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10	BOARD OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MEETING,
11	TAKEN AT THE LOUISIANA STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT
12	SYSTEM, 8401 UNITED PLAZA BOULEVARD, 4TH FLOOR,
13	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA ON OCTOBER 22, 2013
14	COMMENCING AT 1:40 P.M.
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17	REPORTED BY:
18	RACHEL Y. TORRES, CCR, RPR
19	CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER
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4	LANCE BELCHER
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6	GORDON BURGESS
7	JEFFREY ELMORE
8	RICHARD GONSULIN
9	STEVEN GRISSOM
10	THOMAS HOLDEN
11	JERRY JONES
12	WILLIAM KING
13	MICHELLE DUCHARME
14	R.K. MEHROTRA
15	STEVE CARTER
16	GALE POTTS ROQUE
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5	MARYLYN FRIEDKIN
6	FRANK FAVALORO
7	RICK BROUSSARD
8	ANNE VILLA
9	BRENDA GUESS
10	BECKY LAMBERT
11	ROSHONDA HANIBLE
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1	MR. MEHROTRA:
2	I would like to welcome
3	everybody to our 2013 meeting of
4	the State of Louisiana Board of
5	Commerce and Industry. Can we
6	have the roll call, please.
7	MS. SORRELL:
8	Matt Parker for Governor
9	Jindal. Steve Windham for Lt.
10	Gov.
11	MR. WINDHAM:
12	Here.
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	Brian Bossier. Mayor
23	Brasseaux.
24	MR. BRASSEAUX:
25	Here.



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1	MS. SORRELL:
2	Gordon Burgess.
3	MR.BURGESS:
4	Here.
5	MS. SORRELL:
6	Mark Delesdernier. Jeffrey
7	Elmore.
8	MR. ELMORE:
9	Here.
10	MS. SORRELL:
11	Andre Fruge. Richard
12	Gonsulin.
13	MR. GONSULIN:
14	Here.
15	MS. SORRELL:
16	Steve Grissom for Secretary
17	Moret.
18	MR. GRISSOM:
19	Here.
20	MS. SORRELL:
21	Thomas Holden.
22	MR. HOLDEN:
23	Here.
24	MS. SORRELL:
25	Jerry Jones.



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1	MR. JONES:
2	Here.
3	MS. SORRELL:
4	William King.
5	MR. KING:
6	Here.
7	MS. SORRELL:
8	Kevin Langley. Senator Danny
9	Martiny.
10	MS. DUCHARME:
11	Here.
12	MS. SORRELL:
13	Oh, Michelle. R.K. Mehrotra.
14	MR. MEHROTRA:
15	Here.
16	MS. SORRELL:
17	Steve Carter for
18	Representative Ponti.
19	MR. CARTER:
20	Here.
21	MS. SORRELL:
22	Representative Pugh. Senator
23	Riser. Gale Potts Roque. Wilda
24	Smith.
25	MS. SMITH:



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1	Here.
2	MS. SORRELL:
3	Charles Soprano.
4	MR. SOPRANO:
5	Here.
6	MS. SORRELL:
7	We have a quorum.
8	MR. MEHROTRA:
9	Thank you. I would like to
10	welcome Representative Carter
11	sitting in for Representative
12	Ponti today. Thank you, Mr.
13	Carter.
14	If I can get an approval of
15	the minutes from our August 2013
16	meeting. Can I have a motion? Mr.
17	King, and second by Ms. Atkins.
18	All in favor.
19	ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
20	Aye.
21	MR. MEHROTRA:
22	All opposed? There was no
23	opposition. If you would like to
24	address the Board, please fill
25	out a blue card and bring it up



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1	to the desk. We will be happy to
2	entertain any questions or
3	concerns. Quality Jobs Program.
4	Mr. Favaloro.
5	MR. FAVALORO:
6	Yes. I have a four Quality
7	Jobs applications. 20121249, ABC
8	Baton Rouge LLC in East Baton
9	Rouge. 20120781, Crompion
10	International, LLC in East Baton
11	Rouge. 20120993, Gremillion & Pou
12	and Associates, Inc. in Caddo.
13	20110035, Instrument and Valve
14	Services Company and
15	Fisher-Rosemont in Ascension.
16	That concludes the applications.
17	MR. MEHROTRA:
18	Thank you. Can I get a motion
19	to approve? Mr. Elmore. Second by
20	Ms. Smith. Comments or
21	discussions from the floor?
22	MR. JONES:
23	Mr. Favaloro, even in Caddo
24	that's Gremillion & Pou.
25	MR. FAVALORO:



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1	Mr. Jones, I knew you were
2	going to say that.
3	(LAUGHTER)
4	MR. MEHROTRA:
5	Thank you for clearing that
6	up for us. Any discussion from
7	the floor? Any comments or
8	discussion from the Board? All in
9	favor say aye.
10	ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
11	Aye.
12	MR. MEHROTRA:
13	All opposed? There is no
14	opposition.
15	MR. FAVALORO:
16	I have three renewal
17	applications. 20090154, Allen's
18	Electric Motor Service, Inc. in
19	Caddo. 20071010, Boeing Space
20	Operations Company, a wholly
21	owned subsidiary of the Boeing
22	Company in Orleans. And 070847,
23	Louisiana Elastomer, LLC in
24	Concordia. That concludes the
25	Renewals.



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1	MR. MEHROTRA:
2	Thank you. Can I get a motion
3	to approve. Mayor Brasseaux.
4	Second by Mr. Jones. Comments or
5	discussion from the floor?
6	Comments or discussion from the
7	Board. All in favor say aye.
8	ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
9	Aye.
10	MR. MEHROTRA:
11	All opposed? There is no
12	opposition. Mr. Favaloro. Are
13	you
14	MR. FAVALORO:
15	Yes, sir. That concludes
16	Quality Jobs.
17	MR. MEHROTRA:
18	Thank you, sir. Ms. Lambert.
19	MS. LAMBERT:
20	Good afternoon we have four
21	excuse me, five new
22	applications and one renewal for
23	Restoration Tax Abatement.
24	Beginning with Application No.
25	20100072 for Albertsons, LLC



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1	Store No. 4038. 20121243 for
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2	Butterbean Development Group,
3	LLC. 20131091, John Lafargue.
4	20130103, Renaissance Gateway
5	Limited Partnership. 20121193,
6	Tcic-Wah Productions; for a total
7	of five Restoration Tax Abatement
8	Applications for a total
9	investment of \$20,472,792.
10	MR. MEHROTRA:
11	Thank you. Motion to approve.
12	Mr. Burgess. Second by Mr.
13	Elmore. Comments or discussion
14	from the floor? Comments or
15	discussion from the Board? All in
16	favor say aye.
17	ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
18	Aye.
19	MR. MEHROTRA:
20	All opposed? There is no
21	opposition.
22	MS. LAMBERT:
23	Okay. We have one renewal for
24	20071090. GHA Properties, LLC.
25	MR. MEHROTRA:



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1	Thank you. Motion to approve
2	by Mr. Soprano. Second by Mr.
3	Windham. Comments or discussion
4	from the floor? Comments or
5	discussion from the Board? All in
6	favor say aye.
7	ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
8	Aye.
9	MR. MEHROTRA:
10	All opposed? There is no
11	opposition.
12	MS. LAMBERT:
13	Thank you.
14	MR. MEHROTRA:
15	Thank you, Ms. Lambert. Are
16	you going to be sitting in today?
17	Did I hear some comments over
18	there about this being your last
19	meeting?
20	MS. FRIEDKIN:
21	Yes, sir. I would like to
22	take a personal minute in the
23	board meeting and there's some of
24	you guys I have been serving with
25	for years and then some of the



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1	rest of you guys I have had short
2	periods, but it's been a long
3	road. I have been doing this for
4	19 years and whenever I started I
5	never thought that I would be
6	sitting here saying this is my
7	last one, but it is. I will be
8	retiring December the 1st. I have
9	20 work days left, and Ms. Smith
10	said something really nice
11	because people keep asking me
12	what I'm going to do and I'm not
13	sure yet, but she said because
14	I said whatever the good Lord
15	opens up for me, and she said
16	yeah, you are going to be running
17	down the halls until the God Lord
18	opens the door, and that's what
19	I'm going to be saying, so I
20	would like to take this time to
21	thank everyone and to let you
22	know how much I have really
23	enjoyed my tenure for the Board
24	of Commerce and Industry. It's
25	meant a lot to me. I have seen



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1	some real exciting things working
2	for the Department, and I
3	wouldn't trade it for anything in
4	the world for these 19 years that
5	I have been here, so thank y'all
6	so much.
7	MR. MEHROTRA:
8	Well, on behalf of the Board,
9	I want to say we greatly
10	appreciate all of your service.
11	It's been a real pleasure to work
12	with you. You are a fantastic
13	professional and we can't thank
14	you enough for everything that
15	you have done to help us.
16	MS. FRIEDKIN:
17	Thank you very much. I tried
18	to get out of reading this,
19	but
20	MR. MEHROTRA:
21	Well, we're glad you are
22	doing it.
23	MS. FRIEDKIN:
24	There are 20 applications.
25	20110312 for Chevron Oronite



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1	Company, LLC.
2	20100972 for Chevron USA,
3	Inc
4	20101010 for Chevron USA,
5	Inc
6	20120972, Commercial Capital
7	Bank.
8	20100897 for Elite
9	Communication Services
10	Incorporated doing business as
11	Elite Communication Services,
12	Inc
13	20101208, Epic Boats, LLC.
14	20120893, Gabriel Building
15	Supply Company Incorporated doing
16	business as Gabriel Building
17	Supply Company, Inc
18	20120759, JAMJOMAR XII 12
19	Incorporated.
20	20110895 MWIII II
21	Incorporated doing business as MW
22	III II Incorporated.
23	20110027 New Hotel Monte
24	MR. MEHROTRA:
25	Monteleone.



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1	MS. FRIEDKIN:
2	Easy for me to say, huh
3	Incorporated doing business as
4	Hotel Monteleone. Thank you. I
5	practiced that a while ago.
6	Then we've got 20130549,
7	Payless Supermarket Incorporated
8	doing business as LeBlanc Food
9	Store No. 14.
10	20120998, Payless Supermarket
11	Incorporated doing business as
12	Payless Supermarket No. 7.
13	20101107, Rapides Healthcare
14	System, LLC doing business as
15	Rapides Regional Medical Center.
16	20110587, Red Stick Armature
17	Works Incorporated.
18	20120423, Service Machine and
19	Supply Incorporated.
20	20121235, TigerBytes IT
21	Solutions, LLC.
22	20121070, WDG Investments,
23	LLC.
24	20130107, Wings-Up of
25	Slidell, LLC.



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1	20110763, Wright Moore Dehart
2	Dupuis & Hutchinson CPA doing
3	business as WMDDH.
4	And 20111066, Zelia, LLC.
5	We have an apartment,
6	20071256, JAE Properties
7	Incorporated.
8	MR. MEHROTRA:
9	Thank you. We wanted to let
10	you read all of those. Thank you.
11	Can I get a motion to approve?
12	By Ms. Potts Roque. Second by Ms.
13	Smith. Comments or discussion
14	from the floor? Comments or
15	discussion from the Board? All in
16	favor say aye.
17	ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
18	Aye.
19	MR. MEHROTRA:
20	All opposed? There is no
21	opposition.
22	MS. FRIEDKIN:
23	We have two changes of
24	addresses for the EZ Site.
25	Contract No. 20120984, Diversify



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1	One Staffing. They are moving
2	from Desiard Street to 501 North
3	Fifth Street in Monroe.
4	Then we've got Contract No.
5	20120794, Advanced Graphic
6	Engraving, LLC. They are moving
7	from New Iberia to 3105 Melancon
8	Road in Broussard.
9	MR. MEHROTRA:
10	Thank you. Motion to approve?
11	By Mr. Soprano. Second by Mr.
12	Jones. Comments or discussion
13	from the floor? Comments or
14	discussion from the Board? All in
15	favor say aye.
16	ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
17	Aye.
18	MR. MEHROTRA:
19	All opposed? There is no
20	opposition. Thank you.
21	MS. WEBER:
22	Are you ready for Industrial
23	Tax?
24	MR. MEHROTRA:
25	Yes, ma'am. Ms. Weber.



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1	MS. WEBER:
2	Would you like me to read all
3	of them?
4	MR. MEHROTRA:
5	How many do we have?
6	MS. WEBER:
7	56.
8	MR. MEHROTRA:
9	56.
10	MR. JONES:
11	Mr. Chairman, I move that we
12	accept all of them in globo all
13	56.
14	MR. MEHROTRA:
15	Okay. A motion by Mr. Jones
16	to handle the reading in globo.
17	Can I have a second, please, by
18	Mr. King. All in favor say aye.
19	ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
20	Aye.
21	MS. ATKINS:
22	I need to (inaudible)
23	Century Marketing Solution.
24	MR. MEHROTRA:
25	Ms. Atkins will abstain from



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1	the Century Marketing Solution,
2	LLC. So a motion to handle in
3	globo. All in favor say aye.
4	ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
5	Aye.
6	MR. MEHROTRA:
7	Anyone oppose?
8	MS. WEBER:
9	Next I have Transfer of Tax
10	Exemption Contract.
11	United States Aluminate
12	Company Incorporated, Contract
13	No. 070673. The new name will be
14	USALCO Port Allen Plant, LLC in
15	West Baton Rouge. Colfax Treating
16	Company, that is currently all
17	their active contracts to
18	Kisatchie Treating, LLC in
19	Rapides. Zappe Endeavors, LLC,
20	Contract 040968070009 and
21	20030637 to Utz Quality Foods
22	Incorporated in St. James. And,
23	last, Arrow Industries
24	Incorporated, Contract 060229 to
25	Dresser-Rand Services, LLC in La



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1	Salle.
2	MR. MEHROTRA:
3	Thank you, Ms. Weber. Motion
4	to approve. Mr. Belcher and
5	second by Mr. Elmore.
6	Comments or discussion from
7	the floor? Comments or discussion
8	from the Board? All in favor say
9	aye?
10	ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
11	Aye.
12	MR. MEHROTRA:
13	All opposed? There is no
14	opposition.
15	MS. WEBER:
16	All right. Partial Transfers.
17	Zappe Endeavors, LLC, Contract
18	No. 200806 0063, and that's
19	one too many zeros in the 2000.
20	20080063, SRS Leasing-Gramercy
21	LP-Building. They received
22	\$898,519. Utz Quality Foods
23	Incorporated receives the
24	equipment, which is \$815,514.
25	Zappe Endeavors, LLC,



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1	Contract 062018, SRS Leasing
2	Gramercy for the building
3	receives \$176,824. Utz Quality
4	Foods receives the equipment in
5	the amount of \$375,502 with four
6	thousand of that restricted.
7	Zappe Endeavors, Contract No.
8	20038027, SRS Leasing Gramercy LP
9	receives \$9,740 in building. Utz
10	Quality Foods Incorporated
11	receives \$563,628 in equipment.
12	Zappe Endeavors, LLC, 20081156,
13	SRS Leasing Gramercy LP Building
14	receives \$286,184. Utz Quality
15	Foods Incorporated receives the
16	equipment in the amount of
17	\$500,274. This is all in St.
18	James.
19	MR. MEHROTRA:
20	Thank you, Ms. Weber. A
21	motion to approve. Motion to
22	approve by Mr. Burgess. A second
23	by Mr. Holden. Comments or
24	discussion from the floor?
25	Comments or yes, Mr. Jones.



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1	MR. JONES:
2	Mr. Windham and I are
3	struggling with this. Is this
4	Zapps Potato Chips folks?
5	MS. WEBER:
6	Yes.
7	MR. JONES:
8	What's happening? Are we
9	going to be without our potato
10	chips?
11	MS. WEBER:
12	No. But it's no longer a
13	Louisiana company.
14	MS. POTTS ROQUE:
15	Utz is a northeastern
16	company.
17	MS. WEBER:
18	Yes. When Mr. Zapp died, they
19	struggled to keep the company
20	running, and I believe this was
21	Zapps best alternative. They are
22	keeping the plant open in
23	Louisiana.
24	MR. JONES:
25	They will keep the plant



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1	open?
2	MS. POTTS ROQUE:
3	Are they going to maintain
4	the name of Zapps for that
5	product line?
6	MS. WEBER:
7	No, ma'am. You should see it
8	in the stores already. It's
9	already listed as Utz.
10	MR. JONES:
11	So Zapps is now Utz ladies
12	and gentlemen, you don't learn
13	things unless you come to these
14	meetings. We are a variable
15	wealth of information.
16	MR. WINDHAM:
17	On the last one that you
18	read, Lori, the numbers don't add
19	up. Does that make sense?
20	MS. WEBER:
21	Oh, yes. You are right. I
22	will have to correct that. I will
23	bring it up to the next Board
24	meeting. Thank you for catching
25	that. It may be that they had



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1	some disposals, so
2	MR. MEHROTRA:
3	Thank you, Mr. Windham. Any
4	more comments or discussion from
5	the floor on this? Anything
6	additional from the Board? All in
7	favor say aye.
8	ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
9	Aye.
10	MR. MEHROTRA:
11	All opposed? There is no
12	opposition.
13	MS. WEBER:
14	All right. Change in Location
15	Only. I have two. Gulf Coast
16	Manufacturing, LLC, 20080247.
17	They are moving from 2103 Coteau
18	Road to 3622 West Main Street in
19	Gray, Terrebonne Parish. And then
20	MSS Real Estate, 20080994. They
21	are still in the Livingston
22	Parish Industrial Park. They just
23	have a specific street address of
24	15895 Industry Way in Walker.
25	That is Livingston.



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1	MR. MEHROTRA:
2	Okay. Thank you. Motion to
3	approve by Mr. Soprano. A second
4	by Mr. Windham. Comments or
5	discussion from the floor?
6	Comments or discussion from the
7	Board? All in favor say aye.
8	ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
9	Aye.
10	MR. MEHROTRA:
11	All opposed? There is no
12	opposition.
13	MS. WEBER:
14	All right. I have four
15	Cancellation of Contracts. Fiber
16	Form, LLC. Contract No. 0621808 A
17	and B. They are no longer
18	operating as a manufacturer, and
19	this is according to their parent
20	company. They have requested
21	we have requested the
22	cancellation of contracts since
23	they are no longer manufacturing.
24	This is in Ouachita. The second
25	one is Gulf Coast ThermoBlock,



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1	LLC, 062490. They have been
2	closed and currently in
3	bankruptcy. Mail has been
4	returned. We can't contact them,
5	so I am recommending cancellation
6	of the contract. St. Tammany.
7	Tri Tech Machine, LLC,
8	Contract No. 070468, 20080467,
9	20090418, and 20100423. They were
10	sold to a non-manufacturing
11	entity and we are requesting
12	cancellation of these contracts.
13	This is in Lafayette Parish.
14	BNY Mellon RCC, LLC,
15	20120614. They requested
16	cancellation since they moved the
17	operations out of state. This was
18	in DeSoto.
19	MR. MEHROTRA:
20	Thank you, Ms. Weber. Motion
21	to approve by Ms. Potts Roque.
22	Second by Mr. Elmore.
23	Comments or discussion from
24	the floor? Comments or discussion
25	from the Board? All in favor say



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1	aye.
2	ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
3	Aye.
4	MR. MEHROTRA:
5	All opposed? There is no
6	opposition.
7	MS. WEBER:
8	Okay. I do have one special
9	circumstance, that is Dulac
10	Shipyard, and basically the
11	company is doing repair and
12	renovation work at this time.
13	They indicated that they are
14	trying to get more barges ordered
15	by outside companies, but there
16	is an issue with capital gains
17	tax, so right now their clients
18	are not ordering, and I told him
19	that I would recommend approval
20	for one year of the existing
21	contracts but if they did not
22	become a manufacturer by the end
23	of October of next year, that we
24	would recommend cancellations of
25	these contracts, and he



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1	completely understands that.
2	MR. MEHROTRA:
3	He was okay with that?
4	MS. WEBER:
5	Yes, sir. So it's in the 528
6	renewals.
7	MR. MEHROTRA:
8	Can I get a motion to approve
9	the special circumstance? Mayor
10	Brasseaux. Second by Ms.
11	Potts-Roque. Comments or
12	discussion from the floor?
13	Comments or discussion from the
14	Board?
15	MR. JONES:
16	Question. Basically gives
17	them a one year?
18	MS. WEBER:
19	Yes. Their contracts were due
20	for renewal this year, but if we
21	did not, they would expire, so
22	what we're doing is allowing the
23	contract to continue for this
24	year into next year but if they
25	do not become manufacturer by



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1	October, then we would recommend
2	cancellation.
3	MR. JONES:
4	Is this a renewal?
5	MS. WEBER:
6	It's a renewal.
7	MS. POTTS-ROQUE:
8	So at this time there's a
9	temporary lapse in manufacturing
10	for the company?
11	MS. WEBER:
12	Yes, ma'am. They are doing
13	renovation and repair work, which
14	does involve some manufacturing
15	but it's not the primary thrust
16	of their original contract.
17	MS. POTTS ROQUE:
18	But they intend to get back
19	to their regular manufacturing?
20	MS. WEBER:
21	They are trying, yes.
22	MR. MEHROTRA:
23	Any additional comments from
24	the Board? All in favor say aye.
25	ALL BOARD MEMBERS:



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1	Aye.
2	MR. MEHROTRA:
3	All opposed? There is no
4	opposition.
5	MS. WEBER:
6	Okay. Renewals.
7	MR. JONES:
8	Mr. Chairman, I move that we
9	handle all 528 renewals line by
10	line no.
11	MS. WEBER:
12	I knew you were going to do
13	that.
14	MR. JONES:
15	I actually move well, I
16	move to handle them in globo.
17	MR. MEHROTRA:
18	Motion by Mr. Jones to handle
19	in globo all 528 renewals. Second
20	by Ms. Atkins.
21	MS. ATKINS:
22	Yes. But I also want to
23	abstain from the Century
24	Marketing Solution.
25	MR. MEHROTRA:



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1	Okay. We will have a second
2	by Ms. Smith and then Ms. Atkins.
3	You would like to abstain from
4	which one?
5	MS. ATKINS:
6	It's the Century Marketing
7	Solution.
8	MR. MEHROTRA:
9	Okay. Very good.
10	MS. WEBER:
11	And on a personal note, this
12	is the largest renewals that I
13	have ever done, so
14	MS. POTTS ROQUE:
15	I've never seen this many.
16	MS. WEBER:
17	I think people are deciding
18	to renew early.
19	MR. JONES:
20	Ms. Weber, you wish to read
21	them?
22	MS. WEBER:
23	No, sir.
24	MR. JONES:
25	I don't want to misinterpret



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1	your comments.
2	MS. WEBER:
3	No. I don't. Thank you,
4	though.
5	MR. MEHROTRA:
6	Do we have any comments or
7	discussion from the floor on
8	anything? How about from the
9	Board? Handling the list in
10	globo, all in favor say aye.
11	ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
12	Aye.
13	MR. MEHROTRA:
14	All opposed? There is no
15	opposition. Mr. Elmore.
16	MR. ELMORE:
17	Before we I know we
18	already voted and all, but going
19	back to the Cancellation of
20	Contracts, Tri Tech Machine in
21	Lafayette, what was the I'm
22	just curious the reason for
23	cancellation. It says it was
24	sold.
25	MS. WEBER:

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1	Yes. They are sold to a
2	rental company, I believe, and I
3	called and spoke with the people
4	and they did they said that
5	they did buy the company and they
6	are not manufacturing, so
7	MR. ELMORE:
8	Who purchased them?
9	MS. WEBER:
10	Honestly, I don't remember
11	the name. It's some kind of
12	rental company.
13	MR. ELMORE:
14	Got you. Okay. I was just
15	curious. I wasn't aware of it.
16	Thank you for the clarification.
17	MR. MEHROTRA:
18	Thank you, Mr. Elmore. Okay.
19	Mr. Grissom from LED. Comments.
20	MR. GRISSOM:
21	Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
22	First I would like to thank
23	Marilyn for her years of service
24	and for the time that we have
25	spent together. It's been a real



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1 pleasure and I have learned quite 2 a bit from working with Marilyn, so thank you very much and I 3 4 appreciate all of your help and 5 support. 6 I wanted to provide our Board 7 with a bit of an overview of the 8 economic activity in the state and provide a bit of information 9 10 on our certified state program, which is one of the initiatives 11 12 that we have in place to improve 13 Louisiana's attractiveness and 14 competitiveness on the new 15 project opportunities. 16 So, first, with the overview, since January 2008, so beginning 17 18 with the national recession, you 19 would start -- of the 20 administration, our state has attracted economic development 21 22 projects. These are both in state 23 expansion and relocations 24 companies moving into the state 25 that are resulting in more than



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1	83,000 new jobs for the state,
2	and more than \$54 billion in new
3	capital investment, so that's
4	just kind of a look back over the
5	last six years. We have had a
6	number of policy reforms at the
7	state level that are really
8	helping in the state's RAC
9	improvement for standings and
10	different climate rankings. Some
11	of those were enhanced
12	governmental ethics laws,
13	streamline work with development
14	solutions and the elimination of
15	the number of unorthodox business
16	taxes, which were accelerated
17	over the last several years.
18	Our state now ranks among the
19	top ten business climates in the
20	U.S. as judged by Site Selection
21	Magazine, Area Development
22	Magazine and Business Facilities
23	Magazine. All of these are U.S.
24	based magazines focused on
25	economic development site



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1	selection, so we're very excited
2	to be noted as in the top ten,
3	and it's one of the things that
4	we will continue to try to place
5	our focus on.
6	In July business facilities
7	ranked our business climate No.
8	4, and this was the highest
9	ranking that we ever had for our
10	state's business climate.
11	Our business taxes are some
12	of the most competitive in the
13	nation for new manufacturing
14	projects according to the tax
15	foundation KMMG, and our state's
16	energy crisis among the lowest in
17	the U.S., so a number of
18	fundamental assets in place to
19	help us in winning those projects
20	encouraging business to invest in
21	the state.
22	We believe that a number of
23	the site selectors at the
24	corporate level and those that
25	have their own firms are taking



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1	more and more notice of
2	Louisiana, and it's a number of
3	things. It involves some of our
4	highly customized incentive
5	programs such as those that we
6	work with here at the Board of
7	Commerce and Industry are overall
8	strong and improved in business
9	climate, low cost, I mentioned on
10	the tax and energy side, and some
11	of the aggressive site work that
12	we have been doing, and I wanted
13	to cover a bit of that program to
14	give you a playlist of what it is
15	trying to accomplish and where we
16	are.
17	Most states, particularly
18	those in the south have some sort
19	of programs where they either
20	certify or ready sites or
21	economic development project,
22	primarily in the distribution and
23	logistics space. Since around
24	2009 Louisiana has put together a
25	certified sites program and we

25 certified sites program and we



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1	are now at the point where we
2	have 34 sites across the state
3	that are certified through this
4	program and a large portfolio of
5	sites that are in the process of
6	being certified, so this is
7	something where we're now at a
8	point where we have a nice mix of
9	sites; some small, some larger.
10	All, you know, all areas of the
11	state, different types of access
12	to infrastructure. So this
13	portfolio of certified sites are
14	the sites that in competitive
15	situations the site selection
16	firms are most likely to look at
17	first, so if the state has a
18	certified site that meets their
19	criteria, that is where they are
20	going to hone their efforts. If
21	they look across multiple states
22	and none of the certified sites
23	meet their criteria then they
24	might go to the next level
25	analysis and look at some of



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1	those that aren't certified.
2	So, in general, what the
3	certification process means and
4	what it involves. First, it
5	indicates that this set of sites
6	are competitive with what is
7	expected or what is seen in other
8	states. It means they're
9	development ready, so substantial
10	due diligence is being completed
11	on the site. A lot of the basic
12	site information has been
13	gathered and documented in single
14	location, and an independent
15	third party engineering firm has
16	reviewed the site, the
17	documentation and certified that
18	it is ready for development.
19	This eliminates a lot of the
20	uncertainty for the company as
21	they are making their decision,
22	and it also assured them
23	assures them that there won't be
24	any unforeseen obstacles for
25	them, so we're proud of the



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1	progress. We are going to
2	continue to push the program and
3	with the with those in the
4	pipeline, I believe we will be
5	above 50 years short of, I would
6	say likely within the next 12
7	months will be moved that from
8	34 to 50 sites.
9	So, you know, just one of the
10	things that we're doing at LED to
11	make our state more competitive,
12	and that program, along with many
13	reforms that have been put in
14	place, our active marketing
15	efforts, some of the incentive
16	programs that we have leveraged
17	are workforce programs with LED
18	Fast Start really come together
19	to provide a complete solution,
20	and one of them we get or
21	having the opportunity to put in
22	front of more and more companies,
23	so some real success there.
24	I wanted to just review
25	quickly some of the our recent



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1	project announcements. I will
2	just rattle these off and be
3	happy to answer any questions on
4	the projects, but a nice set of
5	announcements over the last
6	several months. Just the other
7	day, National Oil Well of Arco
, 8	announced a \$23 million facility
9	in New Iberia. Jogler announced a
10	relocation of manufacturing
11	
	facility from Texas to Baton
12	Rouge, 60 new direct jobs
13	associated with that project. We
14	recently just had the ground
15	breaking for the IBM Services
16	Center Baton Rouge in downtown
17	Baton Rouge with employment
18	projected to reach 800 direct
19	jobs over the next several years.
20	Shin-Med (ph) announced a new
21	healthcare software development
22	code in New Orleans. This is a
23	team that is going to be
24	developing a new software product
25	focused on healthcare, and this
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1	is a company based out of Florida
2	who chose Louisiana for that
3	expansion.
4	Shell announced the company
5	selection of Ascension Parish for
6	a potential world scale gas and
7	liquids facility resulting in 740
8	new direct jobs, and, I believe,
9	\$12.5 billion in capital
10	investment. Very large capital
11	project. Wingspan portfolio
12	advisors announced 532 direct new
13	jobs from northeast Louisiana.
14	There was a recent groundbreaking
15	with BentMoore Still II in
16	Shreveport. This is a German
17	manufacturer of piping products.
18	Teleperformance announced in
19	Shreveport a center, basically a
20	business processing outsourcing
21	center with 740 new jobs, and we
22	have had BASF announced a new
23	investments in a new polyurethane
24	facility here in Geismar, and
25	then in the Lake Charles area



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1	Juniper GTL announced \$100
2	million natural gas to liquids
3	facility with 141 direct and
4	indirect jobs.
5	So it just gives you a
6	flavor. A lot of very interesting
7	projects underway. You have
8	projects in traditional sectors
9	such as chemicals and oil field
10	services. The GTL projects, those
11	are applying new technologies and
12	converting natural gas to liquids
13	fuels, and Louisiana's at the
14	epicenter of that here in the
15	U.S., and a number of software
16	development projects where, you
17	he, that pushed the Department's
18	making to diversify our economy,
19	and to leverage some of the
20	incentive programs that we have
21	in place are starting to come
22	together and you see projects
23	both in Baton Rouge and New
24	Orleans, so we are real excited
25	about that.



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1	Again, I will be happy to
2	answer any questions. I wanted to
3	thank everyone for your
4	attendance and participation on
5	this Board. Your efforts are
6	greatly appreciated and very
7	important to the state's overall
8	efforts, but I will be happy to
9	answer any questions on the
10	projects or overall economic
11	development progress.
12	MR. MEHROTRA:
13	Mr. Carter.
14	MR. CARTER:
15	Thank you. It's a point of
16	privilege, No. 1, as chairman of
17	the House Education Committee, I
18	can learn a lesson on how to run
19	a very efficient well run meeting
20	because ours lasts 15 hours.
21	Real quickly, Steven, I was
22	in Boston this past weekend at a
23	conference and just happened to
24	be sitting at a table where a guy
25	from IBM, who was in Washington,



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1	made the comment, he said, you
2	are from Louisiana? I said,
3	yes,sir. I'm in the legislature.
4	Relay the message back to your
5	people in Louisiana that when
6	they negotiated with IBM, our
7	state was probably in a position
8	to do more for them than any
9	other state, and he just wanted
10	to let us know that we did a
11	marvelous job and that your
12	organization, their support was
13	second to none of any other state
14	that they dealt with, so I just
15	wanted you to know that.
16	MR. GRISSOM:
17	Thank you very much. I
18	appreciate relying that message
19	and appreciate the compliment.
20	MR. MEHROTRA:
21	Thank you, Mr. Carter. Mr.
22	Grissom, thank you. Outstanding
23	work. We really appreciate all of
24	y'alls hard work.
25	Okay. Any other comments?



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1 Okay. 2 On behalf of the Board, we would like to thank the staff for 3 4 all of y'all's hard work. Y'all 5 are greatly appreciated. Y'all 6 make our jobs so easy, so we 7 can't thank y'all enough. I would 8 like to thank everybody for 9 attending. Motion to adjourn by 10 Mr. Elmore. Second by Mr. Jones. 11 Thank you. 12 13 (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.) 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25



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