LEDC MEETING

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15	SCREENING COMMITTEE MINUTES MEETING OF THE
16	LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TAKEN
17	AT THE LOUISIANA STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT
18	SYSTEM BUILDING, FOURTH FLOOR BOARDROOM, 8401
19	UNITED PLAZA BOULEVARD, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA ON
20	THE 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013 COMMENCING AT
21	9:39 A.M.
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LEDC MEETING

1	APPEARANCES OF BOARD MEMBERS:
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3	ALDEN ANDRE
4	QUENTIN MESSER
5	CAL SIMPSON
6	SUSAN THAM
7	HARRY AVANT
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10	STAFF MEMBERS:
11	DARIA VINNING
12	CHRISTIAN PENNINGTON
13	BRENDA GUESS
14	ANN VILLA
15	BOB CANGELOSI, ATTORNEY
16	RICK BROUSSARD
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1	MR. ANDRE:
2	Come to order, please. Call
3	to order the meeting of the
4	Louisiana Economic Development
5	Corporation Board. Roll call,
6	please.
7	MS. VINING:
8	A.J. Roy. Jay Rousseau. Alden
9	Andre.
10	MR. ANDRE:
11	Here.
12	MS. VINING:
13	Quentin Messer.
14	MR. MESSER:
15	Here.
16	MS. VINING:
17	Nitin Kamath. Cal Simpson.
18	MR. SIMPSON:
19	Here.
20	MS. VINING:
21	Robert Stuart. Susan Tham.
22	MS. THAM:
23	Here.
24	MS. VINING:
25	Harry Avant.



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1	MR. AVANT:
2	Here.
3	MS. VINING:
4	Louis Reine. Five members out
5	of eleven, we do not have a
6	quorum.
7	MR. ANDRE:
8	Do we have a quorum for a
9	Screening Committee?
10	MS. VINING:
11	Yes, sir.
12	MR. ANDRE:
13	Call to order the Screening
14	Committee, and we have some new
15	members on this Board this
16	morning, so I would like to ask
17	them if they would introduce
18	themselves.
19	MS. THAM:
20	Hi. My name is Susan Tham.
21	I'm a CPA with LA Society of CPAs
22	here in town, public accountant,
23	and I'm here as a nominee from
24	Louisiana Certified Society
25	Certified Public Accountant.



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1	MR. AVANT:
2	Okay. I'm Harry Avant. I'm
3	from Shreveport. I'm in the oil
4	and gas business. I am the LA
5	Workforce Representative.
6	MR. ANDRE:
7	I'm Alden Andre,
8	Vice-President of Formosa
9	Plastics here in Baton Rouge.
10	MR. MESSER:
11	Hi. Good morning. Quentin
12	Messer, Jr. Assistant Secretary
13	of LEDC.
14	MR. SIMPSON:
15	Good morning. I'm Cal Simpson
16	with Bluebell Ice Cream, the
17	distribution center here in Baton
18	Rouge. I'm representing Louisiana
19	Retail Association.
20	MS. VILLA:
21	Hi. I'm Ann Villa. I'm the
22	secretary for the Louisiana
23	Department of Economic
24	Development.
25	MR. CANGELOSI:



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1	Bob Cangelosi, one of the
2	attorneys for the Louisiana
3	Economic Development.
4	MR. ANDRE:
5	Thank you. Okay. Then we'll
6	go into the one project that we
7	have this morning, and that's
8	Capital Signs and Awnings. We
9	have some principals.
10	MR. PENNINGTON:
11	Good morning. My name is
12	Christian Pennington. For the
13	board members that I haven't met,
14	Program Administrator here at
15	LED.
16	MR. ANDRE:
17	Please put your mic on. We
18	cannot hear.
19	MR. PENNINGTON:
20	Okay. Can you hear? This is
21	Mr. Randy Fontenot. He is the
22	business owner of Capital Signs,
23	LLC. His son Brandon. They are
24	both co-owners, and over there is
25	Tiffany Tuminello. She is



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1	the loan officer from Cottonport
2	Bank that is working with us.
3	Cottonport Bank is requesting
4	a loan guarantee under the
5	Louisiana Small Business Loan
6	Guarantee Program in association
7	with the state small business
8	credit initiative. This project
9	satisfies the LEDC Board of
10	Directors criteria for expanding
11	business with a prudent concept
12	and experienced management team
13	sought after in a niche market
14	with five new jobs and 22
15	retained jobs. The name of the
16	company is Capital Signs and
17	Awnings, LLC. It is located in
18	Bunkie, Louisiana.
19	The owners are Mr. Randy
20	Fontenot, and his son, Mr.
21	Brandon Fontenot. The company was
22	formed in Capital Signs, LLC
23	in 2007. The company designs and
24	constructs commercial signages
25	for businesses such as Popeyes,



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1	Burger King, Taco Bell. Mr.
2	Randy, here, was the operations
3	manager for O'Leary Brothers and
4	Signs for 18 years before forming
5	Capital Signs and Awnings, LLC.
6	Him and Brandon both have 38
7	years of combined experience in
8	the sign industry. The company
9	has moved twice to keep up with
10	the demands and they have
11	recently purchased a building,
12	the old O'Leary building in
13	Bunkie. They will be requesting a
14	line of credit today to support
15	growth and receivables for
16	working capital. It's not to
17	exceed eight percent of account
18	receivables and 50 percent of
19	inventory.
20	The Staff recommends approval
21	of Capital Signs and Awnings, LLC
22	for a loan guarantee not to
23	exceed \$318,750 based on 75
24	percent of \$425,000 revolving
25	line of credit excluding any bank



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1	finance fees and cost. Under the
2	Louisiana Small Business Loan
3	Program and in association with
4	the state small business credit
5	initiative, the loan guarantee
6	will be subject to the bank's
7	commitment letter in the
8	following terms and conditions.
9	There will be no application or
10	guarantee fee charged on this
11	loan. A signed bank commitment
12	letter on bank stationery is
13	required. In addition, the bank
14	may charge a maximum interest
15	rate up to five percent above
16	Wall Street Journal prime fixed
17	or variable rate the in-solito
18	guarantee for Mr. Randall L.
19	Fontenot and Mr. Brandon L.
20	Fontenot. The loan shall be
21	secured by a valid position with
22	the UCC, receivables of 90 days
23	or less.
24	The borrowing rate of
25	accounts receivable is 80



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1	percent. Ineligible receivables
2	including those of 90 days past
3	due, retainage and account set at
4	20 percent currently. Collateral
5	to loan ratio must be one to one
6	coverage. LEDC will share in the
7	prorate of position with the bank
8	on all collateral securing this
9	loan. The revolving line of
10	credit will incline 33 and a
11	third annually and terminate in
12	three years guaranteed. Interest
13	shall be paid monthly on a
14	revolving line of credit.
15	Subordination of all existing
16	stockholder debt and future
17	stockholder debt to bank and LEDC
18	for the period of LEDC's
19	involvement in the loan.
20	In addition, cessation of all
21	current portions of long term
22	debt payment to stockholders and
23	moratorium on future payments to
24	stockholders, which may be
25	reinstated with written approval



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by the bank and LEDC. There
should be no draws, bonuses or
dividends, employee advances or
directors being paid to company
officers, stockholders or owners
except who are allowed by the
bank during the term of the LEDC
guarantee.

Forty-eight hours prior to closing, the bank shall provide copies of all closing documents who review for LEDC legal staff. For the first year, the company prepared financial statements on business are due on a quarterly basis within ten days of the end of the period reported. They are to be reported to the bank including a balance sheet and income statement, notes of statements, etc. CPA compiled statements prepared and performed in generally accepted accounting principles are due within 90 days of year-end. The bank will review



