



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **New Orleans Braces for 'Flood of Appeals' With HGI**

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The City of New Orleans anticipates a large number of property tax assessment appeals for the 2011 Commercial and Residential Tax Assessments. Therefore, the City has taken pro-active measures in dealing with the potential appeals by awarding the 2011 Tax Assessment Contract to HGI Catastrophe Services, LLC. HGI Catastrophe Services is a subsidiary of Hammerman & Gainer (HGI).

Under the scope of the contract, HGI will be responsible for- reviewing all appeals, securing professional staff (hearing examiners, real estate consultants, and appraisers), arranging publicly accessible venues for hearing process, logistics and coordination (perform data entry, schedule appeal hearings, notify appellants of hearings), drafting a communication and education plan, tracking and compliance reports, and other key elements.

HGI began the appeals process on Monday, September 12, 2011 and will complete the appeals process no later than October 7, 2011. At the end of the hearings process, the New Orleans City Council anticipates certifying the tax roll by October 20, 2011, with tax bills going out in January 2012.

HGI is excited about this opportunity as it is very similar to the services HGI provided to the Louisiana Tax Commission in 2008, which proved to be a success venture for both parties.

### **About HGI**

Hammerman & Gainer (HGI) is a Louisiana-based program management and third party administration company. For over 80 years, HGI has worked with insurance companies, corporations and governmental entities distinguishing ourselves from competitors by designing and implementing systems, processes and policies that meet the complex legal, regulatory, and administrative requirements of our clients. Today, HGI's continued success is the direct result of matching our resources with our client's needs in order to mitigate their exposure to risk and preserve their assets.

HGI's corporate office is located in the greater New Orleans area and has a national footprint of regional offices in Atlanta, Austin, Dallas, Los Angeles, and Washington D.C. HGI is licensed as a Healthcare Third Party Administration Service Company in all 50 states and Washington D.C.

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