



Louisiana Small Business Development Center at Northwestern State University

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P.A.C. LLC Natchitoches, LA



Taji and Chioke Helaire, owners of P.A.C LLC

Economic Impact

- 2 full-time jobs created
- turned a profit on first construction project

Taji and his brother, Chioke, grew up in Natchitoches, Louisiana and received degrees from Grambling State University. Upon graduating with a computer science degree, Taji couldn't find work in his chosen field. But unlike the thousands of young people who leave Louisiana to find employment, Taji decided to create his future right at home. Taji along with his brother, Chioke, started P.A.C., LLC in 2005, which is a commercial and residential construction company.

"My grandfather and uncle were carpenters, so I grew up around the construction industry. But we never actually worked construction. We took classes and got our commercial and residential contractors license," said Taji.

The brothers then came to the **LSBDC at Northwestern State University** for assistance in starting their business. Consultants helped them develop a business plan, assisted with a loan package, and provided business training. Last July, Taji and Chioke built and sold their first spec house for a profit. They are currently working on their second home and have contracts with the City of Natchitoches, including building the dug-outs for Highland Park's baseball field.

"Words can not express the gratitude we feel for our LSBDC consultant, Dion Boyett. He helped steer us in the right direction, encouraged us, and gave us the edge we needed to compete with more established contractors," praised Chioke.

LSBDC at NSU Services Given to Client

- Developed a business plan
- Helped prepare a loan package
- Provided business training



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