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Introduction

This guide has been developed to provide guidance on how to start a business in Louisiana, and, more specifically, in the Southwest Region including the parishes of Calcasieu, Cameron, Beauregard, Jeff Davis and Allen. The guide provides numerous business, government and technical resources that you should assist you when going through the process involved in getting started. It includes such resources such as zoning, permitting, financing, taxation and many others that will be at your fingertips.

Each section contains the resources needed in the Southwest region of Louisiana, as well as state and federal sources. We've also included a little bit of 'lagniappe' (in Louisiana this means a bit extra) such as links to web sites that can provide additional information.

Please use the Table of Contents to lead you in the direction you need to go. If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the LED Regional Representative in your area.

We look forward to doing business with you.

Economic Development Contacts

Calcasieu Parish

The Chamber/SWLA

P.O. Box 3110, 120 W. Pujo Street (70601)

Lake Charles, LA 70602-3110

(337) 433-3632 Phone (337) 436-3727 Fax

Website: www.chamberswla.org

Email: mail@chamberswla.org

Chamber and economic development organization representing the 5-parish southwest region.

Entergy Louisiana

Economic Development Group

P.O. Box 1730

Lake Charles, LA 70601

(337) 431-6213 Phone (337) 431-6005 Fax

Web site: www.entergy.com/laed

Email: cmitch1@entergy.com

Economic development activities include recruiting, trade shows, community development and site selection, including a database of available buildings and sites throughout the state.

The Port of Lake Charles

Post Office Box 3753, 150 Marine Street

Lake Charles, LA 70602

(337) 439-3661 or (800) 845-PORT Phone

(337) 493-3523 Fax

Web site: www.portlc.com

Email: marketing@portlc.com

Southwest Louisiana's port including industrial sites and four public agency sites; and two subzone sites.

Lake Charles Regional Airport

P.O. Drawer 5820, 500 Airport Blvd. (70605)

Lake Charles, LA 70606-5820

(337) 477-6051 Phone (337) 478-6826 Phone

Web site: www.flylakecharles.com

Email: info@flylakecharles.com

West Calcasieu Port, Harbor and Terminal District

514 West Napoleon Street

Sulphur, LA 70663

(337) 528-4000 Phone (337) 528-4010 Fax

E-mail: dbpapca@prodigy.net

Chennault International Airport Authority

3650 Sen. J. B. Johnston Ave.

Lake Charles, LA 70615

(337) 491-9961 Phone (337) 491-9972 Fax

Web site: www.chennault.org

E-mail: ciaa@chennault.org

Calcasieu Parish Planning & Development

1015 Python St.

P.O. Drawer 3287

Lake Charles, LA 70602
(337) 721-3600 Phone (337) 437-4100 Fax
Web site: www.cppj.net
Email: planning@cppj.net

City of Lake Charles

Planning and Economic Development

P.O. Box 900, City Hall, 5th Floor
Lake Charles, LA 70602-0900
(337) 491-1440 Phone (337) 491-1437 Fax
Web site: www.cityoflakecharles.com
Email: planning@mail.city-lakecharles.org

Lake Charles Downtown Development

P.O. Box 900, City Hall, 5th Floor
Lake Charles, LA 70602-0900
(337) 491-1429 Phone (337) 491-1437 Fax
Web site: www.cityoflakecharles.com
Email: planning@mail.city-lakecharles.org

DeQuincy Economic Commission

c/o City of DeQuincy
P.O. Box 968
DeQuincy, LA 70633-0968
(337) 786-8241 Phone (337) 786-3076 Fax
Web site: www.cityofdequincy.com
E-mail: dequincycityhall@centurytel.net

DeQuincy Chamber of Commerce

Web site: www.dequincychamber.com

Sulphur Industrial Development Board

City of Sulphur

500 N. Huntington, P.O. Box 1309 (70664)
Sulphur, LA 70663
(337) 527-4500 Phone
Web site: www.sulphur.org

Reliant Energy Entex

Lake Charles District Office

3700 Highway 14
Lake Charles, LA 70607
(337) 477-0070 Phone
Web site: www.reliantenergy.com
Email: info1@reliantenergy.com

Elizabeth Natural Gas Inc.

606 Page Street
DeQuincy, LA 70633
(337) 786-6251 Phone (337) 786-6133 Fax

Beauregard Parish

Beauregard Electric Coop., Inc.

Post Office Drawer 970
DeRidder, LA 70634
(337) 462-8388 Phone (337) 463-2809 Fax
Web site: www.beci.org

Greater Beauregard Chamber of Commerce

111 N. Washington Street, P.O. Box 309
DeRidder LA 70634
(337) 463-5533 Phone (337) 463-2244 Fax
Email: deridder@wnonline.net

Greater DeRidder Chamber of Commerce

111 N. Washington Avenue
DeRidder, LA 70634
(337) 463-5533 Phone (337) 463-2244 Phone

Jeff Davis Parish

Jeff Davis Parish

Office of Economic Development

100 Rue de L' Acadie, P.O. Box 1207
Jennings, LA 70546
(337) 821-5534 Phone (337) 821-5536 Fax
Web site: www.jeffdavis.org/econdev.htm
Email: jeffdavis@centurytel.net

Greater Jennings Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 1209, 414 North Cary Avenue
Jennings, LA 70546
(227) 824-0933 Phone (337) 824-0934 Fax
Web site: www.jenningschamber.com
Email: director@jenningschamber.com

Jennings Main Street

P.O. Box 1249
Jennings LA 70546-1249
(337) 821-5500 Phone (337) 821-5527 Fax
Web site: www.cityofjennings.com
E-mail: cityofjennings@cfweb.net

Jeff Davis Electric Cooperative

P.O. Drawer 1229
Jennings, LA 70546
(337) 824-4330 Phone (337) 824-8936 Fax
Web site: www.jdec.org

Cameron Parish

Cameron Parish Police Jury

P. O. Box 366
Cameron, LA 70631
(337) 775-5718 Phone (337) 775-5567 Fax
Web site: www.cameronparish.net
Email: cppjury@camtel.net

Allen Parish Kinder Chamber of Commerce

414 N. 9th Street, P.O. Box 853
Kinder, LA 70648
(337) 738-5945 Phone/Fax
Web site: www.kinderla.com
Email: kcc@kinderla.com

Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce

205 S. Tenth Street
Oakdale, LA 71463
(318) 335-1729 Phone

Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Economic Development

P.O. Box 961051
2650 Lou Menk Drive, 2nd Floor, Marketing Bldg.
Fort Worth, TX 76131-2830
(817) 867-6826 Phone (817) 352-7533 Fax
Web site: www.bnsf.com

Kansas City Southern Railroad Industrial Development & Real Estate

427 West 12th Street
Kansas City, MO 64105
(816) 983-1224 Phone or (816) 983-1303 (General)
Web site: www.kcsi.com

Union Pacific Railroad Industrial Development

24125 Aldine Westfield Road
Spring, TX 77373
(281) 350-7496 or (800) 346-1973 (#1) Phone
(281) 350-7151 Fax
Web site: www.uprr.com

Local Government Offices

This section includes the parish property tax and sales/use tax departments, as well as a main office in the parish seat that can be contacted for planning, zoning, licensing & permitting. There are also some local government-related associations listed that can provide resources and links to municipal governments, which may have similar requirements as the parish authority.

Louisiana Tax Assessors' Association

3060 Valley Creek Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70898
(800) 925-4446 Phone (225) 928-4677 Fax
Web site: <http://www.laassessors.com>
Email: information@laassessors.com
Provides a list of all property tax assessor offices in each of the 64 parishes.

Louisiana Association of Tax Administrators

Web site: <http://www.laota.com>

Louisiana Municipal Association

P. O. Box 4327
Baton Rouge, LA 70821
(225) 344-5001 Phone of (800) 234-8274
(225) 344-3057 (Fax)
Web site: <http://www.lamunis.org>

Police Jury Association of Louisiana

707 North Seventh Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5327
Phone (225) 343-2835
2nd Floor Fax (225) 336-1344
3rd Floor Fax (225) 343-0050
Web site: <http://www.lpgov.org>
In many of the rural parishes without incorporated areas, the police jury oversees planning, zoning, permitting, and licensing.

Louisiana Sheriff's Association

1175 Nicholson Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
(225) 343-8402 Phone (225) 336-0343 Fax
Web site: <http://www.lsa.org>
Sometimes the sheriff's office oversees building permitting and occupational licensing for the parish.

Calcasieu Parish Calcasieu Parish Property Tax Assessors Office

1011 Lakeshore Drive, P.O. Box 1346 (70602)
Lake Charles, LA 70601
(337) 437-3461 Phone (337) 437-4125 Fax
Calcasieu Parish School Board
Sales & Use Tax Department
P. O. Drawer 2050, 626 Kirkman Street
Lake Charles, LA 70602-2050
(337) 437-1280 Phone (337) 437-1277 Fax
Calcasieu Parish Planning & Development
1011 Lakeshore Drive, 7th Floor

P.O. Drawer 3287 (70602)
Lake Charles, LA 70601
(337) 437-3600 Phone (337) 437-4100 Fax
Web site: www.cppj.net
Email: planning@cppj.net

City of Lake Charles

326 Pujo Street, P.O. Box 900 (70602)
Lake Charles, La 70601
(337) 491-1294 (Permit Center)
(337) 491-1440 (Dept. of Planning and Economic Development)
(337) 491-1442 (Occupational License & Sales Tax)
(337) 491-1542 (Zoning and Land Use)

City of Sulphur

500 N. Huntington
Sulphur, LA 70663
(337) 527-4500 Phone
Web site: www.sulphur.org

Beauregard Parish

Beauregard Parish Property Tax Assessor's Office

P. O. Box 477
DeRidder, LA 70634
(337) 463-8945 Phone (337) 463-8980 Fax

Cameron Parish Cameron Parish Property Tax Assessor's Office

P. O. Box 1100
Cameron, LA 70631-1100
(337) 775-5416 Phone (337) 775-7898 Fax

Cameron Parish Police Jury

P. O. Box 366
Cameron, LA 70631
(337) 775-5718 Phone (337) 775-5567 Fax
Web site: www.cameronparish.net
Email: cppjury@camtel.net
Planning, zoning, permitting, sales tax and licensing for the parish.

Cameron Parish Tax Collector

P.O. Box 1250
Cameron, LA 70631
(337) 775-5826 Phone
Occupational licenses and parish sales tax.
Jeff Davis Parish
Jeff Davis Property Tax Assessor's Office
300 N. State Street, Room 103
Jennings, LA 70546
(337) 824-3451 Phone (337) 824-7681 Fax

**Jefferson Davis Parish School Board
Sales and Use Tax Department**

P. O. Box 1161
Jennings, LA 70546-1161

(337) 824-2744 Phone (337) 824-9737 Fax

**Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Department
Sales/Use Tax and Occupational License Division**

P. O. Box 639
DeRidder, LA 70634-0639
(337) 462-3451 Phone (337) 463-9952 Fax

City of DeRidder

City Hall, 200 S. Jefferson
DeRidder, LA 70634
(337) 462-8900 Phone
Occupational licenses and zoning.

City of Jennings

Finance Dept./City Clerk's Office

P.O. Box 1249, 324 N. Broadway St.
Jennings, LA 70546
(337) 821-5500 Phone (337) 821-5527 Fax
Web site: www.cityofjennings.com
Planning, zoning, permitting, and licensing for the parish.

