

Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson
Meets With "Home Front Homes" Representatives
To Discuss Locating a Factory for
Pre-Fabricated, Storm-Resistant Homes in New Orleans

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*Councilmember Clarkson attends a luncheon
for Home Front Homes representatives*

New Orleans, LA -June 17, 2009 -
Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson met this week
with representatives from Home Front Homes, a leading
manufacturer of storm-ready, energy-efficient, pre-fabricated

homes.

Representatives of Home Front Homes are in the City to tour several possible sites for a new home-manufacturing facility they plan to build in New Orleans.

"We welcome Home Front Homes to New Orleans," Councilmember Clarkson said. "We need business like this to invest in our City and to provide jobs and services."

She continued, "It's fitting that this manufacturer of storm-resistant, energy-efficient homes has chosen to locate a site in New Orleans, where now more than ever we need to pursue innovative and sustainable housing."

Councilmember Clarkson met with representatives at the end of their tour around the City. She led a lengthy discussion among Home Front Homes representatives, leaders of the banking community, and community members, relative to maintaining the architectural integrity of New Orleans in pre-fabricated homes, securing sources of financing for low- and middle-income residents interested in purchasing homes, and saving money through energy efficient housing.

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