

Executive Orders

EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF 00-27

Bond Allocation
Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and Act 51 of the 1986 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, Executive Order No. MJF 96-25, as amended by Executive Order No. MJF 2000-15, was issued to establish:

(1) a method for allocating bonds subject to private activity bond volume limits, including the method of allocating bonds subject to the private activity bond volume limits for the calendar year of 2000 (hereafter the 2000 Ceiling);

(2) the procedure for obtaining an allocation of bonds under the 2000 Ceiling; and

(3) a system of central record keeping for such allocations; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority has requested an allocation from the 2000 Ceiling to be used in connection with a program to provide financing for the acquisition, and construction of a building to be owned by the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission and leased to Floating Docks Manufacturing Company (or a wholly owned subsidiary), located at 2701 N. Intermodal Drive, Shreveport, parish of Claiborne, state of Louisiana, in accordance with the provisions of Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE, I, M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR., Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The bond issue, as described in this Section, shall be and is hereby granted an allocation from the private activity bond volume limits for the calendar year of 2000 as follows:

AMOUNT OF ALLOCATION	NAME OF ISSUER	NAME OF PROJECT
\$500,000	Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority	Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission

SECTION 2: The granted allocation shall be used only for the bond issue described in Section 1 and for the general purpose set forth in the Application for Allocation of a Portion of the State of Louisiana Private Activity Bond Ceiling submitted in connection with the bond issue described in Section 1.

SECTION 3: The granted allocation shall be valid and in full force and effect through the end of 2000, provided that such bonds are delivered to the initial purchasers thereof on or before November 20, 2000.

SECTION 4: All references in this Order to the singular shall include the plural, and all plural references shall include the singular.

SECTION 5: The undersigned certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the granted allocation was not made in consideration of any bribe, gift, or gratuity, or any direct or indirect contribution to any political campaign. The undersigned also certifies that the granted allocation meets the requirements of Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

SECTION 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 21st day of August, 2000.

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State
0009#002

EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF 00-28

State Employees Cafeteria Plan Study Commission

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana currently offers its employees the State Employees Cafeteria Plan (hereafter "the Plan"), which allows those employees to pay for certain healthcare, insurance, and other services by direct payroll deduction;

WHEREAS, such cafeteria plans must meet certain criteria in order for the employees to receive preferential tax treatment from the Internal Revenue Service for funds spent through that plan;

WHEREAS, a properly administered cafeteria plan provides a significant benefit to the state's employees;

WHEREAS, the State Employees Cafeteria Plan (hereafter "Plan") was developed, negotiated, and implemented by the State Employees Group Benefits Board (hereafter "SEGBP Board") subject to approval of the appropriate standing committees of the legislature having jurisdiction over review of agency rules of the State Employees Group Benefits Program (hereafter "SEGBP") as designated by R.S. 49:968(B)(21)(a) or the subcommittee on oversight of such standing committees;

WHEREAS, some state employees have raised a number of concerns regarding the quality of the Plan's products, the premiums of such products, the necessity of the number of products, and the lack of quality control over such products; and

WHEREAS, the interests of the state and its employees can best be served by the creation of a commission composed of members of the legislature, the executive branch, the SEGBP, the SEGBP Board and others to study the issues raised by the state employees members

and recommend appropriate solutions to resolve their concerns;

NOW THEREFORE, I, M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR., Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The State Employees Cafeteria Plan Study Commission (hereafter "Commission") is created and established within the Executive Department, Office of the Governor.

SECTION 2: The duties and functions of the Commission shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. Analyzing the current Plan, and examining options for improving it;

B. Studying the feasibility of improving the Plan by examining best practices of other local, state, federal, and privately funded cafeteria plans;

C. Examining all reasonable options to improve the efficiency and cost effective administration of the Plan, including: program oversight, internal administration, and privatization;

D. Establishing criteria for vendor participation, as well as quality control measures; and

E. Conducting public hearings to receive input from SEGBP members, stakeholders and others that are impacted or affected by the Plan.

SECTION 3: The Commission shall submit a comprehensive written report to the governor by December 31, 2000, which addresses the issues set forth in Section 2.

SECTION 4: The Commission shall be composed of nine (9) members who shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the governor. The membership of the Commission shall be selected as follows:

A. The commissioner of administration, or the commissioner's designee;

B. The chairman of the State Employees Group Benefits Board of Directors, or the chairman's designee;

C. The chief executive officer of the State Employees Group Benefits Program, or the chief executive officer's designee;

D. The commissioner of Insurance, or the commissioner's designee;

E. One (1) member of the Louisiana House of Representatives;

F. One (1) member of the Louisiana Senate;

G. One (1) current state employee who is a member of the SEGBP;

H. One (1) director of human resources management from a state college or university; and

I. One (1) private corporation human resource representative.

SECTION 5: The governor shall select the chair of the Commission. The membership of the Commission shall elect all other officers.

SECTION 6: The Commission shall meet at the call of the chair.

SECTION 7: Support staff for the Commission and facilities for its meetings shall be provided by the State Employees Group Benefits Program.

SECTION 8: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies, and officers of the state, or any political

subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Commission in implementing the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 10: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until December 31, 2000, or until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 25th day of August, 2000.

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State
0009#001

EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF 00-29

Small Purchase Procedures

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. MJF 98-20, signed on May 4, 1998¹, sets forth the procedure for small purchases; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend a provision of Executive Order No. MJF 98-20 in order to facilitate small purchases by libraries;

NOW THEREFORE, I, M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR., Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Paragraph (8) of subsection 5(A) of Executive Order No. MJF 98-20, signed on May 4, 1998, is amended to provide as follows:

(8) Publications and/or copyrighted materials purchased by libraries from either subscription services or from wholesale dealers which distribute for publishers and/or copyright holders;

SECTION 2: All other sections, subsections, and/or paragraphs of Executive Order No. MJF 98-20 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 28th day of August, 2000.

¹ Executive Order No. MJF 96-14, signed on June 4, 1996, which established Governor Foster's initial procedure for small purchases was terminated and rescinded by Executive Order No. MJF 98-20, Section 7.

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State
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EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF 00-30

Governor's Board on Military Issues

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has a vital interest in the installations and/or units of the armed forces of the United States located within the state, in the Louisiana Military Department, and in the concerns of the military personnel, active, reserve, veteran, and/or retired, and their families who reside in Louisiana (hereafter "military");

WHEREAS, the Governor's Military Advisory Commission, recreated by Executive Order No. MJF 96-12, issued on May 22, 1996, (hereafter "commission") was created to serve as a coordinating body and a forum for the military regarding state government related issues and to act as a liaison between the military and civilians regarding local government, private business, and civilian concerns; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the state of Louisiana to abolish the commission by rescinding Executive Order No. MJF 96-12, and replace it with a board assigned expanded duties and objectives;

NOW THEREFORE, I, M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR., Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Governor's Board on Military Issues (hereafter "Board") is established within the executive department, Office of the Governor.

SECTION 2: The duties and objectives of the Board include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

1. Providing a public forum for issues related to the installations and/or units of the armed forces of the United States located within the state, the Louisiana Military Department, and/or the active, reserve, veteran, and/or retired military personnel and their families who reside in Louisiana (hereafter "the military");

2. Enhancing coordination, communication, cooperation, and understanding between the military, the Louisiana Congressional Delegation, the communities in the state interfacing with the military, and/or state and local government agencies;

3. Strengthening and/or increasing the state of Louisiana's role in securing defense related business contracts for Louisiana businesses and/or selling Louisiana products to the installations and/or units of the armed forces of the United States located in the state;

4. Proposing ways to increase and/or strengthen the presence of the armed forces of the United States located within the state;

5. Reviewing and/or disseminating information about proposed legislation related to and/or directly impacting on the military and/or military communities within the state;

6. Proposing and/or sponsoring activities, legislation, initiatives, programs, and/or projects which increase, support, and/or enhance the military's presence in the state and/or which enhance and/or improve the quality of life for the active, reserve, veteran, and/or retired military personnel and their families who reside in the state;

7. Sponsoring Louisiana Department of Military and/or United States Department of Defense initiatives

which are mutually beneficial to state and federal interests; and

8. Coordinating the prevention of base realignments and/or closures in the state.

SECTION 3: The Board shall submit semi-annual reports to the governor, on January 1st and July 1st, regarding the status of and/or progress achieved on the issues addressed in Section 2 of this Order.

SECTION 4:

A. The Board shall be composed of a maximum of twenty-two (22) members.

B. The Board shall be composed of the following ex-officio voting members:

1. The adjutant general of Louisiana, or the adjutant general's designee;

2. The president of the Louisiana Senate, or the president's designee;

3. The speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, or the speaker's designee;

4. The executive director of the Office of Community Programs, Office of the Governor, or the executive director's designee;

5. The executive director of the Office of Veterans Affairs, Office of the Governor, or the executive director's designee; and

6. The secretary of the Department of Economic Development, or the secretary's designee.

C. The Board shall also be composed of the following voting members, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the governor, selected as follows:

1. Three (3) representatives of local governments and/or communities located in the vicinity of an installation or unit of the armed forces of the United States;

2. Six (6) representatives of Louisiana businesses, farmers, and/or industries; and

3. Two (2) retired military personnel.

D. The Board shall also be composed of the following ex-officio non-voting members:

1. The senior active duty officer of the United States Army stationed in the state of Louisiana, or the senior officer's designee;

2. The senior active duty officer of the United States Air Force stationed in the state of Louisiana, or the senior officer's designee;

3. The senior officer of the United States Navy Reserve stationed in the state of Louisiana, or the senior officer's designee;

4. The senior officer of the United States Marines Reserve stationed in the state of Louisiana, or the senior officer's designee; and

5. The senior officer of the United States Coast Guard stationed in the state of Louisiana, or the senior officer's designee.

E. The Board may create subcommittees composed of Board members, non-Board members, and/or both Board members and non-Board members, which meet in accordance with the open meetings law, R.S. 42:4.1-13.

SECTION 5: The Governor shall appoint the chair of the Board from its membership. All other officers shall be elected by the membership of the Board.

SECTION 6: The Board shall meet at regularly scheduled quarterly meetings, and at the call of the chair.

SECTION 7: Support staff for the Board and facilities for its meetings shall be provided by the Louisiana Department of the Military.

SECTION 8: Board members shall not receive additional compensation, a per diem, or travel expenses from the Office of the Governor for their service on the Board.

SECTION 9: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies, and officers of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Board in implementing the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 10: Executive Order No. MJF 96-12, signed on May 22, 1996, is terminated and rescinded.

SECTION 11: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified,

terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 1st day of September, 2000.

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

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THE GOVERNOR
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Secretary of State
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