State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2016 – 37

THE HUDSON INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 39:2001 *et seq.*, the Louisiana Initiative for Small Entrepreneurships (hereafter "the Hudson Initiative") was established to facilitate the growth and stability of Louisiana's economy by fostering utilization by state interests of the business offerings available for state procurement and public contracts from Louisiana's small entrepreneurship;

WHEREAS, an inclusive economic development initiative for state agencies aimed at developing and enhancing opportunities for small and emerging businesses will successfully promote the state goal of wealth creation and poverty reduction;

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:2005 outlines specific methods of source selection which may be utilized by an agency in contracting with small entrepreneurships and La. R.S. 39:2008 requires every state agency to participate in the Hudson Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the interest of the citizens of the State of Louisiana are served by the expansion of business development programs that encourage the continued growth of small and emerging businesses.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and offices of the State of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, shall include small and emerging businesses in the business offerings available for state procurement and public contracts.

SECTION 2: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the State of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with implementing the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 3: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.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 22nd day of July, 2016.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE