

STATE OF LOUISIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
BATON ROUGE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EWE 92 - 5

WHEREAS, the current economic condition of the state requires the exploration of other areas in which Louisiana products goods, services and technologies can be marketed; and

WHEREAS, over the last decade the emphasis in the current marketplace for Louisiana products has shifted from a local or regional economy, to that of a world marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the continent of Africa has a vast amount of natural resources similar to those found in Louisiana, but requires the services and technologies currently in use in Louisiana to use those resources to their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no one entity in Louisiana charged with the responsibility of coordinating an industry effort to market Louisiana products, goods, services and technologies on the African continent; and

NOW THEREFORE I, EDWIN EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: There is hereby created within the Executive Department, Office of the Governor, the Louisiana Task Force on African Trade, Finance and Development.

SECTION 2: The purpose of the Task Force shall be to study and make recommendations to the Governor: for the establishment of an ongoing trade relationship with countries on the African continent; to explore and facilitate the export of Louisiana produced goods to the African continent; to introduce Louisiana businesses into the lucrative African markets; to develop and coordinate the establishment of trade offices in Africa; to define specific Louisiana products, services and technologies that are currently needed in Africa; to establish a cultural and tourism exchange program, and other duties as adopted by the Task Force.

SECTION 3: The Task Force shall be composed of the following members:

- a. One member representing the Oil and Gas Service Industry in Louisiana.
- b. One member representing the Agricultural Industry in Louisiana.
- c. One member representing the Aquacultural Industry in Louisiana.
- d. One member representing the Banking Industry in Louisiana.
- e. One member representing the Tourism Industry in Louisiana.
- f. Two members; one representing the Southern University System, and the other representing the Louisiana State University System.
- g. One member who is currently in the business of manufacturing goods in Louisiana.

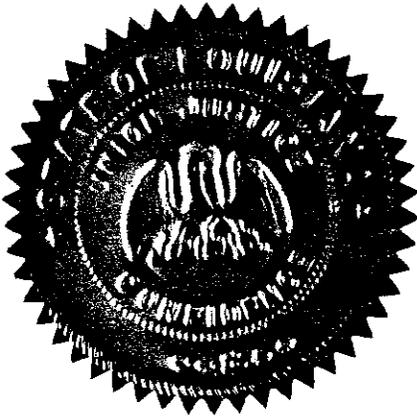
- h. The Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Economic Development
- i. Two at large members from the general public.
- j. One member from the Governor's Office.
- k. One member currently involved in the export trade business.

SECTION 4: All members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Chairman of the Task Force shall be appointed by the Governor.

SECTION 5: On or before April 15, 1992, the Task Force is to submit to the Governor a report of its findings and make recommendations.

SECTION 6: The Office of the Governor shall employ additional staff to assist the Task Force carrying out its functions and provide office space and funding for the Task Force to carry out the purposes of this order. All state agencies are directed to cooperate with the Task Force in carrying out its function and duties.

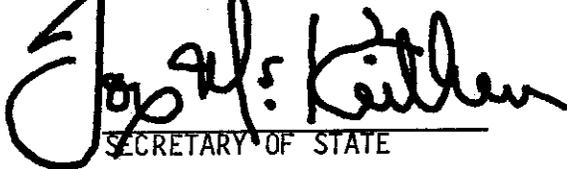
SECTION 7: The provisions of this order are to be effective upon the signature of the Governor and shall remain in effect until amended, modified or rescinded by the operation of law.



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 10th day of February, 1992.


GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE