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Iberia Parish President Ernest Freyou Announces Competitive Grant Cycle for Iberia Parish Tourism Community Development Fund, Applications Accepted July 1 - Aug. 15, 2011

New Iberia, LA - Iberia Parish President Ernest Freyou announces the first of three grant cycles for the Iberia Parish Tourism Community Development Fund, a component Fund of Community Foundation of Acadiana. The Fund was established with dollars allocated for Iberia Parish from the BP Louisiana Tourism Recovery Fund, administered by the State of Louisiana Office of the Lt. Governor, Department of Culture, Tourism and Recreation. The State of Louisiana, BP, Iberia Parish Government and Community Foundation of Acadiana have convened on this project to attract tourists to Iberia Parish and boost its economic vitality after the Oil Spill.

Applications will be accepted July 1, 2011 – August 15, 2011 from organizations interested in applying for Tourism Marketing Grants and Tourism Product Development Grants. In an effort to assist organizations in the application process, a workshop will be held July 18, 2011 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm at the Iberia Parish Library 445 E. Main Street, New Iberia, LA.

The blind selection process will be facilitated by the Board of Directors of the Iberia Parish Enhancement Fund, an affiliate of Community Foundation of Acadiana. Grantees will be notified by September 15, 2011.

To download an application for the Tourism Marketing Grant or the Tourism Product Development Grant, visit cfacadiana.org/Iberia, or contact Linda V. Dautreuil, Donor Services, Community Foundation of Acadiana at 337.769.4843 or ldautreuil@cfacadiana.org.

About Community Foundation of Acadiana:

Community Foundation of Acadiana's mission is to improve the quality of life in our region by increasing giving, connecting donors to the causes they care about, and providing leadership on community needs and opportunities. Donors establish funds at the Foundation, with any dollar amount, invest the fund, and make grants on fund earnings to fulfill immediate community needs or permanent charitable objectives.

The Foundation, incorporated in 2000, is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit entity and focuses its primary grant making within an eight-parish area: Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion. As of March 31, 2011 the Foundation has attained assets of \$55.8 million and has connected generosity of donors with community needs by making cumulative grants, almost exclusively donor-directed, of nearly \$20 million to nonprofits working to improve Acadiana. Additionally, the Foundation will disburse \$30 million for the BP Louisiana Tourism Recovery Program. It is south-central Louisiana's premiere philanthropic resource. For more information visit: www.cfacadiana.org