



As the leader of Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal's economic development team, Stephen Moret has focused on transforming LED into one of the top state economic development agencies in the country.

At first blush, you wouldn't see a connection between Maritime International, Cheniere Energy, Sasol, Gameloft, Schumacher Group and CenturyLink.

Only one of them — Maritime — is a manufacturer in the traditional sense. Cheniere repurposes energy. Sasol converts energy into chemicals and fuels. Gameloft produces mobile digital games. Schumacher manages emergency medicine for hospitals. And, CenturyLink blankets much of the U.S. with fiber-optic communications.

Look a bit closer, though, and a connection emerges. Each firm does business in Louisiana. And in 2011, each of them announced plans for a major expansion in Louisiana.

Look even closer and the connections become more interesting. Each of these growing companies resides in a wave of opportunity that Louisiana has cultivated

In Louisiana, Synergy Takes on New Meaning

By Stephen Moret, Secretary, Louisiana Economic Development

in recent years. Compress those waves — bringing the companies side by side — and you glimpse the unprecedented spectrum of economic opportunity our state has grasped.

A Synergy of Influences

Sheer numbers show the vibrancy of this economic development spectrum. Taken together in 2011, these companies announced Louisiana projects that will result in nearly 10,000 new direct and indirect jobs and more than \$16 billion in capital investment.

That's a critical mass of opportunity anyone can respect. What's just as important, we think, is that this broad spectrum of projects links back to a synergy of influences unique to Louisiana.

The Louisiana synergy is grounded in traditional energy resources and native entrepreneurial strengths. These are assets given to us by the bounty of our state and the talents of our entrepreneurs. But, the Louisiana synergy also relies upon our careful strategy to cultivate industry sectors in which our state can truly thrive.

By pursuing market space that's relatively uncontested — or at least not saturated — and by linking that space to our unique brand of incentives, Louisiana Economic Development has opened doors that previously were closed to

our state. A prime example is the digital media sector.

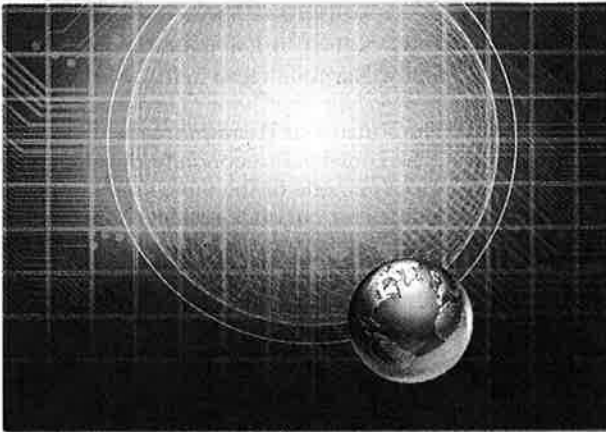
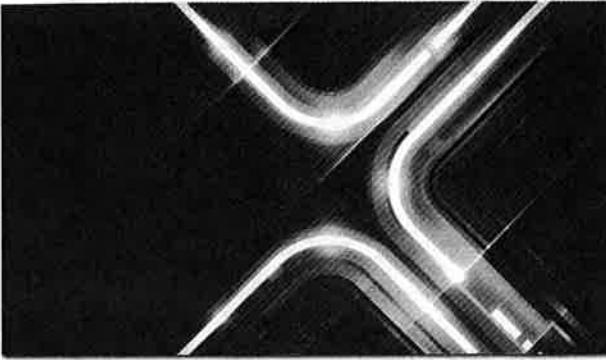
A decade ago, Louisiana pioneered film production tax credits that now have our state attracting more than \$1 billion in film and TV production annually. We're bigger in the film industry than any U.S. location outside of New York and California. But beyond film, we've introduced software development tax credits that also can be worth up to 35 percent of project payroll costs.

But, we didn't stop with monetary inducements. We introduced LED *FastStart*[™], which in just a few years has established itself as the leading workforce development solution in the U.S. for expanding companies. The combination of tax credits and *FastStart* job recruitment and training solutions made believers of EA, when it established a global quality assurance center for its video games in Baton Rouge, and of Gameloft, which announced a major game development studio for New Orleans in 2011.

As a result, more digital media companies are relocating to Louisiana, bringing visual effects, sound production and other technologies that span the entire spectrum of the entertainment industry.

New Wave Thinking

Sometimes, the economic opportunities of the future already exist in your back



David Hague, Gameloft studio manager in New Orleans, says Louisiana's LED FastStart™ program of customized workforce solutions helped the Paris-based mobile game developer get its latest studio up and running in New Orleans four months faster than expected.

yard. Such is the case with Louisiana's unconventional oil and gas opportunities — a new band of economic

opportunity built on our legacy petrochemical industries.

In the past decade, market and technology forces combined to decouple the prices of crude oil and natural gas. One result is historically low natural gas prices that in 2012 dipped below \$3 per thousand cubic feet for the first time in nearly a decade.

We believe, as do our major processing companies, that low, stable, predictable and reliable natural gas prices are here to stay and are buoyed by rapid growth in hydraulic fracturing of gas deposits in shale reserves. Previously trapped gas deposits are being recovered in record amounts, and among the greatest beneficiaries are the chemical and energy companies that rely upon natural gas as a primary feedstock.

By the end of January, Cheniere Energy had won contracts for 16 million tonnes per annum of the 18 mtpa of liquefied natural gas it will supply from a proposed \$6.5 billion LNG facility in Southwest Louisiana. The purchase agreements mean the company can secure financing and begin building the project this year.

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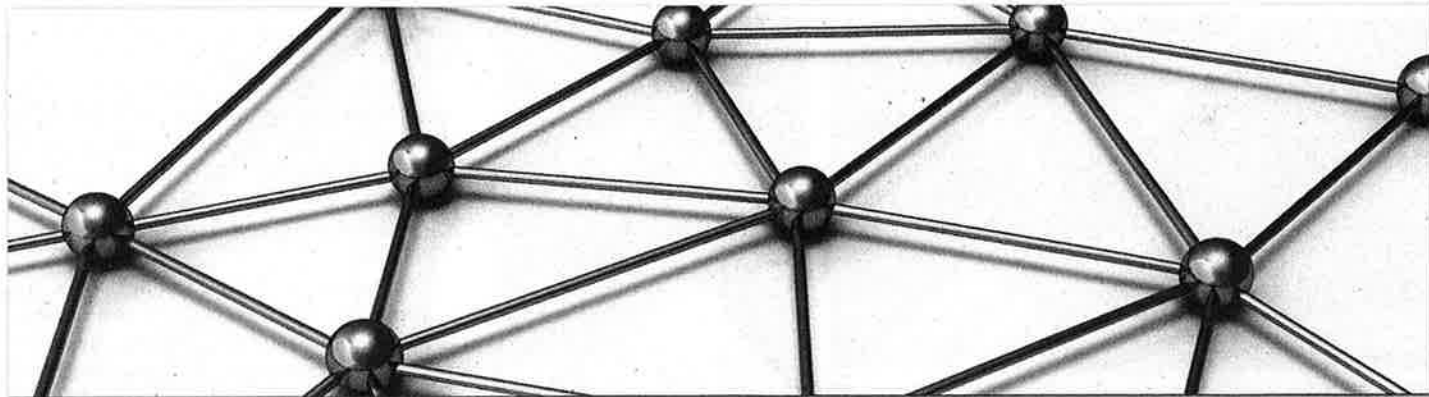


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Meanwhile, South Africa's Sasol Ltd., which already operates a major chemical facility in Southwest Louisiana, selected that region for a potential \$8 billion to \$10 billion gas-to-liquids refinery that would tap the same natural gas advantages to produce high-quality fuels. A final feasibility study is under way now.

Together, these projects represent the first major LNG export facility and first GTL refinery in the U.S., along with thousands of future high-paying jobs for Louisiana residents. And, they are but the vanguard of what we believe will be an unprecedented wave on unconventional oil and gas investments creating new wealth and jobs in Louisiana.

The Return of Manufacturing

Our state's unique resource advantages made Sasol's selection of Louisiana more logical than overseas locations. On the surface, such reasoning runs counter to what we've been conditioned to believe in recent years. But, unconventional oil and gas plays aren't the only area where we see Louisiana bucking convention.

Take manufacturing. The offshore flight of manufacturing jobs is well-documented. But, just as energy demand, technology and the availability of pipeline infrastructure lured Cheniere and Sasol to Louisiana, we're seeing a returning demand for onshore manufacturing capacity.

Manufacturers who require heavy capital investment and precise quality control are realizing that not all production is suited for China. Louisiana's low energy costs, workforce advantages and distribution assets are changing the landscape back in favor of domestic sites for high-end manufacturing ventures.

Maritime International in Louisiana's oilfield services hub offers an example. The 15-year-old company produces some drilling components for the oil and gas industry, but its primary products are

mooring systems for port harbors. When the company announced it would increase its manufacturing space in Broussard, LA, by nearly 50 percent and create 90 new jobs, Maritime officials also revealed this against-the-grain proposition: The new production would be returning from a venture in China to the company's Louisiana headquarters.

"We feel that in order to maintain the benchmark for quality we have set in our industry, this can best be delivered by enhanced control over our manufacturing process," Maritime International President David LeBlanc said. "The technology is available to accomplish this and ... we are able to bring that technology to our back yard, create quality jobs, and supply a superior product made here in Louisiana."

We believe other manufacturers will follow Maritime's lead in the near future.

The Future of Headquarters

In Louisiana's economic development spectrum, one of the most vibrant opportunities for our state resides in the corporate headquarters sector.

Though five Fortune 1000 companies call Louisiana home, our state traditionally hasn't been viewed as a location with the requisite capacity to attract new corporate headquarters.

That's changing. LED *FastStart* — with innovative approaches to workforce recruitment, screening and training — has turned the heads of corporate executives whose staffs have been challenged to keep pace with *FastStart's* schedule. Our custom training tools have helped



Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal shakes hands with Dr. William "Kip" Schumacher, chairman and CEO of Lafayette, LA-based Schumacher Group, upon announcing that the company will add 600 jobs and expand its headquarters in Louisiana with additional office space and a training facility. Schumacher Group chose to expand in Louisiana rather than grow its administrative presence in Dallas, Atlanta or Houston.

companies like EA improve operations worldwide and companies like Gardner Denver improve their bottom line, faster than they imagined possible.

Though neither of those companies is headquartered in Louisiana, each has significant operations employing hundreds of Louisiana residents. But look no further than CenturyLink Inc. — a Fortune 150 company headquartered in Monroe, LA — for a glimpse of Louisiana's future.

With two major announcements since 2009, we've helped CenturyLink assimilate huge mergers with two of the company's telecommunications rivals, Embarq and Qwest, and we've convinced the company to remain headquartered in Louisiana as it surpassed \$18 billion in annual revenue and will approach 3,000 headquarters jobs in Louisiana in the next several years.

Beyond LED *FastStart's* capabilities, we've funded and helped design university technology curricula at Louisiana Tech University to keep CenturyLink's current and incoming staff trained for the future of telecommunications. We've also helped the company relocate employees and operations from out of state, and we've committed our digital media and software tax credit incentives to CenturyLink's future projects.

We applied that same matrix — software incentives, workforce solutions, education and training assistance, and headquarters expansion incentives — to Schumacher Group in Lafayette, the nation's third-largest emergency medicine management company.

Schumacher had considered expanding most of its administrative positions in out-of-state metros where the company already had a regional office presence:

Dallas, Houston and Atlanta. But after reviewing Louisiana's suite of headquarters incentives, Schumacher Group decided to expand in Louisiana and add 600 jobs at its Lafayette base.

"We really started to focus on the State of Louisiana, and we really were quite enamored with the programs that the State of Louisiana had put into place," said Doug Menefee, Schumacher Group's chief information officer. "We like what LED *FastStart* can do to change the

perspective on training and on all of the things our great state has to offer."

With increasingly robust corporate headquarters solutions, we view Louisiana's promising future as a headquarters hub as perhaps the best example of economic development synergy taking place in our state. 🏠

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Interest growing in Churchill Technology Park, but land elevations slow development

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BY: Jennifer Larino, Staff Writer

Interest from national site selectors and corporate executives in the Churchill Technology and Business Park in Avondale is peaking, park organizers say. But attracting interest is only the start.



Construction crews drive pilings for the new Patrick F. Taylor Math and Science Academy at the Churchill Business and Technology Park in Avondale. (photo by Frank Aymami)

Securing investment from large, high-tech tenants for the first 40 acres of the park could hang on a crucial land elevation project that is just now starting and could take more than a year to complete.

Tenants would have to cover elevation costs if they wish to move in earlier.

The Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission used nearly \$7 million in state, federal and parish money to build infrastructure for the first 40 acres, including fiber optics and utility services. It also opened a \$6 million headquarters and business incubator at the site in May.

Dottie Stephenson, JEDCO deputy director, said the agency's opening and last fall's groundbreaking of the \$36 million Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy campus — another anchor of the business park — put the site back on the radar.

The incubator has leased seven of its 10 office spaces to local technology and renewable energy startups.

Twenty-five prospects have visited since the park opened in September 2008, with several visiting in the past four months. Interested companies include medical device manufacturers, movie studios and digital media firms.

But Stephenson and other organizers say large, high-tech tenants are looking for sites they can immediately move into and most are unwilling to pay the cost of building up the park's low-

lying land on their own.
Hooking a tenant could take time, she said.

“I’m not going to say that won’t happen soon; it hasn’t happened yet. But it could also happen two weeks from now. We just don’t know,” Stephenson said.

JEDCO currently owns 90 acres of the park, 50 acres of which await infrastructure. Organizers ultimately envision a sprawling 500-acre technology and business park.

JEDCO started addressing elevation issues on the first 40-acre tract of land in the development late last year. That work gradually will occur through 2013, said JEDCO Facilities Director Scott Rojas, adding that land takes six months to settle after filling.

The organization is working with parish government and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to haul fill from drainage canal improvement projects to the site. The option is low cost but also relies on the corps to complete projects without delay.

Filling started in mid-December and crews are working on about five acres now.

Rojas said JEDCO should have enough fill to raise all 90 acres it now owns over the next five years.

“We’re at the mercy of the projects and the weather,” Rojas said.

Shovel readiness is pivotal in attracting future tenants, said Richard Knowlton, a site selector with 40 years of experience and president of White Branch Consultants Inc. in Guyton, Ga.

Knowlton noted the recent national recession slowed demand for technology and business park space, but the need still exists. He expects activity to pick up in 2014.

Walk in the park

The Churchill Technology and Business Park in Avondale started attracting tenants last year when the Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission opened a business incubator at its \$6 million headquarters in the park.

Now JEDCO looks to attract larger tenants to fill out early phases of the 500-acre technology and business corridor it envisions.

Current tenants

Bright Light Legal	Gulf Coast Marketplace
Crescent Unmanned Systems	JEDCO
Crosby Media	Riverland Solar
Global Commerce and Services	

Planned tenants

Patrick F. Taylor Math and Science Academy
JEDCO Conference Center

Source: CityBusiness staff research

Business parks with extensive fiber optic infrastructure and power grid connectivity, in addition to sewer and water lines, will be most competitive, he said.

Cities are jumping to build business parks now that interest rates and construction costs are low, Knowlton said.

“If there was ever a time to build from a cost perspective it’s today,” he said.

Michael Hecht, CEO of Greater New Orleans Inc., said Churchill Technology and Business Park has a bigger hurdle in “dispelling the notion that it is remote.”

GNO Inc. has led a number of site selectors and executives to the site in recent months. Hecht said most are unaware of the site until local representatives bring it up.

Local leaders note next summer's scheduled completion of the \$1.2 billion Huey P. Long Bridge widening will open access to the area.

Hecht added that surrounding developments such as the TPC Louisiana golf course on Lapalco Boulevard and NOLA Motorsports Park, a 750-acre, \$60 million racetrack in development next door to the business park, are adding density and will bolster investor confidence in the area.

Jack Stumpf, a commercial real estate broker and owner of Jack Stumpf and Associates, said rebranding the area between Westwego and the Huey P. Long Bridge as a family-friendly residential corridor could also serve the business park well.

Stumpf noted much of the housing stock in the area is decades old. He points to rebuilding in the Lakeview area as a good model for reinventing the area.

Stumpf said remediating elevation issues in the park is the first priority, but said it's a manageable hurdle. He noted most of the developable land in Metairie faced elevation issues in the 1960s.

"We were able to overcome that. There's not a lot of land left in Metairie now," Stumpf said. **To sign up for CityBusiness Daily Updates, click [here](#).**

The Lead-Off Spot Mark Singletary

Entrepreneur Week wants locals to plug in

IN A CITY OF FESTIVALS, the brain trust at The Idea Village is hoping there's room for one more. This party, which starts Saturday and runs through next Friday, is called Entrepreneur Week 2012.

This celebration of new ideas and the search for venture capital is the fourth annual weeklong event hosted by The Idea Village, a local nonprofit with the self-defined mission to identify, support and retain entrepreneurial talent in New Orleans.

Tim Williamson, the group's co-founder and CEO, said Entrepreneur Week has gained national support and now he's looking for local engagement. To that end, the closing event for the week will be a chance for locals to cast a vote for their favorite entrepreneur and help them win a share of \$100,000.

The Big Idea is going to be a mix-and-mingle party where local startups will have the chance to pitch their ideas. Attendees will vote on the most deserving and help select winners for grants to help nurture these would-be businesses toward reality and possible venture capital funding.

Celebrity judges Mary Matalin, James Carville and Irvin Mayfield will provide insight — and possibly objective criticism — in an

American Idol-type setting. The Idea Village hopes 1,000 people will show up for the event at Manning's on Fulton Street.

Williamson said Entrepreneur Week has become a must-attend event for several national groups, including Google Ventures, Goldman Sachs, the Urban League and the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Local support comes from GNO Inc., Tulane University, the New Orleans Business Alliance, Social Entrepreneurs of New Orleans, the New Orleans BioInnovation Center and several others.

There will also be venture capitalists, angel investors, business leaders and policy wonks hoping to find the next generation of great ideas and new products.

Additionally, eight universities are sending teams of MBA students to spend the week working with and helping would-be entrepreneurs.

These students are coming here on their spring break instead of going to Cancun or Panama City. They're coming to help for-

OPINION

All it takes to keep this group excited is the promise of a new idea becoming the next big thing.

2010, advises Obama on developing a broad strategy to encourage innovation and enable entrepreneurs.

Commerce Secretary Gary Locke summed up the council's initiative in a 2010 statement when the members were presented to the nation.

"We must get better at connecting the great ideas to the great company builders," Locke said. "The National Advisory Council will help the administration develop a broader strategy to spur innovation and enable

entrepreneurs to develop breakthrough technologies and dynamic companies, and to create jobs all across America."

Steve Case, the founder of AOL and an advisory council member, will be here representing the star power this event is bringing to town.

An outspoken advocate for entrepreneurship, Case should help focus some national news coverage for the week, but the real benefit of him and his cohorts being here is that they get to see how New Orleans is developing into a marketplace for ideas and business development strategies.

Like most entrepreneurial incubators, The Idea Village sees far more failed ideas than it does winning strategies, but that's part of the experience. All it takes to keep this group

excited is the promise of a new idea becoming the next big thing.

And that's a pretty good way to keep the ideas flowing.

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(locally based companies ranked by 2011 revenue)

Company Name	Address	Principal business	Top executive	Employees	Revenue (millions) 2011
Smart Accessories	200 James Drive E St. Rose 70087	men's accessories	Randy Kennedy senior vice president www.randakr.com	258 1926	\$252 \$248.7
Woodward Design+Build	1000 S. Jefferson Davis Parkway New Orleans 70125	construction	Paul H. Fowler CEO www.woodwarddesignbuild.com	270 1924	\$248 \$279
Children's Hospital	200 Henry Clay Ave. New Orleans 70118	health care	Sara Worley president and CEO www.chrds.org	1,598 1965	\$227.2 \$203
Smoothie King Franchises	121 Park Plaza Corydon 70433	smoothies, supplements, healthy snacks	Steve Kuhnau co-founder, president and CEO www.smoothieking.com	60 1973	\$201 \$185
Blesssey Marine Services Inc.	1515 River Oaks Road E. Harahan 70123	boating company	Thomas E. Blesssey Jr. CEO www.blesssey.com	650 1978	\$194.15 \$173.14
Globe Construction	5736 Citrus Blvd., Suite 200 Harahan 70123	construction	Larry Gibbs CEO www.globeconstruction.com	180 1976	\$151 \$90
AI Copeland Investments Inc.	1001 Harman Court S. Metairie 70001	restaurants, hotels, food manufacturing	Al Copeland Jr. Chairman of the board www.aicopeland.com	1,700 1981	\$145.76 \$167.4
Peter A. Mayer Advertising Inc.	324 Camp St. New Orleans 70130	marketing, advertising, public relations and interactive services	Mark Mayer president www.petermayer.com	176 1987	\$119.5 \$102.8
Walgreens	3724 Veterans Blvd Metairie 70002	investments	Robert Wiermann owner	205 1989	\$106 \$104
FlandSpart	3638 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 2400 Metairie 70002	computer software development	Bob Fresnada president www.fresnada.com	542 1991	\$99.1 \$97
Loyola University New Orleans	6363 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70118	higher education	Kegan Vinn, Wilson, S.J., Ph.D. president www.lyon.edu	808 1912	\$84.34 \$69.7
Brocade	2740 N. Amour Road Metairie 70002	construction	John A. Silwart president www.brocade.com	115 1973	\$82 \$120

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Great Falls Development Authority Becomes 30th AEDO Member; Louisiana's JEDCO Reaccredited

IEDC is pleased to announce the accreditation of the Great Falls Development Authority (GFDA) of Great Falls, Montana. The organization, which serves a 13-county area, is a public-private partnership founded in 1992. GFDA has been led by President Brett Doney, CEO, since 2006, and its mission is "to lead economic development efforts in promoting growth, diversification, and the creation of high-wage jobs."



- IEDC also announces the reaccreditation of the Jefferson Parish (La) Economic Development Commission (JEDCO). An AEDO member since 2008, JEDCO continues to be an economic development leader.

With 30 current members and four organizations in the application process, IEDC's prestigious AEDO program is growing. Earning accreditation is a great way for economic development entities to increase their visibility in the community and gain independent feedback on their operations. From beginning to end, the AEDO accreditation process helps organizations benchmark their success, develop best practices and promote accountability to local leaders and key stakeholders.

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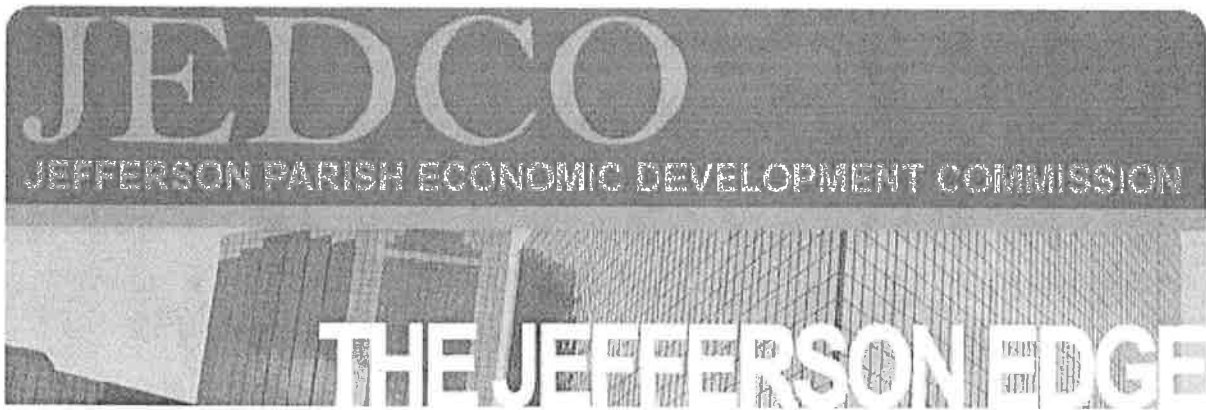
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JEDCO Reaccredited by the International Economic Development Council

(Avondale, LA) - The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) announced that the Jefferson Economic Development Commission (JEDCO) has once again been recognized as one of 29 economic development organizations accredited by IEDC as an Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO). Originally accredited in 2008, the organization was reaccredited by IEDC following three successful years of activity as an AEDO member.

"JEDCO displays the professionalism, commitment, and technical expertise that is deserving of this honor", said IEDC President and CEO, Jeff Finkle.

The AEDO program is a comprehensive peer review process that measures economic development organizations against commonly held standards in the profession. The program consists of two phases: documentation review and an onsite visit. Each phase is designed to evaluate information about the structure, organization, funding, program, and staff of the candidate economic development organization.

Earning the AEDO accreditation tells the community and prospects that JEDCO attained a measure of excellence assuring that their trust is well placed and their business is in good hands.

Maintenance of the AEDO status is required every three years and is accomplished through documentation submission and/or onsite visits by a team of the AEDO subcommittee.

"AEDO accreditation re-affirms JEDCO's status among the elite economic development organizations in the country and validates our commitment to strategic planning, organizational performance and excellent customer service," said Lucien Gunter, Executive Director, JEDCO.

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Expansion of the Huey P. Long Bridge Is on budget and on schedule for completion in fall 2013, and that project is key to making the West Bank the future of Jefferson Parish, Parish President John Young said. The expanded bridge "will be to the West Bank what the Superdome was to Poydras" Street, Young said.

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Jefferson Parish President John Young recently spoke to the Harvey Canal Industrial Association.

Our best days are not behind us, but ahead of us," Young told the Harvey Canal Industrial Association in his state of the parish speech last week. "There's no secret that the future of Jefferson Parish lies on the West Bank," particularly the span stretching from the Harvey Canal to the St. Charles Parish line.

The West Bank boasts a number of projects, that, combined with the Huey P. Long expansion, create hope for prosperous days, he said. Those projects include several in Avondale: Patrick Taylor Science & Technology Academy, for which ground was recently broken; Churchill Technology & Business Park; Tournament Players Club, which hosts the Zurich Classic; and NOLA Motorsports Park, which Young called "a country club for race-car drivers."

Young also said "there's a real opportunity" for Avondale Shipyards to

become a foreign commercial ship builder and "hopefully save 3,700 jobs."

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The Jefferson Parish Council took the following actions today.

No ban: Canceled an ordinance to ban guns, sharp objects and video recording devices from parish buildings.

Gym renovations: Hired K-Belle Consultants to complete the renovations of the Jesse Owens gym for \$381,000.

Emergency equipment: Hired DRC Emergency Services to provide emergency equipment as needed after a natural disaster. The contract is capped at \$2 million for one year, and it cannot be increased by more than 10 percent without council approval.

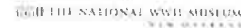
Toner and ink: Hired Academic Supplier for one year to provide toner and ink cartridges. The contract is capped at \$300,000, and it cannot be increased by more than 10 percent without council approval.

Hospital appointment: Appointed William Lazaro to the West Jefferson Medical Center board of directors. He replaces Charlotte Roussel as 4th District Councilman Ben Zahn's representative.

JEDCO appointment: Appointed Roy Gattuso to the Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission, representing 1st District Councilman Ricky Templet.

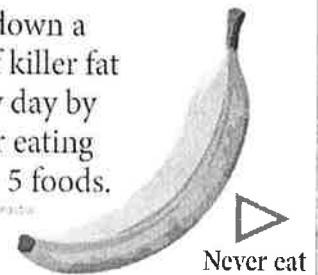
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Committee, representing Templet.