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1	all statements and full copies
2	with comments to LEDC as-needed.
3	The company shall have a CPA
4	compiled balance sheet and income
5	statement for the current year as
6	of 8-31-2013 prior to closing.
7	For two remaining years on an
8	annual basis, the borrower will
9	provide the bank with a CPA
10	compiled financial statement
11	bearing performance gap. In
12	addition, personal financial
13	statements, federal tax returns
14	and renewal of insurance
15	necessary to protect the bank and
16	LEDC are to be forwarded to the
17	bank annually. The bank will
18	review this information and
19	forward copies with comments to
20	LEDC as-needed. The bank shall
21	report to LEDC the current loan
22	status balance subscription due
23	date, etc., prior to the 25th
24	month. All conditions listed by
25	bank and LEDC for closing the



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1	loan must be met within 90 days
2	of LEDC's decision i.e. December
3	19, 2013 or the next subsequent
4	board meeting by the expiration
5	of the bank's commitment letter
6	or LEDC's guarantee commitment
7	may be withdrawn.

The LEDC guarantee commitment is being extended based on the financial information submitted. Any material or adverse change in the financial condition of the company, principals or guarantors prior to closing may cause the withdrawal of LEDC's guarantee commitment. The loan has not been made in order to place under the protection of the approved state program prior debt that is not covered under the approved state program and that is or was owed by the borrower to financial institutional lender or to affiliate of the financial institutional lender. The loan is



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1	not a refinancing of the loan
2	previously made to the borrower
3	by financial it should be
4	"institution" there and it says
5	"instruction." That's error.
6	Lender or an affiliate of the
7	financial institutional lender.
8	Fifteen days of closing, the bank
9	shall provide LEDC with copies of
10	the loan closing documents
11	reporting data acknowledgement
12	and all other documents required
13	under the general terms and
14	conditions of the loan commitment
15	letters.
16	The staff of the LEDC suggest
17	that a company make use of small
18	business development centers for
19	helping accounting and business
20	management.
21	I would like to open up any
22	questions the Board might have.
23	MR. ANDRE:
24	We would like to hear from
25	the principals. Any comments?



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1	MR. PENNINGTON:
2	Any comments y'all would like
3	to make?
4	MR. FONTENOT:
5	Just basically what the line
6	of credit is about, the sign
7	industry is a very fast pace
8	business, and we tie up so much
9	so quick that, in other words, we
10	might we might get in \$100,000
11	of work in three days and we turn
12	it out in a matter of three
13	weeks, so what happens to us, we
14	tie up all of our all of our
15	cash sitting in the company so it
16	puts you in a jam. We do a lot of
17	electronic message centers. We
18	have one right now we are fixing
19	to close the deal on itself for



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\$300,000. Well, we have to buy

this unit ahead of time, install

so it's a business that requires

it before we receive any money,

amounts so that -- this is the

quick cash, sometimes large

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1	reasoning behind this line
2	this line of credit that we need;
3	the type of business we're in.
4	MR. ANDRE:
5	Popeyes and what have you,
6	what district or how many areas
7	do you cover.
8	MR. FONTENOT:
9	I cover the whole United
10	States.
11	MR. ANDRE:
12	The whole United States?
13	MR. FONTENOT:
14	Yes, sir. We ship it's a
15	business that I have been
16	involved in since 1989 and, you
17	know, built a lot of
18	relationships with these people,
19	and we deal with customers from
20	California to all of the way up
21	the east coast, and when we get
22	outside of our range of being
23	able to handle the installs
24	ourselves, it's subbed out, but
25	we work with hundreds of



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1	different subs, installers
2	nationwide.
3	MR. ANDRE:
4	Who do you have as the main
5	competition?
6	MR. FONTENOT:
7	The main competition is a
8	company out of Lafayette called
9	Triple A Signs.
10	MR. ANDRE:
11	For the U.S. business, so
12	both of you in Louisiana are
13	competing.
14	MR. FONTENOT:
15	Very familiar with them,
16	which you need to be with the
17	competition, and we have both
18	been doing it for all of these
19	years and we have been knocking
20	heads all of these years. It's a
21	very fast pace business and it's
22	a really first come first serve
23	is who can who can meet the
24	dates that they require. It's an
25	industry that when they decide to



