

MOBILE - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, today announced the approval of funding for the City of Bayou La Batre by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The project funding, totaling \$413,454, is to be used for the acquisition and destruction of a storm-damaged police station in that community. Of the amount required for completion of this project, FEMA will provide \$310,091 of the cost, representing 75 percent of the total project costs. The remaining 25 percent of the total will be provided by the City of Bayou La Batre.

The demolition of the structure was deemed necessary following a thorough inspection of the property by mitigation specialists with the State of Alabama.

“I am extremely pleased FEMA has approved this funding for City of Bayou La Batre,” Bonner said. “The police station has over the course of many years been severely damaged by a string of major storms, and the building has been rendered unusable for police department operations. This funding will be of tremendous help to city officials as they work to remove this building and with it the risk of further property damage and the potential for injury to department personnel.”