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Pat Forbes has been the Executive Director of the state Office of Community Development since July 2011. In his executive capacity, he oversees the Community Development Block Grant and Local Government Assistance programs, as well as the housing, economic development and infrastructure programs that utilize federal disaster CDBG (CDBG-DR) funds for recovery from hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, Ike and Isaac.



Forbes has held several positions in the Office of Community Development's Disaster Recovery Unit. He previously worked as a member of the staff of the Louisiana Recovery Authority, where he developed recovery programs for the state's infrastructure recovery programs, as well as providing outreach and technical assistance to the affected local governments.

Prior to Hurricane Katrina, Forbes served as an engineer and technical assistant in the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities. Before his state service, he worked as a consulting environmental engineer, owned and operated his own company and served in numerous capacities at Georgia Pacific's Port Hudson paper mill.

Forbes holds both a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in business administration from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

