

August 28, 2026

RE: Regional Initiatives Program– Summary Report

To Whom It May Concern:

Louisiana Economic Development hereby announces its plan to proceed with rule-making by finalizing the **Regional Initiatives Program** Rules, originally published as a Notice of Intent on pages 1257-1259 of the July 20, 2026 *Louisiana Register*.

A public hearing was held on August 27, 2026. One member of the public attended. There were no public or written comments received.

No further changes have been made to the proposed rule.

Subject to the legislative oversight by House and Senate Committee on Commerce, LED intends to submit for final publication a Rule in the October 20, 2026 Louisiana Register.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (225) 342-3000.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Leticia Johnson, consisting of a stylized 'L' and 'J'.

Leticia Johnson,
Staff Attorney

cc: Senate President
Senate, Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs

Speaker, House of Representative
House of Representatives, Committee on Commerce

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 29:2636 (December 2003), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, and Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 52:

§1505. General Principles

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:2312(B) and (D)(1) and R.S. 51:2341(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 29:2637 (December 2003), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, and Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 52:

§1507. Eligibility

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:2312(B) and (D)(1) and R.S. 51:2341(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 29:2637 (December 2003), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, and Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 52:

§1509. Application for Project Funding

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:2312(B) and (D)(1) and R.S. 51:2341(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 29:2637 (December 2003), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, and Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 52:

§1511. Loan Funding

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:2312(B) and (D)(1) and R.S. 51:2341(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 29:2638 (December 2003), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, and Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 52:

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.

Small Business Analysis

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

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.

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

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Louisiana Project Equity Fund

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 Louisiana Project Equity Fund, as this program was last promulgated in December 2003 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 NONGOVERNMENTAL 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.

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~~NOTICE OF INTENT~~ **RULE**

**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~~ **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.

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§705. General Principles

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§707. Eligibility

Repealed.

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§709. Criteria

Repealed.

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§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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**Local Economic Development Support Fund
(LAC 13:III.Chapter 11)**

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Title 13

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Chapter 11. Local Economic Development Support Fund

§1101. Definitions

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:921 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Commerce, Office of Commerce and Industry, LR 10:741 (October 1984), amended LR 12:663 (October 1986), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, LR 52:

§1103. Urban

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:921 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Commerce, Office of Commerce and Industry, LR 10:741 (October 1984), amended LR 12:663 (October 1986), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, LR 52:

§1105. Rural

Repealed.

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