Department of Public Works, Division of Permitting

100 Rue de L' Acadie, P.O. Box 1207
Jennings, LA 70546
(337) 821-5534 Phone (337) 821-5536 Fax
Web site: www.jeffdavis.org
Email: jeffdavis@centurytel.net

Allen Parish

Allen Parish Property Tax Assessor's Office

P. O. Box 218
Oberlin, LA 70655
(337) 639-4391 Phone (337) 639-4196 Fax

**Allen Parish School Board
Sales and Use Tax Department**

P. O. Drawer C
Oberlin, LA 70655
(337) 639-2145 Phone (337) 639-2346 Fax

Allen Parish Police Jury

P.O. Drawer G
Oberlin, LA 70655
(337) 639-4328 Phone (337) 639-4326 Fax
E-mail: appj@centuryinter.net

City of Oakdale

City Hall, P.O. Box 728
Oakdale, LA 71463
(337) 335-3629 Phone
Occupational licenses and zoning for the parish.

Town of Oberlin

City Hall, P.O. Box 370

Oberlin, LA 70655

(337) 639-4333 Phone (337) 639-2205 Fax

Web site: www.oberlinla.com

Email: cityhall@centuryinter.net

Regional Government Offices

Louisiana Economic Development Southwest Region

James R. Ducote
975 West Main Street
Hackberry, LA 70645
Office: (337) 762-3301 Home: (337) 762-3869
Cell: (337) 540-6297
Email: james@ducote.com

Louisiana Department of Revenue Lake Charles Regional Office

P.O. Box 3702 (70602-3702)
1 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 1550
Lake Charles, LA 70629
(337) 491-2504 Phone (337) 491-2715 Fax
Web site: www.rev.state.la.us

Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development, District 07 HQ

P.O. Box 1430, 5827 Hwy. 90 E (70615-4052)
Lake Charles, LA 70602-1430
(337) 437-9100 Phone

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

3519 Patrick Street, Suite 265
Lake Charles, LA 70605
(337) 475-8644 Phone (337) 475-8643 Fax

Louisiana Department of Labor

Web site www.laworks.net

Web site: www.laworkforce.net

Job information service: information on jobs available in area, listed by employers; can be used by anyone.

Calcasieu Parish Consortium (LWIA #51)

Calcasieu Workforce Center

P.O. Box 1299
Lake Charles, LA 70602-1299
(337) 437-3475 Phone/Fax

Web site: www.laworkforce.net

Job information service: information on jobs available in area, listed by employers; can be used by anyone.

Business and Technical Assistance

McNeese State University Small Business Development Center

Burton Business Center, Room 423, P.O. Box 90508

Lake Charles, LA 70609-0508

(337) 475-5529 Phone (337) 475-5528 Fax

Web site: www.mcneese.edu

E-mail: msusbdc@mail.mcneese.edu

Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning & Development Council

P.O. Box 3164

Lake Charles, LA 70602-3164

(337) 433-1771 Phone (337) 433-6077 Fax

Web site: www.imcal.org

Conducts planning and economic development programs for the 5-parish region.

Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)

Lake Charles Chapter

P.O. Box 5396

Lake Charles, LA 70605

(337) 480-1199 Phone (337) 477-1617 Fax

Provides counseling for people interested in going into business and for those in business experiencing problems.

SCORE offers this service cost-free for small businesses. Conducts seminars and workshops on pre-business topics.

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

Small Business Assistance Program

Southwest Region

3519 Patrick Street

Lake Charles, LA 70605

(337) 475-8644 Phone (337) 475-8643 Fax

Web site: www.ldeq.state.la.us/assistance/sbap

Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service

LSU Agriculture Center, Knapp Hall

P.O. Box 25100

Baton Rouge, LA 70894-5100

(225) 388-4141 Phone (225) 388-2467 Fax

Web site: www.agctr.lsu.edu

As part of the LSU Agricultural Center, the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service provides educational programs designed and implemented to take useful and practical information to those who need it most.