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1	fry some chicken or make a
2	hamburger they better have some
3	signs on the building or you out
4	of business, so it's very
5	demanding, and we've the years
6	I have been in it, I've learned
7	how to get ahead of the game. We
8	have a manufacturing shop that we
9	built parts. I designed most of
10	my manufacturing kind of an
11	assembly line type deal. We have
12	gigs set up and we making parts
13	constantly. When the orders come
14	in we put the product together.
15	So it's a very fast pace business
16	and a very demanding business,
17	and we have been in long enough
18	to learn the ups and downs of it.
19	MR. ANDRE:
20	Can we hear from the bank?
21	MS. TUMINELLO:
22	Yes, sir. My name is Tiffany
23	Tuminello. I have a loud voice so
24	I will talk loud. I have been
25	working with Brandon and Randy



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1	for quite sometime now. We are
2	also doing a loan for them to
3	purchase the commercial real
4	estate building in which I'm very
5	excited to work with them. They
6	have demonstrated great sales
7	ability. They have increased
8	their sales over the past three,
9	four years basically doubling
10	their financing. They this
11	line of credit will help them
12	increase their workforce. They
13	are also increasing their
14	manufacturing building, which is
15	going to give them the ability to
16	hire more employees. They are
17	wonderful, down to earth people
18	that have demonstrated, you know,
19	good working capabilities. They
20	have over 25 years of experience,
21	30 years experience. Mr. Randy
22	has been doing this for quite
23	sometime. Brandon initially
24	started this company on his own
25	and then Mr. Randy came in, and,



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1	of course, they are together now
2	father and son, a family owned
3	business, and I'm very
4	comfortable with my customers.
5	MR. ANDRE:
6	Brandon, do you want to say
7	anything?
8	MR. BRANDON FONTENOT:
9	Basically they kind of
10	covered a lot of it, but I
11	started this business on my own
12	at 22 years old. I kind of
13	grabbed it and just took off with
14	it. He was working at the prior
15	company before. We had no
16	intentions of him coming to work
17	with me at that time, and I
18	struggled, started out with a
19	little bit of money and bought a
20	little bit of equipment and kind
21	of took off from there. You know,
22	I have been on the road most of
23	my career since 2001 basically
24	living out of a suitcase until
25	about the last six months, you



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1	know, basically doing what we had
2	to do. We work until midnight
3	every night and get up at
4	daylight and be on the other part
5	of the state. You know, we had a
6	small crew and did what we had to
7	do to make a living, and what's
8	happened to us in the past, say,
9	couple of years, 2010, you know,
10	things got pretty slow around the
11	whole state and we were able to
12	survive. We cut back on a little
13	workforce. Everything we made
14	it through all of that, and then
15	in 2011 it started climbing
16	again, and since then we have
17	doubled our sales last year. It
18	looks like we are going to do
19	another million more than we done
20	last year, and kind of like he
21	said, you know, we have had
22	issues with we have the work
23	on the books, we have a lot of
24	work. I think the potential is
25	there to grow even some more. You



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1	know, the work is out there, you
2	just have to be you just have
3	to want to do it, and we have
4	hired several employees recently.
5	We're kind of out of room where
6	we at right now. That's why I'm
7	buying this large building and
8	kind of increase our size, and we
9	are planning on going after more
10	customers. We are planning on
11	trying to expand more nationwide.
12	MR. ANDRE:
13	So this building will allow
14	you to expand volume and allow
15	your operation to be more
16	efficient?
17	MR. BRANDON FONTENOT:
18	Correct. We're going from
19	probably, what you think, 15,000
20	square foot to 77,000 square
21	feet.
22	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
23	I actually built this
24	building while I was at
25	O'Leary's, and we the problem



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1	we are at right now is, you know
2	the old saying, don't blow your
3	horn until you're ready. Well, I
4	can pick up the phone and get a
5	hold of Yum!Brands right now. I
6	have got good friends in the
7	system, which is the largest sign
8	program in the world, but you
9	can't do it if you can't handle
10	the customers. Well, we at a
11	point now where we're maxed out.
12	We can't work any more people
13	efficiently in our shop now.
14	MR. ANDRE:
15	Questions from the committee.
16	MR. SIMPSON:
L7	Is there any long term
18	contracts with any of the future
19	signs or is it kind of
20	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
21	Well, what happens with the
22	a lot of our customers, for
23	instance, Popeyes, you go every
24	couple of years and you go in
25	front of the organization and you



