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*Draft – A Cultural Resource Survey of the Proposed Louisiana Economic Development
Certified Site in Caddo Parish, Louisiana.*
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Dear Mr. Herrington:

This is in response to your letter received March 25, 2011, concerning the above-referenced report. Overall, the report meets our standards. We concur with your findings that 16CD330 and 16CD331 are not eligible for listing to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Therefore, this project will not affect any known historic properties and we have no objection to its implementation.

Per our report standards, please include a curation statement concerning the storage of both artifact and field notes. We cannot finalize the report until we receive the final site forms for 16CD330 and 16CD331. We look forward to receiving two copies of the final report and a pdf version. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Watson in the Division of Archaeology at (225) 342-8165.

Sincerely,

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ABSTRACT

Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc., personnel completed a records review and cultural resource survey for a proposed Louisiana Economic Development Certified Site in Caddo Parish, Louisiana. This work was conducted at the request of Jacob Herrington of Franks Investment Company, L.L.C. The records review for this project was conducted on December 17, 2010. Fieldwork for this project was conducted from December 28, 2010, through January 11, 2011. The project area is located west of the City of Shreveport, north of Greenwood Road and just west of the Greenwood Road and Bert Kouns Industrial Expressway intersection. The area investigated consisted of approximately 126.67 ha (313 acres).

The records review consisted of a file search using information provided by the Louisiana Office of Cultural Development Division of Archaeology to identify cultural resources or cultural resource investigations documented in the area. The records review indicated that no previous survey and no cultural resources were documented within the current project area.

Field investigation consisted of an intensive pedestrian survey supplemented with screened shovel tests. This work identified two sites (16CD330 and 16CD331) and one isolated find (IF-1). These sites and the isolated find were located in the vicinity of mapped structures depicted on the 1945 Greenwood, Louisiana, United States Geological Survey topographic map and may represent the limited remains of three late nineteenth through twentieth century homesteads and the activities associated with them. These areas were heavily disturbed and the minimal evidence of the structures suggests they may have been removed from the area. The only feature observed at any of the locations was a brick-lined well that was present at Site 16CD331. This was an open well that did not appear to contain a significant amount of cultural material. Based on the findings of the records review and cultural resource survey, no archaeological sites or historic properties listed in, or recommended eligible for, the National Register of Historic Places will be affected by the proposed construction activities, and cultural resource clearance is recommended.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc. (CRA), personnel completed a file search on December 17, 2010, and fieldwork between December 28, 2010, and January 11, 2011, for the proposed Louisiana Economic Development (LED) Certified Site in Caddo Parish, Louisiana (Figure 1.1). This file search and cultural resource survey was conducted at the request of Jacob Herrington of Franks Investment Company, L.L.C., to meet the requirements of the LED certification program. The proposed project area consisted of approximately 126.67 ha (313 acres) of mixed hardwood and pine forest. The archaeological file search using information provided by the Louisiana Office of Cultural Development Division of Archaeology (LA SHPO) was conducted by Justin Morrison. Fieldwork for the project was completed by Paul D. Bundy, Jason D. Weston, Justin B. Morrison, and J. Joshua Hill in approximately 200 person hours. The cultural resource survey was supervised by Jason D. Weston. A copy of the Scope of Work is provided as Appendix A.



Figure 1. Map showing the location of Caddo Parish in the state of Louisiana.

Purpose of Study

The study was conducted to comply with requirements set forth by the LED Certified Sites Program. This program is designed to make Louisiana more competitive for economic development deals by certifying sites that have

the ability to break ground within 90 days because all rights to build are in place. LA SHPO reviewed data concerning the project as a part of the program. Upon review of the project information they requested a phase I archaeological survey prior to any construction in the area.

The purpose of this assessment was to 1) locate, describe, evaluate, and to make appropriate recommendations for the future treatment of any historic or prehistoric archaeological properties that may be affected by proposed construction activities, and 2) to assess the potential for archaeological sites requiring preservation in place. Field notes, records, and site photographs will be curated with the Louisiana Division of Archaeology (LDOA) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Project Description

Franks Investment Company, L.L.C., is proposing to acquire an LED certification for this property (Figures 2 and 3). Certification of this property is intended to promote development at the location. The proposed project area consisted of approximately 126.67 ha (313 acres). More specifically, the project area extends north of Greenwood Road approximately 1.9 km (1.17 mi). The width reaches approximately 809 m (2,654 ft) east to west.

Summary of Findings

The records review conducted using data available from the LA SHPO indicated that no portion of the project area had been previously surveyed, and no sites were recorded within the area.

Fieldwork located two historic sites (16CD330 and 16CD331) and one isolated find (IF-1). These locations corresponded with three structures depicted on the 1945 Greenwood, Louisiana, United States Geological Survey (USGS) 15-minute topographic quadrangle map. Site 16CD330 consisted of a heavily disturbed, low density scatter of historic debris. Artifacts included glass, metal, brick fragments and historic ceramics. No features or structures were observed at this location.

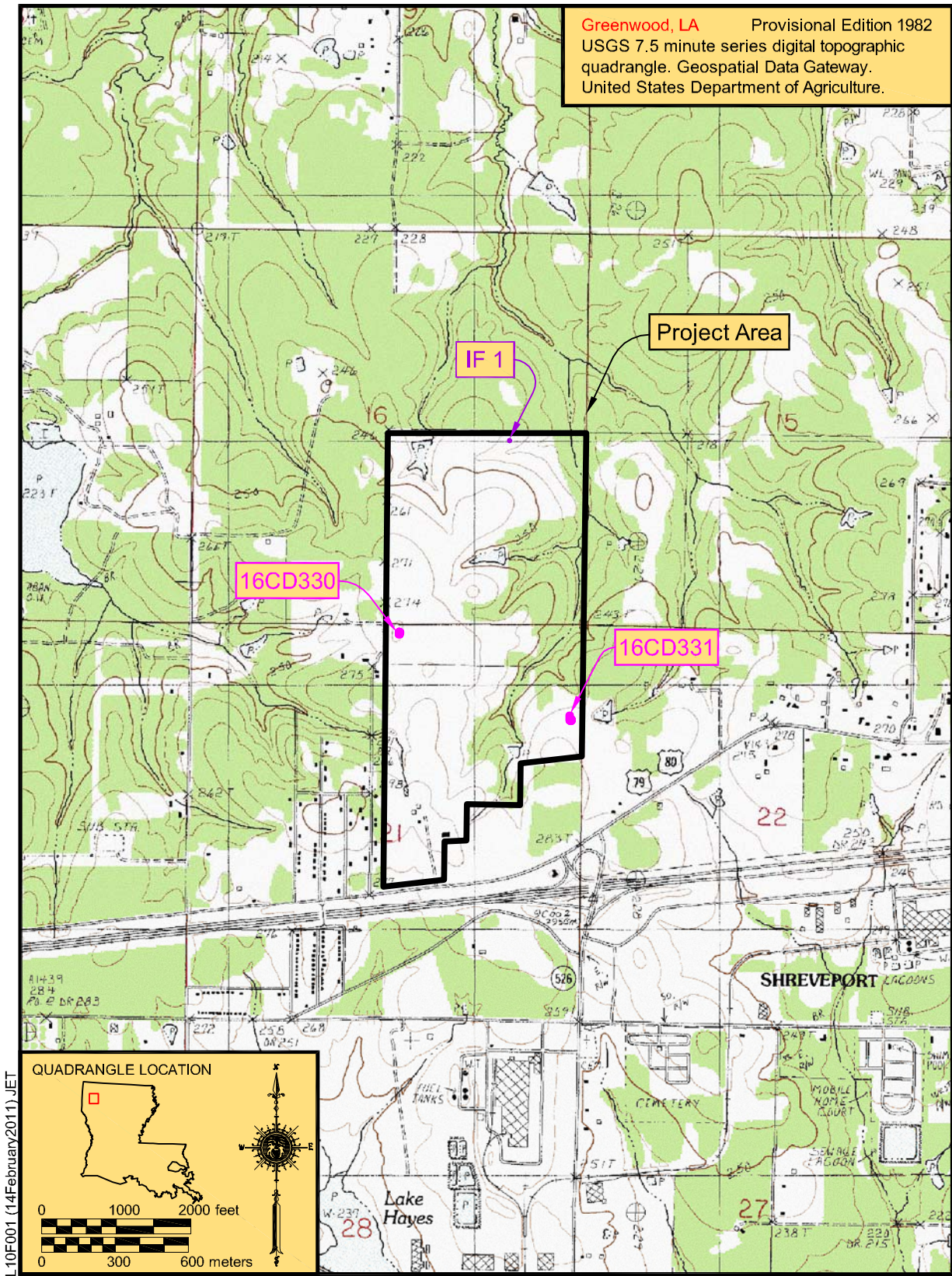
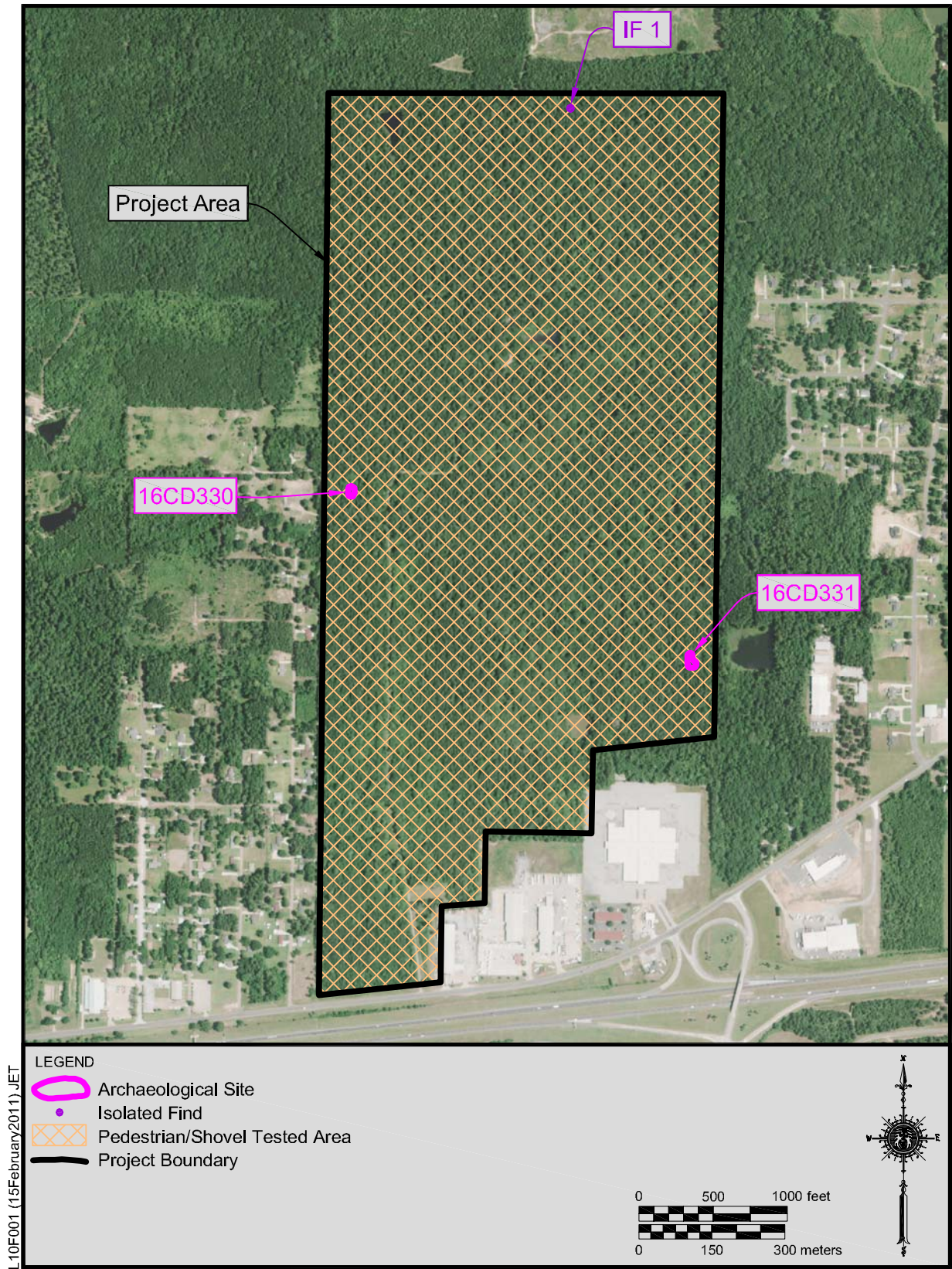


Figure 2. Topographic map showing the location of the project area.



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Figure 3. Project location depicted on the 2006 Aerial map.