
Lockport Emergency Generator for Upper Catherine Street Sewer Pump Station	Town of Lockport, Lockport, LA	Funds will procure and install emergency generator for the Upper Catherine Street Sewer Pump Station. This generator will improve the quality of life and safety of all citizens as well as protect property during and after disaster events.	\$250,000
Lockport Sewer Lines Improvements	Town of Lockport, Lockport, LA	This funding will provide sewer line improvements and will include video of existing sewer lines and manholes to determine infiltration locations and areas needing repairs. The lines will be cleaned and repaired, manholes will be repaired, and gravity sewer lines will be reconditioned using a plastic instituform liner.	\$3,000,000
St. Francisville Drainage Improvements	Town of St. Francisville, St. Francisville, LA	Project will improve the drainage canal near LA Hwy 61 and the Dipple Subdivision in St. Francisville. The downstream portions of this canal have severe erosion which is threatening several properties, and the upstream portions need to be improved to relieve flooding in public streets. This project will install 1,500 feet of drainage pipe, junction boxes, outfall structure, install erosion control, and clear and de-slag canal.	\$610,000
St. Joseph Water System Improvements	Town of St. Joseph, St. Joseph, LA	This project will replace the old and deteriorating distribution lines to improve the quality and supply of water to all citizens and businesses and to improve water pressure for fire protection. Plans call for refurbishing the elevated water tank and developing a new supply water well.	\$1,450,000
Coastal Sustainability Consortium (CSC) Interior, USGS Appropriations	Tulane University/ UNO/ Xavier University/LSU/ULL, New Orleans, LA	This project will provide a nexus between the Louisiana academic community with federal and state agencies and corporate partners to provide technical information that will reduce uncertainties and promote effective coastal restoration and protection efforts across coastal Louisiana. The CSC (LSU, UNO, Tulane, UL Lafayette, along with federal and state partners) would provide a national and international leadership model for problem solving and living and working in coastal environments. The CSC will serve as a critical line of system level synthesis, evaluation and assessment in implementing a comprehensive coast-wide adaptive management program.	\$2,500,000
Washington Parish Gas Lines Extension Project	Washington Parish Gas Utility Gas District #2, Washington Parish, LA	This funding would provide for replacement of approximately 75 miles of gas distribution lines and extensions. The existing gas distribution lines will be upgraded from PVC to Poly Pipe rated at 80 lbs PSI to meet current DOT Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration regulations to provide more safety and reliability and to provide for increased pressure to provide adequate distribution for existing and future customers. Current lines do not allow for required pressure to supply adequate gas pressure to all customers.	\$1,535,000

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Xavier University Administration Building	Xavier University, New Orleans, LA	The goal of this project is to restore portions of Xavier's original Administration facility including the windows and other exterior surfaces. The emphasis will be to restore elements of this historic building that suffer from aging, weather, and normal usage.	\$1,200,000