

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
BATON ROUGE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EWE 92-29

WHEREAS, the Legislature by Act 109, 1984 and Act 291, 1986 as established in R.S. 39:1595.4 and 39:1594(I) provide that a preference shall be given by all governmental bodies in purchasing products and services from state supported sheltered workshops for persons with severe disabilities. The Program is referred to as the Louisiana State Use Program and is applicable to all state and local governments, educational institutions and other political subdivisions of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Use Program is patterned after similar programs in at least 20 other states as well as the Federal Government with the primary purpose of employing persons severely disabled in transitional jobs which would give to them marketable skills eventually allowing them to be employed in the private sector;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Use Program benefits the State of Louisiana in the following ways:

Jobs are created for those who would not otherwise be employed.

The state conserves resources because these persons have jobs, pay taxes, spend in their community, and receive less or no government support.

Some goods presently bought out of state can be purchased through this Program keeping those dollars in Louisiana.

The Program's workers are loyal and consistent high performers for the jobs they undertake.

The Program's only motive is to provide services and/or products that meet or exceed specifications at a fair price to both parties via training the severely disabled citizens of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Council on the Purchase of Products and Services of Severely Disabled Products ("Council") has published regulations and procedures as authorized by R.S. 39:1595.4.

WHEREAS, said products and services are to be purchased on a pre-bid basis thus avoiding the cost of the bid procedure as authorized by R.S. 39:1595.4 and as established by Acts 109 and 291 of the 1984 and 1986 Legislatures, respectively.

WHEREAS, such Council has established Employment Development Services, Inc. ("EDS") as the central non-profit agency ("CNA") to coordinate the program negotiating service and custom product contracts within the state under this Program and allocating those contracts to the various sheltered workshops in the State. To accomplish this, EDS shall enter, as necessary, into contracts with government procuring entities for the furnishing of products or services provided by the sheltered workshops.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWIN EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, issue the following executive order:

SECTION 1: Each department, institution, board, commission, budget unit of the State, and other political subdivisions in the State shall observe and be guided by the provisions of this Program. Preference shall be given in the form of purchases of those services and products requested by EDS on behalf of the Program. Such services and products provided by the Louisiana State Use Program to specification shall remain allocated to the Program as long as a need by that governmental body exists and EDS requests that service or product. The products generally available for purchase from the Program are published as part of State contract information by the Director of Purchasing, State of Louisiana and separately in the Louisiana State Use Catalog published by EDS. Services are purchased on a custom basis and are generally described but not necessarily limited to those published in the EDS Catalog. EDS will request any service or custom product directly from the appropriate governmental body. Products and services published as being available from the Program are to be purchased prior to the purchase of any other alternate source.

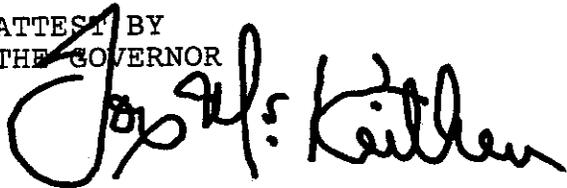
SECTION 2: The Program is hereby placed within the Governor's Office, Division of Administration. Membership of the Council shall continue as presently defined unless otherwise designated by the Commissioner of Administration.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 9th day of April, 1992.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE