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Department of Treasury Uses mLINQS System To Relocate Property Of Veterans Displaced By Katrina

FAIRFAX, VA – (November 6, 2006) – mLINQS™, LLC today announced that the Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Public Debt (BPD), using the company's moveLINQ™ system, has completed a relocation project for the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) after the organization's living facility in Gulfport, Mississippi was ravaged by Hurricane Katrina.

This public-private sector partnership was facilitated by mLINQS through discounting licensing fees for its relocation system. The system automated expense management to relocate the property of veterans who lived on the AFRH Gulfport campus. Compliance with the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) was a concern as BPD undertook the project.

“Our job was to ensure that each veteran's household property was safely and efficiently moved to their new homes,” said Diana Bonnell, Director of BPD's Travel Services Division. “But these veterans were not officially government employees, which made this project unique.”

Of those veterans needing assistance, 215 were relocated to AFRH's other facility in Washington, DC, while 107 other veterans were moved individually to other parts of the nation. The 11-story Gulfport living tower suffered severe damage, which has left its future uncertain.

“We realized that providing assistance to these veterans after the disastrous effects of Katrina presented the government with an unexpected challenge needing immediate action,” said Greg McIntyre, mLINQS President. “As a veteran, I wanted to do all we could to assist BPD on this project. By discounting our service fees for this unique situation, we pitched in to make a difference for the families affected.”

BPD provides relocation services for AFRH and 26 other federal agencies from its Administrative Resource Center in Parkersburg, West Virginia, and was an early adopter of the moveLINQ relocation technology. mLINQS offered BPD discounted software licensing fees as part of the company's support for the AFRH project.

The BPD Administrative Resource Center is part of the Treasury Franchise Fund. It provides numerous services including financial management, procurement, human resources and temporary duty travel to other federal agencies. “We provide the full suite of services to AFRH and our relationship with AFRH serves as a model for public-to-public partnerships,” said Bonnell.

BPD completed implementation of moveLINQ in February 2005, and received an award the same year for its automated relocation expense management program from the Society of Government Travel Professionals. Details are available by visiting the website at arc.publicdebt.treas.gov.

The mLINQS system is the only Web-based, fully compliant application to automate relocation expense management processes, policy and entitlements for federal agencies.

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