

Grant Summary

Grant Program	Job-Driven (JD) National Emergency Grant (NEG)
Grantee Name	Louisiana Workforce Commission
Grantee City and State	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Grant Award Amount	\$6,175,000
Location of Grant Activities	The parishes of Acadia; Allen; Ascension; Assumption; Beauregard; Calcasieu; Cameron; East Baton Rouge; East Feliciana; Evangeline; Iberia; Iberville; Jefferson Davis; Jefferson; Lafayette; Lafourche; Livingston; Orleans; Plaquemines; Pointe Coupee; St. Bernard; St. Charles; St. Helena; St. James; St. John the Baptist; St. Landry; St. Martin; St. Mary; St. Tammany; Tangipahoa; Terrebonne; Vermilion; Vernon; Washington; West Baton Rouge; and West Feliciana
Project Description	Louisiana will undertake a coordinated effort to assist targeted dislocated workers who have been affected by various staggered dislocation events and a slowly improving economy. The State's JD NEG will focus on reconnecting participants to the workforce in high-demand occupations emerging as a result of new and/or expanding companies in the target areas. Activities/services will concentrate on five regions in southern Louisiana, and will consist of a combination of work-based training including on-the-job training (OJT), Registered Apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship, and customized training. The State is experiencing a major surge in industrial construction projects due in part to its improved business climate and the low price of natural gas, which is prompting companies to invest in new plant construction and expansion of existing plants in four of the five regions participating in this JD NEG. Louisiana is currently partnering with two of the employers driving employment in the shipbuilding industry, Bollinger Shipyards and Edison Chouest, to increase awareness of employment opportunities in shipbuilding. These employers have both committed to provide OJT, customized training, and Registered Apprenticeship opportunities to JD NEG participants for the in-demand occupations of shipfitters, pipefitters, electricians, and welders. Additionally, there are also opportunities for participants to be connected to work-based training opportunities in occupations within the following sectors: Digital Media; Entertainment; Environmental; Healthcare; Maintenance; Marketing; Technology; Science, and other areas of Advanced Manufacturing.
Key Industries	Construction; Hospitality; Healthcare; Information Technology; and Ship Repair

Populations to be Served	Dislocated workers with priority to the long-term unemployed, Unemployment Insurance (UI) recipients that have been profiled as likely to exhaust UI benefits, and recently separated veterans
Partners	Louisiana's Plant Operators; industrial construction employers; Louisiana's Board of Regents; Workforce Commission; Department of Education; Economic Development; Community and Technical College System; AFL-CIO; and the Associated Builders and Contractors; Additionally, 3 percent of the JD NEG funds will be used for partnership development
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