

Prior law provided that certain public entities may utilize the design-build method in the construction or repair of any public building or structure which has been destroyed or damaged by Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita, or both. Further provided that the design-build method may be used for any public building or structure to be constructed or repaired to meet a homeland security or criminal justice need pursuant to a hurricane recovery plan.

Prior law identified the public entities authorized to use the design-build method as: the division of administration, the Recovery School District, the city of New Orleans, sheriffs, housing authorities, and parish governments in Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, and Vermilion parishes and the Port of New Orleans.

New law retains prior and adds the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans as a public entity authorized to use the design-build method.

Prior law provided that this authorization shall extend for five years from July 10, 2007, after which time only those projects that were contracted for prior to that date may proceed.

New law changes the length of authorization from five years to six years and retains further provisions of prior law.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 12, 2012).

(Amends R.S. 38:2225.2.1(A)(1) and (3))