

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**CONTACT:**

Beth Parks  
803-331-9664  
[beth.parks@scdr.sc.gov](mailto:beth.parks@scdr.sc.gov)

**HURRICANE MATTHEW INTAKE PROCESS**

**Columbia, S.C., August 2, 2017** – The South Carolina Disaster Recovery Office (SCDRO) will start the Hurricane Matthew intake application process for citizens beginning on August 10 and ending on November 10, 2017. Citizens who have already provided data to Palmetto Disaster Recovery do not need to reapply.

The State selected Horne LLP as the dedicated implementation vendor for the recovery. Horne LLP has established an office at 1404 N. Main Street in Marion. On Saturday, August 12, the office will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Normal operating hours will be Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The vendor will also operate mobile office sites throughout the affected counties. The mobile sites will be announced as they are scheduled.

Any citizen who believes they are eligible for the program can call the toll-free number at 1-844-410-8560 beginning on August 4 to make appointment. Requests for appointments may also be made online at [www.scdr.sc.gov](http://www.scdr.sc.gov).

Horne LLP is seeking qualified housing sub-contractors to rebuild and replace homes throughout rural South Carolina. To facilitate the recovery, SCDRO will host a Job fair on August 11 from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. at the C.D. Joyner Auditorium, located at 161 Elizabeth Street in Marion.

The housing program will concentrate on the repair and/or replacement of homes based on eligibility and priority need. SCDRO will focus on serving the most vulnerable citizens, giving priority to those who cannot recover themselves. To be eligible for the program, citizens must have disaster-caused damage to their home as a result of the October 2016 Hurricane Matthew and own property or live in one of the 24 declared counties. Eligibility, however, does not guarantee assistance. Factors that determine citizen priority include income level, disability, and age.

SCDRO will oversee the funds allocated for the 24 counties impacted by Hurricane Matthew. The counties served by this program include: Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Orangeburg, Sumter, and Williamsburg.

For more information, citizens should visit the SCDRO web site at [www.scdr.sc.gov](http://www.scdr.sc.gov) or email [ContactSCDR@scdr.sc.gov](mailto:ContactSCDR@scdr.sc.gov).

###