Alcohol board appointment: Appointed Bryan St. Cyr to the Alcoholic Beverage Review Committee, representing 2nd District Councilman Paul Johnston.

Human Services: Appointed Deacon Quin Bates to the Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority Board, replacing Kerry Kissel Lentini as Council Chairman Elton Lagasse's representative.

Human Services: Appointed Sandra Arsenaux to the Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority Board, replacing John Neal as Lagasse's representative.

Upper Kraak: Reached an agreement with the state Office of Facility Planning and Control to secure \$250,000 in capital money for improvements to the Upper Kraak Ditch's subsurface drainage system.

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Proposal No. JED 0112

Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District (JEDCO) Legal Services Associated with Loan Closings under the Louisiana Innovation Loan and Technical Assistance Program (ILTAP) 700 Churchill Parkway Avondale, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana

All proposals must be in accordance with the proposal documents on file with the Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District (JEDCO), 700 Churchill Parkway, Avondale, Louisiana 70094. All proposers must show the Proposal Number on the outside of their proposal envelope and proposal name: Legal Services Associated with Loan Closings under the Louisiana Innovation Loan and Technical Assistance Program (ILTAP). Late proposals will not be accepted.

The Request for Proposal documents may be picked up at the JEDCO Administrative Building, 700 Churchill Parkway, Avondale, LA or accessed on JEDCO's website at www.jedco.org from February 17, 2012 to March 19, 2012.

The successful bidder must be licensed by the Louisiana State Bar Association.

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JAMES GARVEY CHAIRMAN JEFFERSON PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PORT DISTRICT

New Orleans CityBusiness: February 17, 24, and March 2, 2012

PUBLIC HEARINGS

John F. Young, Jr. PARISH PRESIDENT

Tiffany Scott Wilken Director DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTION AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

A request for use of public right of way to satisfy the front and rear yard buffer requirements, variances to the landscape, clear vision and sign regulations of the Commercial Parkway Overlay Zone (CPZ), and variances to the setback regulations of the Business Core District (BC-2) for Romano Italian Street Food located at 4620 Veterans Memorial Blvd.; on Lot E, Square 42, Section A, Pontchartrain Gardens Subd., Jefferson Parish, LA, bounded by Lime St., Clearview Pkwy. and Quincy St.; zoned BC-2/CPZ (District 5)

CPZ-4-12

A request for variances to the landscape and buffer requirements and to the sign regulations of the Commercial Parkway Overlay Zone (CPZ) for Elmwood Center located at 1200 S. Clearview Pkwy., on Lot C-1B-A1-A, Elmwood Village Center, Jefferson Parish, LA; bounded by Mounes St., Elmwood Park Blvd., and Citrus Blvd.; zoned Industrial District M-2/CPZ (District 2)

STUDIES

TXT-1-12

Resolution No. 114743 authorized the Planning Department and the Planning Advisory Board to conduct a study to determine appropriate materials for use on the exterior walls of nonresidential buildings in residential zoning districts, to establish criteria, and to develop a procedure for review. (Parishwide)

Tommy Hebert PAB Chairman

New Orleans CityBusiness: February 3, 10, and 17, 2012

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ADA Coordinator/Office of Citizens with Disabilities 1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., Suite. 210, Jefferson, LA 70123 (504) 736-6086 ADA@jeffparish.net

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JEDCO Office Building, Avondale, La.

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People: Architect, Perez, New Orleans; general contractor, Woodrow Wilson Construction, Baton Rouge, La.; roofing contractor, Roofing Solutions, Prairieville, La.


Products: The building's roof uses JSM 200 DL X 16-inch straight-roof panels in slate gray and tapered-roof panels in hemlock green, while the walls feature FW Series and JSM 200 wall panels from Architectural Building Components in Houston.

Fine points: With a roof pitch of 3/12, this project required custom-made curved trim. Sustainable materials and energy-efficient systems were put into place throughout the interior and exterior of the structure. Special attention was paid to the site landscape, which emphasizes native plant species and site characteristics. A constructed wetland environment provides stormwater

management to reduce flooding. The headquarters also will serve as a control, response, and resource center for business within the region before, during, and after disasters.

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