Calcasieu Parish Cooperative Extension

7101 Gulf Highway

Lake Charles, LA 70607

(337)475-8812 Phone (337)475-8815 Fax

Beauregard Parish Cooperative Extension

Courthouse Building, 205 West First Street

DeRidder, LA 70634

(337)463-7006 Phone (337)463-7007 Fax

Cameron Parish Cooperative Extension

180 Henry Street

Cameron, LA 70631

(337)775-5516 Phone (337)775-8177 Fax

Jeff Davis Parish Cooperative Extension

1006 Lake Arthur Avenue

Jennings, LA 70546-1407

(337)824-1773 Phone (337)824-0748 Fax

Allen Parish Cooperative Extension

104 South Fourth Street

Oberlin, LA 70655

(337)639-4376 Phone (337)639-2985 Fax

Cooperative Extension Service

Rice Research Station

1373 Caffey Road Rayne

Rayne, LA 70659

(337)788-7531 Phone (337)788-7553 Fax

Biotechnology and genetic engineering of selected plant species, rice foundation seed facility.

Education

McNeese State University

4205 Ryan Street
Lake Charles, LA 70609
(337) 475-5000 or (800) 622-3352 (General)
Web site: www.mcneese.edu
E-mail: info@mail.mcneese.edu

Louisiana Community and Technical College System

822 Neosho Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
(225) 219-8700 Phone (LCTCS) 8770 (LTC)
(225) 219-8710 Fax (LCTCS) 8779 (LTC)
Web site: www.lctcs.state.la.us
Email: lctcs@lctcs.state.la.us

Louisiana Technical College

Sowela Campus

3820 Senator J. Bennett Johnston Avenue
Lake Charles, LA 70615
(337) 491-2698 or (800) 256-0483 Phone
(337) 491-2135 Fax
Web site: www.sowela.tec.la.us

Louisiana Technical College

Morgan Smith Campus

P.O. Box 1327, 1230 North Main Street
Jennings, LA 70546-1327
(337) 824-4811 Phone (337) 824-5653 Fax

Louisiana Technical College

Oakdale Campus

P.O. Drawer EM, 607 Highway 1152
Oakdale, LA 71463
(318) 335-3944 Phone (318) 335-3347 Fax

Industrial Parks

Calcasieu Parish

Chennault International Airport Authority

3650 Sen. J. B. Johnston Ave.

Lake Charles, LA 70615

(337) 491-9961 Phone (337) 491-9972 Fax

Web site: www.chennault.org

Email: ciaa@chennault.org

Numerous sites are available for lease and tenants can benefit from the airpark's infrastructure and transportation access.

DeQuincy Industrial Park

Size - 300 acres

Lake Charles Regional Airport

P.O. Drawer 5820, 500 Airport Blvd. (70605)

Lake Charles, LA 70606-5820

(337) 477-6051 Phone (337) 478-6826 Phone

Web site: www.flylakecharles.com

Email: info@flylakecharles.com

A 360-acre industrial park located in an Enterprise Zone and Foreign Trade Zone.

Sulphur Industrial Park

c/o Sulphur Industrial Development Board

City of Sulphur

500 N. Huntington, P.O. Box 1309 (70664)

Sulphur, LA 70663

(337) 527-4500 Phone

Web site: www.sulphur.org

A 30-acre industrial park located on US Hwy. 90, just two miles from Interstate-10.

Allen Parish

City of Oakdale

City Hall, P.O. Box 728

Oakdale, LA 71463

(318) 335-1111 Phone (318) 335-3638 Fax

E-mail: oakdalela2@aol.com

Beauregard Parish

City of DeRidder

City Hall, 200 S. Jefferson

DeRidder, LA 70634

(337) 462-8900 Phone

52 acres out of 60 are available on Hwy. 171 in DeRidder.