



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-110

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*THE HUDSON INITIATIVE*

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to La. R.S. 39:2001 *et seq.*, the Louisiana Initiative for Small Entrepreneurships (hereafter “the Hudson Initiative”) was established to facilitate the growth and stability of Louisiana’s economy by fostering utilization by state interests of the business offerings available for state procurement and public contracts from Louisiana’s small entrepreneurship;

**WHEREAS**, an inclusive economic development initiative for state agencies aimed at developing and enhancing opportunities for small and emerging businesses will successfully promote the state goal of wealth creation and poverty reduction;

**WHEREAS**, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:2005 outlines specific methods of source selection which may be utilized by an agency in contracting with small entrepreneurships and La. R.S. 39:2008 requires every state agency to participate in the Hudson Initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the interest of the citizens of the State of Louisiana are served by the expansion of business development programs that encourage the continued growth of small and emerging businesses.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, order and direct as follows:

Section 1: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and offices of the State of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, shall include small and emerging businesses in the business offerings available for state procurement and public contracts.

Section 2: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the State of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with implementing the provisions of this Order.

Section 3: Executive Order Number JBE 2016-37 is hereby terminated.

Section 4: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

  
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JEFF LANDRY  
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

  
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Nancy Landry  
SECRETARY OF STATE