Hudson and Veteran Initiative Programs

Louisiana’s Hudson and Veteran Initiatives are certification programs designed to help eligible Louisiana-based small businesses, Veteran-Owned small businesses, and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned small businesses gain greater access to purchasing and contracting opportunities that are available at the State government level. Both programs are race and gender neutral; State agencies and their contractors are encouraged to use small entrepreneurship whenever possible.

**Benefits**

- 10% of the total evaluation points can be added to a certified Small Entrepreneurship’s bid on a Request for Proposal (RFP)
- Prime contractors who use certified Small Entrepreneurships as a subcontractor on a bid for an RFP are also eligible to receive additional percentage points on their bid
- Business and contract information will be accessible to State purchasing officials and prime contractors looking for subcontractors
- For small purchases of less than $15,000, State agencies can waive the requirement of getting additional quotes if a certified company submit a quote that is reasonable

**Eligibility Requirements**

- Principal place of business must be in Louisiana
- Employ fewer than 50 full-time employees
- Average gross receipts do not exceed $5 million for non-construction companies / $10 million for construction companies
- Independently owned and operated
- Not dominant in its professional field
- Owned by persons domiciled in Louisiana
  - To qualify for the Veteran’s certification, at least 51% of the business must be owned by a Veteran/or a Service-Connected Disabled Veteran
- Owned by and has officers who are U.S. citizens or legal residents

Contact DNR’s Fiscal Division at 225-342-0688 if you have questions about the Hudson and Veteran Initiatives programs.

**Hudson and Veteran Initiatives (SE) Certification**

The Louisiana Department of Economic Development (LED) is responsible for certifying Small Entrepreneurships for participation in the Hudson and Veterans Initiatives programs. Certification is available online at [www.ledsmallbiz.com](http://www.ledsmallbiz.com) Contact LED at 225-342-3000 if you have specific questions about certification.