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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 Bayou Region including the parishes of Lafourche, Terrebonne and Assumption. 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 Bayou 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

Assumption Parish

Assumption Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 718
Napoleonville, LA 70390
(985) 369-2816 Phone (985) 369-2811 Fax
Web site: www.assumptionchamber.org
E-mail: assumption@charter.net

Lafourche Parish

South Louisiana Economic Council

P.O. Box 2048, Ardoyne Drive
Nicholls State University
Thibodaux, LA 70310
(985) 448-4485 Phone (985) 448-4486 Fax
Web site: www.bayouregion.com

The Chamber of Lafourche and the Bayou Region

P. O. Box 1462, 107 West 26th Street
Larose, LA 70373
(985) 693-6700 Phone (985) 693-6702 Fax
Web site: www.lafourchechamber.com
E-mail: lafchamber@lafourchechamber.com

Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce

1048 Canal Blvd.
Thibodaux, LA 70302
(985) 446-1187 Phone (985) 446-1191 Fax
Web site: www.thibodauxchamber.com
E-mail: thibodauxchamber@mobiletel.com

Greater Lafourche Port Commission (Port Fourchon)

16819 East Main Street, P. O. Drawer 490
Galliano, LA 70354
(985) 632-6701 Phone (985) 632-6703 Fax
Email: glpc@portfourchonla.com
Web site: www.portfourchonla.com

Terrebonne Parish

Terrebonne Economic Development Authority

496 Corporate Drive
Houma, Louisiana 70361
Toll Free 866.469.5974, Local 985.873.6890, Fax 985.873.6815
www.tpeda.org

Houma-Terrebonne Airport Commission

220 Clendenning Road
Houma, LA 70363
(985) 872-4646 Phone (985) 876-4115 Fax
Web site: www.tpcg.org

**Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government
Cultural Resources and Economic Development**

P.O. Box 2768
Houma, LA 70361
(985) 873-6890 Phone (985) 873-6795 Fax
Web site: www.tpcg.org

Economic development, tourism, main street, small business development, and port for the parish.

Terrebonne Parish Port Commission

P.O. Box 3797
Houma, LA 70361
(985) 873-6428 Phone (318) 873-6795 Fax
Web site: www.tpcg.org/eco_dev/port.asp

Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce

6133 LA Hwy. 311
Houma, LA 70360
(985) 876-5600 Phone (985) 876-5611 Fax
Web site: www.houmachamber.com
E-mail: info@houmachamber.com

Entergy Louisiana**Economic Development Group**

5353 Essen Lane, Suite 120
Baton Rouge, LA 70809
(225) 763-5060 or (800) 542-2668 Phone
(225) 763-5254 Fax
Web site: www.entergy.com/laed
Email: laed@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.

**South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association (SLECA)
Commercial and Industrial Development**

P.O. Box 4037
Houma, LA 70361
(985) 876-6880 or (800) 256-8826 Phone
(985) 851-3644 Fax
Web site: www.sleca.com

**Atmos Energy Louisiana
National Accounts**

420 West Pinhook Road
Lafayette LA 70503
(337) 268-4408 Phone
Web site: www.atmosenergy.com/atmosenergylouisiana

South Coast Gas

P.O. Box 470
Raceland, LA 70394
(985) 872-0376 (Houma) Phone
Thibodaux: 985-446-1384
Lower Lafourche: 985-475-5771

**Burlington Northern and Santa Fe
Economic Development**

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

Louisiana & Delta Railroad, Inc.

402 W. Washington Street
New Iberia, LA 70560
(337) 364-9625 (337) 369-1487 Fax
Web site: www.gwrr.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.

Lafourche Parish

Lafourche Parish Property Tax Assessor

Lafourche Parish Courthouse, 403 St. Louis
Thibodaux, LA 70301-3090
(985) 447-7242 Phone (985) 447-8060 Fax
Web site: www.lafourche.com

Lafourche Parish School Board Sales and Use Tax Department

P. O. Box 997

Thibodaux, LA 70301
(985) 446-4023 ext.10 Phone (985) 446-4027 Fax
Web site: www.laota.com
Collection of sales and use tax for parish, school board, sheriff and municipalities.

Lafourche Parish Government

P.O. Drawer 5548
Thibodaux, LA 70302
(985) 446-8427 Phone (985) 446-8459 Fax
Web site: www.lafourche.com/government
E-mail: LPCPA@cajun.net
Planning/zoning, occupational licensing and permitting for the parish.

Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office

200 Canal Boulevard, P.O. Box 5608 (70302)
Thibodaux, LA 70301
(985) 449-4431 Phone (985) 447-1854 Fax
Web site: www.lpsso.net
Collection of property taxes.

City of Thibodaux

Mayor's Office
310 West Second Street, P.O. Box 5418 (70302-5418)
Thibodaux, LA 70301
(985) 446-7218 Phone (985) 446-7247 Fax
Web site: www.ci.thibodaux.la.us
E-mail: mayorasst@ci.thibodaux.la.us
Planning/zoning, occupational licensing and permitting for the city.

Terrebonne Parish

**Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government
Planning and Zoning**

P.O. Box 2768
Houma, LA 70361
(985) 873-6569 or (985) 868-5050 (Admin.)
Web site: www.tpcg.org
Planning, zoning, permitting, licensing and taxes for Terrebonne parish.

Terrebonne Parish Property Tax Assessor

P. O. Box 5094
Houma, LA 70361
(985) 876-6620 Phone (985) 876-6631 Fax

Assumption Parish

Assumption Parish Property Tax Assessor

P. O. Box 576, 4809 LA Hwy. 1
Napoleonville, LA 70390
(985) 369-6385 Phone (985) 369-7049 Fax
E-mail: assessor@eatel.net

**Assumption Parish
Sales and Use Tax Department**
P.O. Drawer 920, 4847-A Hwy 1
Napoleonville, LA 70390
(985) 369-3898 Phone (985) 369-3818 Fax

Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office
P.O. Box 69
Napoleonville, LA 70390
(985) 369-7281 Phone (985) 369-1395 Fax
Occupational licensing.

Assumption Parish Police Jury
P.O. Box 520
Napoleonville, LA 70390
(985) 369-7435 Phone (985) 369-2972 Fax

**Village of Napoleonville
Mayor's Office**
P. O. Box 6
Napoleonville, LA 70390
(985) 369-6365 Phone (985) 369-6361 Fax
E-mail: Napoleonville@mobilnet.com
Planning/zoning, occupational licensing and permitting required.

Regional Government Offices

Louisiana Economic Development

Bayou Region

Anne M. Perry

P.O. Box 395

Patterson, LA 70392

Office: (985) 395-5913 Home (985) 395-5913

Cell: (985) 397-1791 Fax: (985) 395-6040

Email: perry@lged.state.la.us

Louisiana Department of Labor

Regional Office

P.O. Box 2267, 7528 Main Street

Houma, LA 70361-2267

Office (985) 857-3732 Fax: (985) 857-3716

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.

LAT Workforce Investment Board Inc.

P.O. Box 4115, 911 Bond Street

Houma, LA 70361

(985) 580-7249 Phone (985) 580-7248 Fax

Lafourche, Assumption and Terrebonne parishes.

Louisiana Department of Revenue

P.O. Box 1429, 1418 Tiger Drive (70301)

Thibodaux, LA 70302-1429

(985) 447-0976 Phone (985) 447-0980 Fax

Web site: www.rev.state.la.us

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

Bayou Lafourche Regional Office

104 Lococo Drive

Raceland, LA 70394

(985) 532-6206 Phone (985) 532-9945 Fax

Web site: www.deq.state.la.us

Business and Technical Assistance

Nicholls State University Small Business Development Center

104 White Hall, P.O. Box 2015
Thibodaux, LA 70310
(985) 448-4242 Phone (985) 448-4250 Fax
Web site: www.nich.edu/sbdc
E-mail: sbdc@nicholls.edu

South Central Planning & Development Commission

5058 West Main St., P.O. Box 1870 (70359)
Houma, LA 70360
(985) 851-2900 Phone (985) 851-4472 Fax
Web site: www.scpd.org
Planning district office responsible for economic development planning for the 3-parish area.

Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)

Baton Rouge Chapter

564 Laurel Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70801
(225) 381-7130 Phone (225) 381-7142 Fax
Web site: www.scorebr.org
E-mail: scorebr@juno.com

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 Cooperative Extension Service

LSU Agriculture Center, Knapp Hall
P.O. Box 25100
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 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.

Terrebonne Parish Cooperative Extension

511 Roussell Street (70360)
Houma, LA 70361
(504)873-6495 Phone (504)850-4620 Fax

Lafourche Parish Cooperative Extension

402 West Fifth Street (70301)
Thibodaux, LA 70302
(985)446-1316 Phone (985)449-1549 Fax

Assumption Parish Cooperative Extension

4805 Highway 1
Napoleonville, LA 70390
(985) 369-6386 Phone (985) 369-6845 Fax

Education

Nicholls State University

906 East First Street
Thibodaux, LA 70301
(877) NICHOLLS Phone
Web site: www.nich.edu
E-mail: nichweb@nicholls.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

L.E. Fletcher Campus

P.O. Box 5033, 310 St. Charles Street
Houma, LA 70361-5033
(985) 857-3655 (Administration)
(985) 857-3659 (Admissions)
(985) 857-3689 Fax
Web site: www.lefletcher.com

LAMPI Extension

331 Dickson Road
Houma, LA 70363
(985) 857-3658 Phone

Louisiana Technical College

Lafourche Campus

P.O. Box 1831, 1425 Tiger Drive
Thibodaux, LA 70302-1831
(985) 447-0924 (Administration)
(985) 447-0926 (Admissions)
(985) 447-0927 (Fax)

South Lafourche Extension

318 E. 90th St.
Cut Off, LA 70345
(985) 632-5177 Phone (985) 632-5133 Fax

Industrial Parks

Houma-Terrebonne Airport Commission

220 Clendenning Road

Houma, LA 70363

(985) 872-4646 Phone (985) 876-4115 Fax

Web site: www.tpcg.org

There are 200 acres available for mixed-use leasing on the site of the 1,700-acre airpark site owned by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.