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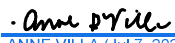
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Signature of Agency Head or Designee:  ANNE VILLA (Jul 7, 2026 11:22:04 CDT)

Print Name and Title of Agency Head or Designee: Anne G. Villa, LED Deputy Secretary/CFO

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LAGOV AGENCY: I certify the availability of appropriated funds for fiscal year _____ for the payment of the above referenced publication and authorize the processing of an Interagency Billing with the following coding on the 30th of the month of the publication. Attach supplemental sheet for additional lines of coding.

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NOTICE OF INTENT
Louisiana Economic Development
Office of Economic Development
and
Louisiana Economic Development Corporation

Regional Initiatives Program
(LAC 13: III. Chapter 7)

Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development and Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, as authorized by and pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., R.S. 36:104, and R.S. 51:2341 et seq., hereby gives notice of intent to repeal Rules for the administration of the Regional Initiatives Program.

In accordance with the Office of Governor Executive Order No. JML 25-038, LED reviewed and evaluated these program rules, determined the rules to be obsolete and unnecessary and therefore seeks a repeal.

Title 13
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Part III. Financial Assistance Programs
Chapter 7. Regional Initiatives Program

§701. Purpose

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:2341 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 25:240 (February 1999), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development and Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 52:

§703. Definitions

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:2341 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 25:240 (February 1999), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development and Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 52:

§705. General Principles

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:2341 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 25:240 (February 1999), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development and Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 52:

§707. Eligibility

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:2341 et seq.

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§709. Criteria

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:2341 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 25:240 (February 1999), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development and Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 52:

§711. Application Procedure

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:2341 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 25:240 (February 1999), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development and Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 52:

§713. Submission and Review Procedure

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:2341 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 25:241 (February 1999), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development and Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 52:

§715. General Award Provisions

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:2341 et seq.

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Family Impact Statement

The proposed repeal of the Rule is not anticipated to have an impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed repeal of the Rule is not anticipated to have an impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed repeal of the Rule is not anticipated to have an impact on providers of services as described in HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

Small Business Analysis

The proposed repeal of the Rule is not anticipate to have a significant adverse impact on small businesses as described in R.S. 49:974.5.

Public Comments

Interested persons should submit written comments on the proposed Rules to Leticia Johnson, Louisiana Economic Development, 100 North Street, 7th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 or via email to Leticia.Johnson@LA.GOV. All comments must be received no later than close of business day, August 24, 2026.

Public Hearing

A meeting for the purpose of receiving the presentation of oral comments on the Notice of Intent will be held at 10 a.m. on August 27, 2026, in the LaBelle Conference Room at the LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

Anne G. Villa
Deputy Secretary/CFO, LED

Title 13
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Part III. Financial Assistance Programs

Chapter 7. Regional Initiatives Program

§701. Purpose

~~A. The purpose of the program is to stimulate regional economic development efforts by encouraging existing public and private organizations to combine financial and leadership resources to market their shared strengths to overcome their common deficits. The program serves to help create a "spirit of regional cooperation."~~

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§703. Definitions

~~Applicant—the entity requesting financial assistance from DED under this program.~~

~~Award—grant funding approved under this program for eligible applicants.~~

~~Awardee—an applicant receiving an award under this program.~~

~~DED—Louisiana Department of Economic Development.~~

~~Operating Costs—ongoing administrative, salary and travel expenses of the organization(s) applying for program funds.~~

~~Program—the Regional Initiatives Program. Secretary—the Secretary of the Department of Economic Development.~~

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 25:240 (February 1999), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development and Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 52:

§705. General Principles

~~A.—The following principles will direct the administration of the Regional Initiatives Program.~~

~~1.—Awards should be considered to be one time only funding to achieve a specific goal for a regional (multi-parish) economic development organization or coalition of organizations.~~

~~2.—Grant proposals must delineate clearly what is proposed and what is to be achieved by the award.~~

~~3.—Awards are not for the purpose of replacing existing costs, creating new, additional organizations, paying salaries, construction of facilities or acquisition of equipment, unless approved by the secretary.~~

~~4.—Projects to be funded must augment the Louisiana Economic Development Council's plan and the objectives and strategies of DED.~~

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 25:240 (February 1999), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development and Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 52:

§707. Eligibility

~~A.—An eligible applicant for the Grant Award can include but is not limited to one of the following:~~

