

**LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Audit Engagements)**

Dear Chief Executive Officer:

Attached is the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire that is to be completed by you or your staff. This questionnaire is a required part of a financial audit of Louisiana state and local government and quasi-public agencies. Upon completion, the questionnaire must be presented to and adopted by the governing body, if any, of your organization by means of a formal resolution in an open meeting. Independently elected officials should sign the document, in lieu of such a resolution.

The completed questionnaire and a copy of the adoption instrument, if appropriate, must be given to the auditor at the beginning of the audit. The auditor will, during the course of his regular audit, test the accuracy of the responses in the questionnaire. It is not necessary to return the questionnaire to my office.

Certain portions of the questionnaire may not be applicable to your organization, especially those related to federal financial assistance, the requirements of the *Single Audit Act*, and OMB Circular A-133. In such cases, it is appropriate to mark the representation "not applicable." However, you must respond to each applicable representation. A 'yes' answer indicates that you have complied with the applicable law or regulation. A 'no' answer to any representation indicates a possible violation of law or regulation and, as such, should be fully explained. These matters will be reviewed by the auditor during the course of his examination. Please feel free to attach a further explanation of any representation.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Daryl G. Purpera, CPA, CFE
Louisiana Legislative Auditor

Enclosure

**LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Audit Engagements of Government Agencies)**

February 27, 2014

LaPorte CPA's & Business Advisors
111 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Suite 600
Metairie, LA 70005

In connection with your audit of our financial statements as of December 31, 2013 and for year ending December 31, 2013 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to the fair presentation of our financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to assess our system of internal control as a part of your audit, and to review our compliance with applicable laws and regulations, we confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations. These representations are based on the information available to us as of December 31, 2013.

PART I. AGENCY PROFILE

1. Name and address of the organization.

Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District (JEDCO)
700 Churchill Parkway
Avondale, LA 70094

2. List the population of the municipality or parish based upon the last official United States Census or most recent official census (municipalities and police juries only). Include the source of the information.

432,552 (2010 U.S. Census)

3. List names, addresses, and telephone numbers of entity officials. [Include elected/appointed members of the governing board, chief executive and fiscal officer, and legal counsel].

See attached

4. Period of time covered by this questionnaire:

January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013

5. The entity has been organized under the following provisions of the Louisiana Revised Statute (s) (R.S.) and, if applicable, local resolutions/ordinances.

R.S. 34-2021

6. Briefly describe the public services provided:
Provide economic development in Jefferson parish

7. Expiration date of current elected/appointed officials' terms.
Various dates

LEGAL COMPLIANCE

PART II. PUBLIC BID LAW

8. The provisions of the public bid law, R.S. Title 38:2211-2296, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration, State Purchasing Office have been complied with.
- A) All public works purchases exceeding \$100,000 have been publicly bid.
- B) All material and supply purchases exceeding \$20,000 have been publicly bid.
Yes [X] No []

PART III. CODE OF ETHICS LAW FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

9. It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.
Yes [X] No []
10. It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.
Yes [X] No []

PART IV. LAWS AFFECTING BUDGETING

11. We have complied with the budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-16) R.S. 39:33, or R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable:

A. Local Budget Act

1. We have adopted a budget for the general fund and all special revenue funds (R.S. 39:1305).
2. The chief executive officer, or equivalent, has prepared a proposed budget that included a budget message, a proposed budget for the general fund and each special revenue fund, and a budget adoption instrument that specified the chief executive's authority to make budgetary amendments without approval of the governing authority. Furthermore, the proposed expenditures did not exceed estimated funds to be available during the period (R.S. 39:1305).
3. The proposed budget was submitted to the governing authority and made available for public inspection at least 15 days prior to the beginning of the budget year (R.S. 39:1306).
4. To the extent that proposed expenditures were greater than \$500,000, we have made the budget available for public inspection and have advertised its availability in our official journal. The advertisement included the date, time, and place of the public hearing on the budget. Notice

has also been published certifying that all actions required by the Local Government Budget Act have been completed (R.S. 39:1307).

5. If required, the proposed budget was made available for public inspection at the location required by R.S. 39:1308.

6. All action necessary to adopt and finalize the budget was completed prior to the date required by state law. The adopted budget contained the same information as that required for the proposed budget [R.S. 39:1309].

7. After adoption, a certified copy of the budget has been retained by the chief executive officer or equivalent officer (R.S. 39:1309).

8. To the extent that proposed expenditures were greater than \$500,000, the chief executive officer or equivalent notified the governing authority in writing during the year when actual receipts plus projected revenue collections for the year failed to meet budgeted revenues by five percent or more, or when actual expenditures plus projected expenditures to year end exceeded budgeted expenditures by five percent or more (R.S. 39:1311).

9. The governing authority has amended its budget when notified, as provided by R.S. 39:1311. (Note, general and special revenue fund budgets should be amended, regardless of the amount of expenditures in the fund, when actual receipts plus projected revenue collections for the year fail to meet budgeted revenues by five percent or more; or when actual expenditures plus projected expenditures to year end exceed budgeted expenditures by five percent or more. State law exempts from the amendment requirements special revenue funds with anticipated expenditures of \$500,000 or less, and exempts special revenue funds whose revenues are expenditure-driven--primarily federal funds--from the requirement to amend revenues.).

Yes [X] No []

B. State Budget Requirements

1. The state agency has complied with the budgetary requirements of R.S. 39:33.

Yes [] No []

Not applicable

C. Licensing Boards

1. The licensing board has complied with the budgetary requirements of R. S. 39:1331-1342.

Yes [] No []

Not applicable

PART V. ACCOUNTING, AUDITING, AND FINANCIAL REPORTING LAWS

12. We have maintained our accounting records in such a manner as to provide evidence of legal compliance and the preparation of annual financial statements to comply with R.S. 24:513 and 515, and/or 33:463.

Yes [X] No []

13. All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes [X] No []

14. We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes [X] No []

15. We have had our financial statements audited in a timely manner in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yes [X] No []

PART VI. MEETINGS

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R. S. 42:1 through 42:13.

Yes No

PART VII. ASSET MANAGEMENT LAWS

16. We have maintained records of our fixed assets and movable property records, as required by R.S. 24:515 and/or 39:321-332, as applicable.

Yes No

PART VIII. FISCAL AGENCY AND CASH MANAGEMENT LAWS

17. We have complied with the fiscal agency and cash management requirements of R.S. 39:1211-45 and 49:301-327, as applicable.

Yes No

PART IX. DEBT RESTRICTION LAWS

18. It is true we have not incurred any long-term indebtedness without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes No

19. We have complied with the debt limitation requirements of state law (R.S. 39:562).

Yes No

20. We have complied with the reporting requirements relating to the Fiscal Review Committee of the State Bond Commission (R.S. 39:1351).

Yes No

PART X. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE RESTRICTION LAWS

21. We have restricted the collections and expenditures of revenues to those amounts authorized by Louisiana statutes, tax propositions, and budget ordinances.

Yes No

22. It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes No

23. It is true that no property or things of value have been loaned, pledged, or granted to anyone in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution.

Yes No

PART XI. QUESTIONS FOR SPECIFIC GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

Police Juries

24. We have adopted a system of road administration that provides as follows:

- A. Approval of the governing authority of all expenditures, R.S. 48:755(A).
- B. Development of a capital improvement program on a selective basis, R.S. 48:755.
- C. Centralized purchasing of equipment and supplies, R.S. 48:755.
- D. Centralized accounting, R.S. 48:755.
- E. A construction program based on engineering plans and inspections, R.S. 48:755.
- F. Selective maintenance program, R.S. 48:755.
- G. Annual certification of compliance to the auditor, R.S. 48:758.

Not applicable

Yes [] No []

School Boards

25. We have complied with the general statutory, constitutional, and regulatory provisions of the Louisiana Department of Education, R.S. 17:51-401.

Not applicable

Yes [] No []

26. We have complied with the regulatory circulars issued by the Louisiana Department of Education that govern the Minimum Foundation Program.

