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7	MEETING MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
8	OF THE
9	LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
10	HELD AT
11	LOUISIANA STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BUILDING
12	FOURTH FLOOR BOARD ROOM
13	8401 UNITED PLAZA BOULEVARD
14	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
15	ON THE 27TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2013
16	COMMENCING AT 1:34 P.M.
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20	REPORTED BY: ELICIA H. WOODWORTH, CCR
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1	Appearances of Board Members Present:
2	R.K. Mehrotra
	Charles Soprano
3	Millie Atkins
	William King
4	Gale Potts-Roque Lance Belcher
5	Jeffrey Elmore
5	Andre Fruge
6	Richard Gonsoulin
	Gordon Burgess
7	Steve Grissom
8	Jerald Jones Thomas Holden
0	Kevin Langley
9	Mayor Glenn Brasseaux
	Senator Stephen Pugh
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	Staff members present:
11	Michelle Sorrell
12	Brenda Guess
	Frank Favaloro
13	Danielle Clapinski
	Marylyn Friedkin
14	Becky Lambert Anne Villa
15	Robin Tate
10	Roshanda Hanible
16	Felipe Martinez
	Eric Burton
17	Rick Broussard Lori Weber
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1	MR. MEHROTRA:
2	We'd like to welcome everybody to our
3	August 2013 meeting for the Board of Commerce and
4	Industry for the State of Louisiana.
5	Can we have a rollcall?
6	MS. SORRELL:
7	Matt Parker for Governor Jindal.
8	(No response.)
9	MS. SORRELL:
10	Steve Windham for Lieutenant Governor
11	Gordon.
12	(No response.)
13	MS. SORRELL:
14	Millie Atkins.
15	MS. ATKINS:
16	Here.
17	MS. SORRELL:
18	Lance Belcher.
19	MR. BELCHER:
20	Here.
21	MS. SORRELL:
22	Bryan Bossier.
23	(No response.)
24	MS. SORRELL:
25	Mayor Brasseaux.



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1	MAYOR BRASSEAUX:
2	Here.
3	MS. SORRELL:
4	Gordon Burgess.
5	MR. BURGESS:
6	Here.
7	MS. SORRELL:
8	Mark Delesdernier.
9	(No response.)
10	MS. SORRELL:
11	Jeffery Elmore.
12	MR. ELMORE:
13	Here.
14	MS. SORRELL:
15	Andre Fruge.
16	MR. FRUGE:
17	Here.
18	MS. SORRELL:
19	Richard Gonsoulin.
20	MR. GONSOULIN:
21	Here.
22	MS. SORRELL:
23	Steven Grissom for Secretary Moret.
24	MR. GRISSOM:
25	Here.



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1	MS. SORRELL:
2	Thomas Holden.
3	MR. HOLDEN:
4	Here.
5	MS. SORRELL:
6	Jerald Jones.
7	MR. JONES:
8	Here.
9	MS. SORRELL:
10	William King.
11	MR. KING:
12	Here.
13	MS. SORRELL:
14	Kevin Langley.
15	MR. LANGLEY:
16	Here.
17	MS. SORRELL:
18	Senator Martini.
19	(No response.)
20	MS. SORRELL:
21	R.K. Mehrotra.
22	MR. MEHROTRA:
23	Here.
24	MS. SORRELL:
25	Representative Ponti.



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1	(No	response.)
2	MS.	SORRELL:
3		Representative Pugh.
4		(No response.)
5	MS.	SORRELL:
6		Senator Riser.
7	(No	response.)
8	MS.	SORRELL:
9		Gale Potts-Roque.
10	MS.	POTTS-ROQUE:
11		Here.
12	MS.	SORRELL:
13		Wilda smith.
14		(No response.)
15	MS.	SORRELL:
16		Charles Soprano.
17	MR.	SOPRANO:
18		Here.
19	MS.	SORRELL:
20		We have a quorum.
21	MR.	MEHROTRA:
22		Thank you.
23		Can I have a motion to approve the
24	minutes from our	June 25th, 2013 meeting?
25	MR.	JONES:



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1	So moved.
2	MR. MEHROTRA:
3	Moved by Mr. Jones, second by
4	Mr. Gonsoulin.
5	All in favor, say "aye".
6	(Several members respond "aye".)
7	MR. MEHROTRA:
8	All opposed.
9	(No response.)
10	MR. MEHROTRA:
11	There is no opposition.
12	If you would like to address the Board,
13	please fill out a blue card and turn them in at the
14	table so we can address your concerns or issues.
15	Mr. Favaloro, the Quality Jobs Program.
16	MR. FAVALORO:
17	I have three Quality Jobs applications:
18	20130033, S&E Design and Construction LLC in Lincoln
19	Parish; 20111126, Southern Precision, Inc. in St.
20	Charles; and 20120946, WSP Chemicals & Technology, LLC
21	in Caddo Parish.
22	That concludes the applications.
23	MR. MEHROTRA:
24	Thank you, Mr. Favaloro.
25	Can I get a motion to approve?



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1		By Ms. Atkins, second by
2	Ms. Potts-Roque	•
3		Comments or discussion from the floor?
4	(No	response.)
5	MR.	MEHROTRA:
6		Comments or discussion from the Board?
7	(No	response.)
8	MR.	MEHROTRA:
9		All in favor, say "aye".
10	(Sev	veral members respond "aye".)
11	MR.	MEHROTRA:
12		All opposed.
13	(No	response.)
14	MR.	MEHROTRA:
15		There is no opposition.
16	MR.	FAVALORO:
17		I have one Renewal Application:
18	20081199, Tamino	co, Inc. in Iberville Parish.
19		That concludes the renewals.
20	MR.	MEHROTRA:
21		Thank you.
22		Motion to approve by Mr. Belcher, second
23	by Mr. King.	
24		Any comments or discussion from the
25	floor?	



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1	(No response.)
2	MR. MEHROTRA:
3	Any comments or discussion from the
4	Board?
5	(No response.)
6	MR. MEHROTRA:
7	All in favor, say "aye".
8	(Several members respond "aye".)
9	MR. MEHROTRA:
10	All opposed.
11	(No response.)
12	MR. MEHROTRA:
13	There is no opposition.
14	MR. FAVALORO:
15	I have one Request to Terminate the
16	following contract: Geocent, LLC, Contract Number
17	0070950. The company requested termination of the
18	contract. They have met all of the requirements of the
19	program. They're transferring their employees of this
20	contract site to other Louisiana sites. In Jefferson
21	Parish.
22	MR. MEHROTRA:
23	Thank you.
24	Motion to approve?
25	MS. POTTS-ROQUE:



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1	So moved.
2	MR. MEHROTRA:
3	By Ms. Potts-Roque. Second by
4	Mr. Elmore.
5	Comments or discussion from the floor?
6	(No response.)
7	MR. MEHROTRA:
8	Comments or discussion from the Board?
9	(No response.)
10	MR. MEHROTRA:
11	All in favor, say "aye".
12	(Several members respond "aye".)
13	MR. MEHROTRA:
14	All opposed.
15	(No response.)
16	MR. MEHROTRA:
17	There is no opposition.
18	MR. FAVALORO:
19	I have one Request for Change in Name
20	Only: 040943, Cheniere LNG O&M Services LP in Cameron
21	Parish.
22	MR. MEHROTRA:
23	Okay. Thank you, Mr. Favaloro.
24	Motion to approve?
25	MR. KING:



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So moved. 1 2 MR. MEHROTRA: By Mr. King, second by Mr. Fruge. 3 4 Comments or discussion from the floor? 5 (No response.) 6 MR. MEHROTRA: Comments or discussion from the Board? 7 8 (No response.) MR. MEHROTRA: 9 All in favor, say "aye". 10 11 (Several members respond "aye".) 12 MR. MEHROTRA: 13 All opposed. 14 (No response.) MR. MEHROTRA: 15 16 There is no opposition. 17 MR. FAVALORO: 18 I have one Request to Change Operating 19 Site Only: CF Industries, Inc., Contract Number 051110 20 from 39041 Highway 18, Donaldsonville, Louisiana to 39018 Highway 3089 in Donaldsonville, Louisiana. 21 Both 22 are in Ascension Parish. 23 MR. MEHROTRA: 24 Okay. Motion to approve by 25 Mr. Gonsoulin and second by Mr. Burgess.



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1	Comments or discussion from the floor?
2	(No response.)
3	MR. MEHROTRA:
4	Comments or discussion from the Board?
5	(No response.)
6	MR. MEHROTRA:
7	All in favor, say "aye".
8	(Several members respond "aye".)
9	MR. MEHROTRA:
10	All opposed.
11	(No response.)
12	MR. MEHROTRA:
13	There is no opposition.
14	Thank you.
15	All right. The Restoration Tax
16	Abatement Program by Ms. Lambert.
17	MS. LAMBERT:
18	Good afternoon. We have two
19	applications for consideration today. The first one is
20	20110169. The company is 214 Decatur Street
21	Development, LLC in New Orleans, and the second one is
22	20120148, Robert Family Partnership #1 in Gonzales,
23	Ascension Parish. That's for a total of two
24	applications.
25	MR. MEHROTRA:



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1	Thank you.
2	Motion to approve by Ms. Atkins, second
3	by Ms. Potts-Roque.
4	All in favor I'm sorry. Comments or
5	discussion from the floor?
6	(No response.)
7	MR. MEHROTRA:
8	Comments or discussion from the Board?
9	(No response.)
10	MR. MEHROTRA:
11	All in favor, say "aye".
12	(Several members respond "aye".)
13	MR. MEHROTRA:
14	All opposed.
15	(No response.)
16	MR. MEHROTRA:
17	There is no opposition.
18	Okay. Thank you, Ms. Lambert.
19	Enterprise Zone Program by Ms. Hanible.
20	MS. HANIBLE:
21	Thank you. We have 37 applications:
22	Belleville Assisted Living Center, LLC in Orleans
23	Parish, Berry Contracting, LP in Plaquemines Parish,
24	Berry Contracting, LP in St. Mary Parish and another
25	Berry Contracting, LP in St. Mary Parish, Bollinger

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1 Quick Repair, LLC in Jefferson Parish, Chabill's Tire 2 Service, LLC East Baton Rouge Parish, Circle Bowl, Incorporated doing business as Premier Lanes in 3 4 Ascension Parish, Civic Theater Operating Company, LLC doing business as Civic Theater in Orleans Parish, 5 Coastal Bridge Company, LLC in Lafayette Parish, 6 Community Care Center in Covington, LLC doing business 7 8 as Forest Manor Nursing Home in St. Tammany Parish, Deano Hardwoods, LLC in Lafayette Parish, Diversity One 9 10 Staffing in Ouachita Parish, DOC Ready Mix, LLC in Caddo Parish, Doerle Food Service, LLC in Lafayette Parish, 11 12 Dupre Logistics, LLC in West Baton Rouge Parish, Group 13 Contractors, LLC in East Baton Rouge Parish, Guest House 14 Holdings, LLC in Ouachita Parish, Hammond Dental Care, 15 LLC in Tangipahoa Parish, Lafayette General Medical 16 Center, Incorporated in Lafayette Parish, Lake Charles Gardens, LLC in Calcasieu Parish, Lamar Texas Limited 17 18 Partnership in East Baton Rouge Parish, Little Gem 19 Saloon, LLC doing business as Little Gem Saloon in 20 Orleans Parish, LRP Seafood, LLC in Orleans Parish, 21 Murray's Incorporated doing business as Alexander's 22 Highland Market in East Baton Rouge Parish, Perryville 23 Gas Storage, LLC in Franklin Parish, Petrin Corporation 24 in West Baton Rouge Parish, Prescriptions to Geaux, 25 Incorporated in East Baton Rouge Parish, Roofing



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1	Solutions, LLC in Ascension Parish, SGS North America,
2	Incorporated doing business as SGS Petroleum Service
3	Corporation in East Baton Rouge Parish, Singleton,
4	Kellner, Bolding, Avant & Albarado, LLC in Lafayette
5	Parish, SSC Dental Center, LLC in West Feliciana,
6	Stuller, Incorporated in Lafayette Parish, The National
7	World War II Museum, Incorporated in Orleans Parish,
8	Turner Specialty Services, LLC, East Baton Rouge Parish,
9	Walgreen Louisiana Company, Incorporated doing business
10	as Walgreens #15366 in West Baton Rouge Parish, Walmart
11	Louisiana, LLC doing business as Neighborhood Market
12	#3042 in St. Tammany Parish, Willis Knighton Medical
13	Center, Incorporated in Caddo Parish.
14	MR. MEHROTRA:
15	Thank you.
16	Now, do I have a motion to approve?
17	By Mr. Soprano. Second by Mr. Burgess.
18	Comments or discussion from the floor?
19	(No response.)
20	MR. MEHROTRA:
21	Comments or discussion from the Board?
22	(No response.)
23	MR. MEHROTRA:
24	All in favor, say "aye".
25	(Several members respond "aye".)



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1	MR. MEHROTRA:
2	All opposed.
3	(No response.)
4	MR. MEHROTRA:
5	There is no opposition.
6	MS. LAMBERT:
7	Thank you.
8	We have one Application for
9	Cancellation, and that's Enterprise Zone Application
10	Number 20110323, Advance Stores Company, Incorporated in
11	Lafayette Parish. The Board approved their application
12	in April of 2012, however, the Department of Revenue
13	issued an objection against the company. Since that
14	time, the company has been unable to resolve the
15	objection with the Department of Revenue.
16	MR. MEHROTRA:
17	Thank you.
18	Motion to approve?
19	MS. POTTS-ROQUE:
20	So moved.
21	MR. MEHROTRA:
22	Ms. Potts-Roque, second by Mr. Fruge.
23	Comments or discussion from the floor?
24	(No response.)
25	MR. MEHROTRA:



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1	Comments or discussion from the Board?
2	(No response.)
3	MR. MEHROTRA:
4	All in favor, say "aye".
5	(Several members respond "aye".)
6	MR. MEHROTRA:
7	All opposed.
8	(No response.)
9	MR. MEHROTRA:
10	There is so opposition.
11	MS. HANIBLE:
12	We have one project that wishes to
13	change site location, Contract Number 20120246, WJMB
14	Transport, Incorporated, current address 1813 Veterans
15	Boulevard, Metairie, Louisiana. Their new location is
16	5029 Bloomfield Street in Jefferson, Louisiana.
17	MR. MEHROTRA:
18	Thank you.
19	Motion to approve by Mr. Brasseaux,
20	second by Mr. Parker Mr. Parker correct?
21	MR. PUGH:
22	Push.
23	MR. MEHROTRA:
24	Mr. Pugh. I'm sorry. Thank you.
25	Second by Representative Pugh.

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1	Comments or discussion from the floor?
2	(No response.)
3	MR. MEHROTRA:
4	Comments or discussion from the Board?
5	(No response.)
6	MR. MEHROTRA:
7	All in favor, say "aye".
8	(Several members respond "aye".)
9	MR. MEHROTRA:
10	All opposed.
11	(No response.)
12	MR. MEHROTRA:
13	There is no objection.
14	MS. HANIBLE:
15	We have one request for business name
16	change: Enterprise Zone Contract Number 20091139,
17	Christian Brothers School located in Jefferson Parish.
18	They would like to change their name on their contact to
19	Brothers of the Christian Schools of New Orleans,
20	Louisiana, Incorporated, doing business as Christian
21	Brothers School.
22	MR. MEHROTRA:
23	Okay. Motion to approve by Mr. Holden,
24	second by Mr. King.
25	Comments or discussion from the floor?



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1	(No	response.)
2	MR.	MEHROTRA:
3		Comments or discussion from the Board?
4	(No	response.)
5	MR.	MEHROTRA:
6		All in favor, say "aye".
7	(Ser	veral members respond "aye".)
8	MR.	MEHROTRA:
9		All opposed.
10	(No	response.)
11	MR.	MEHROTRA:
12		There is no opposition.
13	MS.	HANIBLE:
14		There are 10 Enterprise Zone contracts
15	being presented	for cancelation. If it's acceptable to
16	you, Mr. Chairma	an, we'll accept is it as printed in the
17	agenda.	
18	MR.	MEHROTRA:
19		Can I have a motion to handle in globo?
20	MR.	JONES:
21		So moved.
22	MR.	MEHROTRA:
23		By Mr. Jones. Second by Mr. Fruge.
24		Comment or discussion from the floor?
25	(No	response.)



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1	MR.	MEHROTRA:
2		Comments or discussion from the Board?
3	(No	response.)
4	MR.	MEHROTRA:
5		All in favor, say "aye".
6	(Sev	veral members respond "aye".)
7	MR.	MEHROTRA:
8		All opposed.
9	(No	response.)
10	MR.	MEHROTRA:
11		There is no opposition.
12	MR.	HANIBLE:
13		Thank you.
14		We have 13 Enterprise Zone applications
15	being presented	for termination. Once again, Mr.
16	Chairman, I ask	that we can accept these contracts as
17	printed in the a	agenda.
18	MR.	MEHROTRA:
19		Can I have a motion to handle in globo?
20	MS.	POTTS-ROQUE:
21		So moved.
22	MR.	MEHROTRA:
23		By Ms. Potts-Roque, second by Mr. King.
24		Comments or discussion from the floor?
25	(No	response.)



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1	MR. MEHROTRA:
2	Comments or discussion from the Board?
3	MR. JONES:
4	Mr. Chairman.
5	Ms. Hanible, I'm assuming that all of
6	the applicants or the contract holders know that they're
7	up for being terminated today.
8	MS. HANIBLE:
9	Yes, sir.
10	MR. JONES:
11	Okay.
12	MS. HANIBLE:
13	Actually, terminations are normally
14	initiated by the contract holders after fulfilling all
15	of the requirements of the program.
16	MR. JONES:
17	Okay. Thank you.
18	MR. MEHROTRA:
19	Thank you, Mr. Jones.
20	Any further discussion from the Board?
21	(No response.)
22	MR. MEHROTRA:
23	All in favor, say "aye".
24	(Several members respond "aye".)
25	MR. MEHROTRA:



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1	All opposed.
2	(No response.)
3	MR. MEHROTRA:
4	There is no opposition.
5	MS. HANIBLE:
6	Thank you.
7	Lastly, we have one contract for
8	reinstatement, Enterprise Zone Contract Number 051126,
9	Frank Silva & Sons, Incorporated in Jefferson Parish.
10	The reason that the contract was initially presented to
11	the board was due to non-compliance. Since that time,
12	the department learned that this contract was
13	inadvertently canceled, so the department is making a
14	recommendation to have this reinstated.
15	MR. MEHROTRA:
16	All right.
17	Motion to approve.
18	MS. POTTS-ROQUE:
19	So moved.
20	MR. MEHROTRA:
21	Ms. Potts-Roque, second by
22	Representative Pugh.
23	Comments or discussion from the floor?
24	(No response.)
25	MR. MEHROTRA:



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1		Comments or discussion from the Board?
2	(No	response.)
3	MR.	MEHROTRA:
4		All in favor, say "aye".
5	(Sev	veral members respond "aye".)
6	MR.	MEHROTRA:
7		All opposed.
8	(No	response.)
9	MR.	MEHROTRA:
10		There is no opposition.
11	MR.	MEHROTRA:
12		Thank you, Ms. Hanible.
13		Industrial Tax Exemption Program by
14	Ms. Weber.	
15	MS.	WEBER:
16		Yes, sir.
17		Do you want me to read all of the 113
18	applications int	to the record as written?
19	MR.	MEHROTRA:
20		May I have a motion to handle it in
21	globo?	
22		By Mayor Brasseaux, second by
23	Mr. Belcher.	
24		Comments or discussion from the floor?
25	MR.	JONES:



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1	Actually, Mr. Chairman, Ms. Weber is
2	coming off of vacation, and I think she needs to get
3	back into the swing of things.
4	MS. WEBER:
5	No. Well, wait for the 300 one.
6	MR. JONES:
7	I look forward to that.
8	MS. WEBER:
9	Not going to happen this year.
10	MR. MEHROTRA:
11	Comments or discussion from the floor.
12	(No response.)
13	MR. MEHROTRA:
14	Comments or discussion from the Board?
15	(No response.)
16	MR. MEHROTRA:
17	All in favor, say "aye".
18	(Several members respond "aye".)
19	MR. MEHROTRA:
20	All opposed.
21	(No response.)
22	MR. MEHROTRA:
23	There is no opposition.
24	MS. WEBER:
25	All right. I have two sets of



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1	transfers: PPG Industries to Eagle US 2, LLC in
2	Calcasieu, and Williams Olefins to Discovery Producer
3	Services in Lafourche.
4	MR. MEHROTRA:
5	Thank you.
6	Motion to approve by Mr. Soprano, second
7	by Mr. Holden.
8	Comments or discussion from the floor.
9	(No response.)
10	MR. MEHROTRA:
11	Comments or discussion from the Board.
12	(No response.)
13	MR. MEHROTRA:
14	All in favor, say "aye".
15	(Several members respond "aye".)
16	MR. MEHROTRA:
17	All opposed.
18	(No response.)
19	MR. MEHROTRA:
20	There is no opposition.
21	MS. WEBER:
22	All right. I have two changes of name,
23	both for LAD Services, LLC to LAD Salvage, LLC, one set
24	in St. Martin, the other in St. Mary.
25	MR. MEHROTRA:



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1	Thank you.
2	MR. JONES:
3	So moved.
4	MR. MEHROTRA:
5	Motion to approve by Mr. Jones, second
6	by Ms. Atkins.
7	Comments or discussion from the floor?
8	(No response.)
9	MR. MEHROTRA:
10	Comments or discussion from the Board?
11	(No response.)
12	MR. MEHROTRA:
13	All in favor, say "aye".
14	(Several members respond "aye".)
15	MR. MEHROTRA:
16	All opposed.
17	(No response.)
18	MR. MEHROTRA:
19	There is no opposition.
20	MS. WEBER:
21	All right. There are two sets of
22	cancelations: News-Star, Contracts Number 050925 and
23	20080297. The company ceased manufacturing and we are
24	recommending cancelation of those contracts. That's in
25	Ouachita. The second set is for Shaw Process

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Fabricators, Incorporated 20030084, 050535, 061066, 1 070490, 20080463, and 20090420. They've been paying 2 3 property tax on the assets, so they're no longer 4 eligible and we're just requesting that they be canceled. This is in Ouachita. 5 6 MR. MEHROTRA: 7 Thank you, Ms. Weber. 8 Motion to approve. 9 MS. ATKINS: 10 So moved. MR. MEHROTRA: 11 12 By Ms. Atkins. Second by 13 Ms. Potts-Roque. 14 Comment or discussion from the floor. 15 (No response.) 16 MR. MEHROTRA: 17 Comments or discussion from the Board. 18 (No response.) 19 MR. MEHROTRA: 20 All in favor, say "aye". 21 (Several members respond "aye".) 22 MR. MEHROTRA: 23 All opposed. 24 (No response.) 25 MR. MEHROTRA:



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1	There is no opposition.		
2	MS. WEBER:		
3	I just have a minor housekeeping matter.		
4	This is going back to April 20th, 2011 Specials Report.		
5	A Partial Transfer request for Imperial Savannah to		
6	Louisiana Sugar Refinery was incorrectly reported.		
7	There was a wrong dollar value, so what we're doing is		
8	we're just correcting it to read as follows: Imperial		
9	Savannah, LP, Contract 20100542 in the amount of		
10	\$2,451,338. Imperial retained \$236,530. Louisiana		
11	Sugar Refinery received \$2,214,808. This is in St.		
12	James. This is just to amend the minutes for the April		
13	20, 2008 meeting.		
14	MS. POTTS-ROQUE:		
15	So moved.		
16	MR. MEHROTRA:		
17	By Ms. Potts-Roque, second by Mr. King.		
18	Comments or discussion from the floor?		
19	(No response.)		
20	MR. MEHROTRA:		
21	From the board?		
22	(No response.)		
23	MR. MEHROTRA:		
24	All in favor, say "aye".		
25	(Several members respond "aye".)		



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1	MR. MEHROTRA:
2	All opposed.
3	(No response.)
4	MR. MEHROTRA:
5	There is no opposition.
6	MS. WEBER:
7	Okay. We have 13 renewals. Would you
8	just like to read them as printed, or do you want me to
9	read them into the record?
10	MR. MEHROTRA:
11	Do I have a motion to handle in globo?
12	By Mr. Fruge, second by Mr. King.
13	Comments or discussion from the floor?
14	(No response.)
15	MR. MEHROTRA:
16	Comments or discussion from the Board.
17	(No response.)
18	MR. MEHROTRA:
19	All in favor, say "aye".
20	(Several members respond "aye".)
21	MR. MEHROTRA:
22	All opposed.
23	(No response.)
24	MR. MEHROTRA:
25	There is no opposition.

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1 MS. WEBER: 2 That's all I have. Thank you. 3 MR. MEHROTRA: 4 Thank you, Ms. Weber. Mr. Grissom from LED, would you like to 5 6 make some comments? 7 MR. GRISSOM: 8 Absolutely. Thank you. 9 Thank you Board members. I appreciate 10 you participating today, appreciate your service to the Board of Commerce & Industry. It's been busy times at 11 12 the department. A lot of activity. A lot of exciting 13 things in the pipeline. We've got a great team. I just 14 want to say thanks to all of our team members who are 15 here. We've been hard at work, and, again, excited 16 about the activities underway right now and what we have in store for the coming months. 17 18 I want to cover three topics today, and 19 this will be fairly brief, so bear with me. The first 20 one is just some of our efforts in International 21 Commerce. Second, I just wanted to cover some of our 22 recently announced projects and some of the progress we've made in business climate rankings. 23 24 On the International front, we are 25 making a big push this fiscal year to build on



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Louisiana's historical role in the international 1 2 commerce. We've long been a leader in global trade and trade-related manufacturing. We're expecting that road 3 4 to rapidly expand in the near future. In particular, on the FDI front, we expect our cumulative FDI to triple 5 6 over the next few years, versus where we've been just 7 six years ago, so a very large increase in foreign 8 direct investment into the State. We're currently working with our new Office of International Commerce. 9 10 This is a new office that was established approximately one year ago, is fully in place now, and the LED working 11 12 with our board members are focused on a number of 13 things, including the first Louisiana master plan for 14 International Commerce and that is going to identify 15 three exciting goals and detail how we will go about 16 executing on those goals. The first one is expanding imports and exports with a specific focus on trying to 17 18 dramatically boast your trade with Central America and 19 South America. Second, securing more trade-related 20 value-added manufacturer projects, for instance, 21 projects such as Folgers and Zagis USA, where we're 22 adding value to products that we're importing into the State through manufacturing. And then third, a strong 23 focus on major FDI projects, foreign direct investments, 24 25 building on recent products, like Benteler Steel, Sasol



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and SE Tylos, which is a ShinTech affiliate. These are
works in progress, but I do expect by the end of the
calendar year that we'll have made substantial progress
on those three prongs of the strategic plan and begin
executing those in a very rapid fashion. So exciting
work going on from the international perspective within
the department and within the International Commerce.

8 From a projects perspective, we've been 9 very busy, and a couple that I wanted to point out, 10 projects across the State, and I think some very interesting industries. The first is an announcement 11 that came out last Friday, Cool Planet Energy Systems 12 13 announcing a \$168-million investment in three Louisiana 14 bio-refineries. Cool Planet Energy Systems is a company 15 based in Denver, and it's investors include BP, Google 16 Ventures, GE, ConocoPhillips, NRG Energy and others. So a well-backed company that's focused on modular biomass 17 18 to gasoline refineries, basically taking wood waste, 19 forest bi-products and converting them to fuel products, 20 gasoline products. The first of the bio-refineries is 21 to start construction in January of this year in the 22 Port of Alexandria. The second facility is slated for Natchitoches, and the third facility at a 23 to-be-determined location in Louisiana. So very 24 25 exciting, new, clean energy environments coming to the



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State and something we're very pleased with. 1 2 Another announcement in the Lake Charles area was with AAR, Incorporated announced 500 new jobs 3 4 at Chennault focused on maintenance, repair and overhaul in the aviation sector. These are 500 new jobs that 5 built on 250 existing jobs that were at Chennault prior 6 to this announcement, so for a total of 750 direct jobs 7 8 in the Lake Charles area. AAR is a global provider of products and services to commercial airlines and is also 9 10 a top 100 defense contractor. They're the largest 11 independent maintenance repair overhaul business in the 12 United States. So very pleased to have AAR coming into 13 the State of Louisiana and moving forward with significant operations getting up to 750 jobs over the 14 15 next several years.

16 The final project I wanted to comment on 17 was one here in Baton Rouge, which was CB&I announcing 18 400 new jobs associated with Gulf Solutions Team, and 19 these are jobs that the company is centralizing from 20 other locations across the US. CB&I was part of the 21 acquisition of the Shaw Group, and the Government 22 Solutions component of CB&I was one of four divisions, I 23 believe, is going to consolidate or centralize those operations here in Baton Rouge. So for a net increase 24 25 of 400 professional jobs focused on their Gulf



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1 Solutions.

So a number of very exciting announcements across the State and really a lot in the pipeline. I encourage you to keep a close eye out. We will have a number of exciting things in the pipeline to cover over the coming weeks.

Finally, we have a number of rankings 7 8 that we are very, very pleased with, and they came out 9 and pretty quick succession in the July timeframe, so 10 just as we started the fiscal year. I'll comment on a 11 few of those. Southern Business & Development, this is 12 a magazine that covers economic development in the South 13 They just awarded Louisiana their fourth State of U.S. 14 the Year Award in the last five years. We were Co-State 15 of the Year with Texas, but four of the last five years, 16 we've been ranked as either State or Co-State of the That award is based on number economic 17 Year. 18 development projects in the State inaugurate. There's a 19 point system where they award projects a certain scale a 20 number of points and larger scale a number of points, 21 and Louisiana, based on its performance, was awarded 22 State of the Year. And, again, this is the fourth out 23 of fifth year, so this is quite an accomplish for our 24 team and for the State.

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We were recently ranked number four in



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the U.S. for business climate by Business Facilities 1 2 Magazine, and our workforce training program, LED FastStart, was ranked the Top Workforce Training Program 3 4 in the Nation for the fourth consecutive year. LED FastStart was established five years ago with a team 5 6 that had experience in workforce training for expanding or operations starting up and they really hit the ground 7 8 running and it's tremendous that they've been recognized 9 now four years in a row as the top program. Very 10 innovative, very customer friendly and one of strong valued propositions that we're able to bring companies 11 12 when they're looking at Louisiana, and they'll be 13 involved with the three projects I mentioned earlier in 14 my comments.

15 And then finely, on another business 16 climate ranking, Pollina Corporate Real Estate, we now rank Number 14, and this is up 26 spots since 2008 and 17 18 is the largest improvement of any state in the last five 19 So we still have room to go at number 14. vears. We'd 20 love to crack that top 10, but we've been moving in the 21 right direction in the last five years, and that 22 improvement of 26 spots is top 50 states, so we're very 23 pleased with that result. Now, we have work ahead, but 24 we when we talk about Louisiana momentum, in particular, 25 to companies out of state, these are some of the things



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we point to to establish credibility and to bring some 1 2 weight to the comments they make. They obviously expect our department to be talking highly about the state, but 3 4 if you have independent publications saying the same thing, it goes a long way. 5 So I'll wrap up with that. Any 6 questions, I'd be happy to answer, but I want to close 7 by saying thank you for your service, and I appreciate 8 9 you taking the time to be here today. Thank you. MR. MEHROTRA: 10 11 Thank you, Mr. Grissom. Fantastic. 12 Great job. 13 I want to thank the staff for all of 14 their hard work. We appreciate y'all very much. 15 Any further comments? 16 (No response.) 17 MR. MEHROTRA: 18 Any comments from the floor? 19 MR. ZATARAIN: 20 Yes, sir. I'd like the Board -- Mickey 21 Zatarain. I'd like the Board to acknowledge 22 Representative Pugh's suit and how nice he looked today. 23 **REPRESENTATIVE PUGH:** 24 I only have a couple more days to wear 25 it.



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7		MR. MEHROTRA:	
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