~~1.—an existing regional economic development organization;~~

~~2.—local chambers of commerce;~~

~~3.—local economic development organizations;~~

~~4.—multi-parish organizations funded by local governing authorities and the federal government with an agreement signed by parish heads of government authorizing the group to apply for funds under the Regional Initiatives Program;~~

~~5.—consortium of local economic development organizations as evidenced by a written agreement to enter into a proposal for the purposes of the Regional Initiatives Program.~~

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 25:240 (February 1999), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development and Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 52:

§709. Criteria

~~A.—Preference will be given to projects that are regional (multi-parish) in scope.~~

~~B.—Projects must have a positive economic impact on at least an entire parish.~~

~~C.—Preference will be given to projects that enhance, expand or are intended to foster cooperation among both~~

~~public and private development entities on a regional basis.~~

~~D.—Preference will be given to rural areas and to proposals from organizations not already receiving economic development funds from the state.~~

~~E.—No DED award funds can be used to fund ongoing operating costs.~~

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 25:240 (February 1999), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development and Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 52:

§711. Application Procedure

~~A.—The applicant must submit an application on a form provided by DED which shall contain, but not be limited to, the following:~~

~~1.—Copy of letter(s) notifying the applicant's local governments, area legislators, and the prevailing economic development organization of your intent to apply for R.I.P. funding.~~

~~2.—Quantifiable objectives and deliverables for the project and plans to measure the effectiveness of the project according to those objectives and deliverables.~~

~~3.—A detailed budget for the project including sources of funds and letters of commitment from the funding sources as well as written commitment of the 25 percent match to be used for the project.~~

~~4.—Résumé(s) of consultants involved with the project.~~

~~5.—Any additional information the secretary may require.~~

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:2341 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 25:240 (February 1999), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development and Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 52:

§713. Submission and Review Procedure

~~A.—Applicants must submit their completed application and proposal to the secretary of DED. Submitted applications will be reviewed and evaluated by DED staff. Input may be required from the applicant and other state agencies as needed in order to:~~

~~1.—evaluate the strategic importance of the project to the economic well-being of the state and region;~~

~~2.—determine whether the project's funding requirements are best met by the proposed award;~~

~~3.—validate the information presented;~~

~~4.—determine the overall feasibility of the applicant's plan.~~

~~B.—Upon determination that an application meets the eligibility criteria for this program and is deemed to be beneficial to the well-being of the state, DED staff will then make a recommendation to the secretary. If the secretary finds the application complies with the requirements of this program, he may approve the application for funding.~~

~~1.—No funds spent on the project prior to the secretary's approval will be considered eligible project costs.~~

~~2.—The secretary will issue a Letter of Commitment to the applicant within five working days of the application review and approval.~~

~~3.—The final 10 percent of the award amount will not be paid until DED staff reviews the deliverables of the grant agreement to assure that all work has been completed.~~

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:2341 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 25:241 (February 1999), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development and Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 52:

§715. General Award Provisions

~~A.—Award Agreement. A grant agreement will be executed between DED and the awardee. The agreement will specify the performance objectives and deliverables expected of the awardee and the compliance requirements to be enforced in exchange for state assistance, including, but not limited to, time lines for program completion.~~

~~B.—Use of Funds~~

~~1.—Any salary of the applicant related to the project is to be funded through the applicant's match.~~

~~2.—Project costs ineligible for award funds include, but are not limited to:~~

~~a.—ongoing operating costs;~~

~~b.—furniture, fixtures, computers, transportation equipment, rolling stock or equipment, unless approved by the secretary.~~

~~C.—Amount of Award~~

~~1.—The portion of the total project costs financed by the award may not exceed 75 percent of the total project cost.~~

~~2.—The applicant shall provide at least 25 percent of the total cost; 12 1/2 percent of the total project cost may~~

~~be in-kind. For the purposes of this program, in-kind is the use, as a match, of the awardee's own resources to accomplish the goals of the project being funded.~~

~~3. The secretary, in his discretion, may limit the amount of awards to effect the best allocation of resources based upon the number of projects requiring funding and the availability of program funds.~~

~~D. Conditions for Disbursement of Funds~~

~~1. Upon notification of the award by the secretary, the awardee can begin spending funds on the project.~~

~~2. Award funds will be available to the awardee upon execution of a grant agreement.~~

~~3. Award funds will not be available for disbursement until:~~

~~a. DED receives signed commitments by the project's other financing sources (public and private);~~

~~b. all other closing conditions specified in the award agreement have been satisfied.~~

~~E. Compliance Requirements~~

~~1. The awardee shall be required to submit progress reports, as specified in the award agreement, describing the progress towards the performance objectives specified in the award agreement.~~

~~2. In the event an awardee fails to meet its performance objectives specified in its agreement with DED, DED shall retain the rights to withhold award funds, modify the terms and conditions of the award, and to reclaim disbursed funds from the awardee in an amount commensurate with the scope of the unmet performance objectives and the foregone benefits to the state.~~

~~3. In the event an awardee knowingly files a false statement in its application or in a progress report, the company or sponsoring entity shall be guilty of the offense of filing false public records and shall be subject to the penalty provided for in R.S. 14:133.~~

~~4. DED shall retain the right to require and/or conduct financial and performance audits of a project, including all relevant records and documents of the company and the sponsoring entity.~~

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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	<u>Baton Rouge, LA 70802</u>	Date Rule Takes Effect:	<u>Upon Promulgation</u>

SUMMARY
(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 961 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed repeal of the rules is not anticipated to result in any direct material effect on governmental expenditures or savings to state or local governmental units.

The proposed rule change repeals the Regional Initiatives Program, as this program was last promulgated in February 1999 and has not been administered within Louisiana Economic Development (LED) for several years. The proposed repeal aligns with Title 13, Part III, as required by the Office of the Governor Executive Order No. 25-038.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed repeal is not anticipated to affect revenue collections for state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no anticipated costs to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on competition and employment.

Anne D Villa
ANNE VILLA (Jul 1, 2026 15:23:12 CDT)
Signature of Head or Designee

Anne G. Villa, Deputy Secretary /CFO
Typed Name & Title of Agency Head or Designee

Date of Signature

Alvin M. B. B. B.
Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

7/6/26
Date of Signature

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

- A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

The proposed rule change repeals the Regional Initiatives Program, which was created as an initiative to encourage existing public and private organizations to combine financial and leadership resources to market shared strengths and overcome common deficits. This program was last promulgated in February 1999 and has not been administered within LED for several years.

- B. Summarize the circumstances, which require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

Pursuant to the Office of the Governor Executive Order No. 25-038, this program, last promulgated in February 1999, is proposed to be repealed.

- C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

- (1) Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to result in an increase in governmental expenditures for the state.

- (2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase? **Not applicable**

(a) _____ YES. If yes, attach documentation.

(b) _____ NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time

- D. Compliance with Act 98 of the 2025 Regular Session

- (1) Will the proposed rule change result in either the expenditure of state funds or an economic impact involving costs to regulated entities estimated at \$200,000 or more per year or \$600,000 or more over three years?

(a) _____ YES. (proceed to question D.2 on this page)

(b) X NO.

- (2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, was there a fiscal note for the enacted legislation that required this action (attach documentation)? **Not applicable**

(a) _____ YES, and all cost impacts were contemplated in the Fiscal Note.

(b) _____ YES, but cost impacts exceed those contemplated in the Fiscal Note.

(c) _____ NO.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
WORKSHEET

I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

COSTS	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$0	\$0	\$0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER CHARGES	\$0	\$0	\$0
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAJOR REPAIR & CONSTR.	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0
POSITIONS (#)	0	0	0

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A. 1.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

The proposed repeal of the rules is not anticipated to result in any direct material effect on governmental expenditures or savings for state or local governmental units. There will be no need for any administrative duties to be carried out utilizing any existing staff and/or resources at Louisiana Economic Development (LED), brought about by the proposed repeal.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER (Specify)	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

Yes, the agency currently has sufficient funds to implement this action.

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

There will be no costs or savings to local government from the actions of the proposed rule change.

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit, which will be affected by these costs or savings.

No sources of funding of local government will be affected.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
WORKSHEET

II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

The proposed repeal is not anticipated to affect revenue collections for state or local governmental units.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
WORKSHEET

III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL
BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

- A. What persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

No persons, small businesses, or non-government groups will be directly affected by the proposed repeal, as there has been no participation in this program.

- B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

There is no direct anticipated impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule repeal to these groups.

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

The proposed repeal of the rules is not anticipated to impact competition and employment in the public or private sectors.