Not applicable

Yes [] No []

27. We have, to the best of our knowledge, accurately compiled the performance measurement data contained in the following schedules and recognize that your agreed upon procedures will be applied to such schedules and performance measurement data:

Parish school boards are required to report as part of their annual financial statements measures of performance. These performance indicators are found in the supplemental schedules:

- Schedule 1, General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources
- Schedule 2, Education Levels of Public School Staff
- Schedule 3, Number and Type of Public Schools
- Schedule 4, Experience of Public Principals, Assistant Principals, and Full-time Classroom Teachers
- Schedule 5, Public School Staff Data: Average Salaries
- Schedule 6, Class Size Characteristics
- Schedule 7, Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP)
- Schedule 8, Graduation Exit Examination (GEE)
- Schedule 9, IOWA and iLEAP Tests

Not applicable

Yes [] No []

Tax Collectors

28. We have complied with the general statutory requirements of R.S. 47.

Not applicable

Yes [] No []

Sheriffs

29. We have complied with the state supplemental pay regulations of R.S. 33:2218.8.
Not applicable Yes [] No []

30. We have complied with R.S. 33:1432 relating to the feeding and keeping of prisoners.
Not applicable Yes [] No []

District Attorneys

31. We have complied with the regulations of the Louisiana Department of Social Services that relate to the Title IV-D Program.
Not applicable Yes [] No []

Assessors

32. We have complied with the regulatory requirements found in Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.
Not applicable Yes [] No []

33. We have complied with the regulations of the Louisiana Tax Commission relating to the reassessment of property.
Not applicable Yes [] No []

Clerks of Court

34. We have complied with R.S. 13:751-917 and applicable sections of R.S. 11:1501-1562.
Not applicable Yes [] No []

Libraries

35. We have complied with the regulations of the Louisiana State Library.
Not applicable Yes [] No []

Municipalities

36. Minutes are taken at all meetings of the governing authority. R.S. 42:7.1.
Not applicable Yes [] No []

37. Minutes, ordinances, resolutions, budgets, and other official proceedings of the municipalities are published in the official journal. R.S. 43:141-146 and A.G. 86-528.
Not applicable Yes [] No []

38. All official action taken by the municipality is conducted at public meetings. R.S. 42:4.1-13.
Not applicable Yes [] No []

Airports

39. We have submitted our applications for funding airport construction or development to the Department of Transportation and Development as required by R.S. 2:802.

Not applicable

Yes [] No []

40. We have adopted a system of administration that provides for approval by the department for any expenditures of funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund, and no funds have been expended without department approval (R.S. 2:810).

Not applicable

Yes [] No []

41. All project funds have been expended on the project and for no other purpose (R.S. 2:810).

Not applicable

Yes [] No []

42. We have certified to the auditor, on an annual basis, that we have expended project funds in accordance with the standards established by law (R.S. 2:811).

Not applicable

Yes [] No []

Ports

43. We have submitted our applications for funding port construction or development to the Department of Transportation and Development as required by R.S. 34:3452.

Yes [X] No []

44. We have adopted a system of administration that provides for approval by the department for any expenditures of funds made out of state and local matching funds, and no funds have been expended without department approval (R.S. 34:3460).

Yes [X] No []

45. All project funds have been expended on the project and for no other purpose (R.S. 34:3460).

Yes [X] No []

46. We have established a system of administration that provides for the development of a capital improvement program on a selective basis, centralized purchasing of equipment and supplies, centralized accounting, and the selective maintenance and construction of port facilities based upon engineering plans and inspections (R.S. 34:3460).

Yes [X] No []

47. We have certified to the auditor, on an annual basis, that we have expended project funds in accordance with the standards established by law (R.S. 34:3461).

Yes [X] No []

Sewerage Districts

48. We have complied with the statutory requirements of R.S. 33:3881-4159.10.

Not applicable

Yes[X] No []

Waterworks Districts

49. We have complied with the statutory requirements of R.S. 33:3811-3837.
Not applicable Yes [] No []

Utility Districts

50. We have complied with the statutory requirements of R.S. 33:4161-4546.21.
Not applicable Yes [] No []

Drainage and Irrigation Districts

51. We have complied with the statutory requirements of R.S. 38:1601-1707 (Drainage Districts); R.S. 38:1751-1921 (Gravity Drainage Districts); R.S. 38:1991-2048 (Levee and Drainage Districts); or R.S. 38:2101-2123 (Irrigation Districts), as appropriate.
Not applicable Yes [] No []

Fire Protection Districts

52. We have complied with the statutory requirements of R.S. 40:1491-1509.
Not applicable Yes [] No []

Other Special Districts

53. We have complied with those specific statutory requirements of state law applicable to our district.
Not applicable Yes [] No []

The previous responses have been made to the best of our belief and knowledge.

_Date Secretary_____

_Date Treasurer_____

Date President_____