

SMALL BUSINESS OVERVIEW

PROGRAM NAME	BENEFIT	ELIGIBILITY (NOT COMPREHENSIVE)
SMALL AND EMERGING BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	Provides developmental assistance including entrepreneurial training, marketing, computer skills, accounting, business planning, legal and industry specific assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 51% of the company must be owned by a Louisiana resident, whose personal net worth cannot exceed \$400,000 Business' net worth at the time of application may not exceed \$1.5 million
HUDSON INITIATIVE	Provides small businesses with greater potential for access to state procurement and public contract opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be certified by LED, a Louisiana resident and have fewer than 50 full-time employees
VETERAN INITIATIVE	Provides veteran-owned and disabled, service oriented veteran-owned small businesses with greater potential for access to state procurement and public contract opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be at least 51% owned by a veteran or disabled, service-oriented veteran Must be certified by LED, a Louisiana resident and have fewer than 50 full-time employees
BONDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	Provides bond guarantees up to 25 percent or \$100,000, whichever is less, for qualifying contractors requiring surety bonds for private or public jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business must be certified in the Small and Emerging Business Development Program
LOUISIANA CONTRACTORS ACCREDITATION INSTITUTE	Provides business training focusing on expanding understanding of the construction industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have the intent to start or currently have an established construction based Louisiana business
MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ RECOGNITION PROGRAM	Connects Louisiana-based small and emerging businesses to technical and developmental assistance provided by large mentor companies from various sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protégé Business must be certified in the Small and Emerging Business Development Program
ECONOMIC GARDENING INITIATIVE	Provides customized business intelligence through an assigned team of highly-skilled researchers in the specialized fields of market research, geographic information systems (GIS), and digital marketing to accelerate growth and help companies export their innovations to external markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have annual revenue between \$600,000 and \$50 million Must have at least five employees but not more than 99 employees Must demonstrate growth in annual revenue and/or jobs in two of the last five years
CEO ROUNDTABLES	Provides peer-to-peer learning that gives executives the opportunity to discuss business practices and management strategies with other executives who deal with similar growth challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should typically have annual revenue between \$600,000 and \$50 million Should typically have at least five but not more than 100 employees

