

# DISASTER RECOVERY

Jemison & Partners, Inc. has worked with state and local governments in disaster recovery. This included preparation of hurricane recovery plans for the City of Gretna, and St. Bernard Parish and Plaquemine Parishes, LA following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita with an assessment of damages and a capital improvement plan designed to help the city physically recover from the storms in a more resilient manner.

Jemison & Partners, Inc. assisted the Port of New Orleans in securing grant funds to relocate a business that was devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The project involved moving a 100-year old company, New Orleans Cold Storage (NOCS), from the Jourdan Road Terminal situated on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway near the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet (MRGO). The facility handled frozen poultry and other products. Marine access to the facility was severely curtailed by the subsequent closure of the MRGO due to siltation caused by the storms. NOCS urgently requested a relocation of the facility to the Mississippi River.



Cold storage blast freezer warehouse

The cost of the project totaled \$40.5 million. Funding was derived from a combination of federal, state and local sources including \$23.5 million from Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) US Economic Development Assistance Disaster Recovery and the CDBG Critical Farm Infrastructure Programs. Completed in 2011, the Riverfront Cold Storage Facility project features a large refrigerator/freezer warehouse capable of freezing 1.2 million pounds of poultry products and other commodities per day

with a storage capacity of 38 million pounds for international import and export. This is the largest poultry export operation in the United States and one of the largest blast freezers in the northern hemisphere. The blast freezer facility employs sustainable technology with high-performance, energy-efficient “green” construction materials and industrial processes.