AMENDMENT TO DIVISION H OF THE RULES

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Page 1241, line 9, before the period at the end insert the following:

1: Provided further, That as a condition of making any
2 [grant under the Act], the Secretary shall certify in ad-
3 vance that such grantee has in place proficient financial
4 controls and procurement processes and has established
5 adequate procedures to prevent any duplication of benefits
6 as defined by section 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
7 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
8 5155), to ensure timely expenditure of funds, to maintain
9 comprehensive websites regarding all disaster recovery ac-
10 tivities assisted with these funds, and to detect and pre-
11 vent waste, fraud, and abuse of funds: Provided further,
12 That such grantee’s duplication of benefits processes may
13 (1) allow recipients of Small Business Disaster loans for
14 disaster-related damage to be eligible for reimbursement
15 for documented repair, rehabilitation or eligible mitigation
16 work performed on their home as a result of such damage,
17 in which the reimbursement shall be made directly to the
18 Small Business Administration on behalf of the eligible
homeowner for the purpose of reducing the homeowner’s outstanding debt obligation to the Small Business Administra-
istration for such loan proceeds, and any remaining reim-
bursement paid directly to the homeowner, and (2) require donations of labor or materials from volunteer or philan-
thropic organizations for the benefit of a homeowner con-
stitute a duplication of benefits only to the extent the value of such labor or materials used for that home has been used as to satisfy a matching requirement for any other Federal program.