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1	present yourself again, and it's
2	been a you know, it's been an
3	ongoing thing for me because of
4	my relationship with them, and
5	like I keep talking about
6	Yum!Brands, and I'm sure y'all
7	are familiar with who Yum!Brands
8	is, but I still have customers
9	that call us constantly, like,
10	look, when can you do this.
11	The way I got back into
12	Popeyes when I left O'Leary's is
13	they called me and said, look, we
14	in trouble, we need some help, so
15	I said, look, put my name on the
16	dotted line there saying I'm
17	approved to do it and it was done
18	and e-mailed to me the same day.
19	So I have a relationship I built
20	with them on getting the job
21	done, you know, getting it done
22	right. At O'Leary's we were
23	working in 50 states and 12
24	countries. We were shipping signs
25	all over the world, and we have



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1	done the work through Japan,
2	Guam, Germany. I did a Popeyes
3	chain out in Germany, all over
4	South America.
5	So the line of the list of
6	customers is never ending, and
7	it's a matter of picking up the
8	phone and the sign industry is
9	a very tough business, and
10	there's a lot of companies out
11	there that doesn't have a great
12	name because of the nature of the
13	beast being there on time and
14	building good products, which has
15	been hard to do especially with
16	the economy like it's been, so if
17	you've we built a reputation
18	over the years of I mean, I
19	will call anybody in the country
20	and they will do work with me
21	again is what I want to say.
22	Repeat customers.
23	MR. ANDRE:
24	So is your contract a
25	delivered and installed contract



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1	or do you sell out installation?
2	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
3	No. I do the installs within
4	four states.
5	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
6	We turnkey operations within
7	four states. We have our own
8	crews that do it ourself. We do
9	everything from the lighting on
10	the building, the shutters, the
11	balcony, the canopies, all of the
12	signage, the roof ladders, the
13	menu boards. We turnkey the whole
14	operation.
15	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
16	What we gun for is we become
17	a one stop shop.
18	MR. BRANDON FONTENOT:
19	We do the permitting. We
20	start from the permitting. We do
21	the engineering. We do everything
22	to the install. Right now we have
23	crews in Mobile and we have got
24	crews in Longview at this point



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right now. What's happened with

1	it what's happened with it is
2	when I started doing this, like I
3	said, in about '01, right after
4	Katrina, basically, Popeyes had
5	just done another change out.
6	They just went to the Heritage
7	Building in 2002 right after
8	Katrina, basically, and already,
9	again, we're here in 2012 and
10	they started remodeling again, so
11	every four or five years this
12	fast food industry is remodeling,
13	and, like I said, we have a good
14	relationship to jump in every
15	program. You know, like right
16	now just this week we have gotten
17	four stores complete packages
18	since Monday that average 50,
19	60,000 a package, you know, and
20	that's stuff that is not going to
21	be done until November, December.
22	You know, we have stuff on the
23	books right now, we are doing a
24	Chilli's change out in
25	Mississippi and some in



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1	Louisiana. We have got some on
2	the books until February. So we
3	stay a couple of months out on
4	jobs all of the time. Like I
5	said, it's not a problem with the
6	work with the work anymore.
7	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
8	We don't put all of our eggs
9	in one basket. Popeyes is a good
10	customers of ours, but we are
11	constantly changing we do a
12	lot of private custom. We do a
13	lot of churches. We doing all of
14	the Storage Centers. Storage
15	Centers.
16	MR. BRANDON FONTENOT:
17	In Baton Rouge. We have 31 to
18	do right now.
19	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
20	We have 31 right now to do.
21	So we don't try to sit back and
22	say, well, Popeyes is going to
23	support us. That's a no-no in any
24	industry. You don't put all so



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1	programs. And we like programs.
2	I've built O'Leary's around
3	built around pro-sign programs. I
4	started O'Leary's and the first
5	year of sales was \$680,000. I
6	started in June and that was what
7	the sales were. And when I left,
8	we were doing \$12.7 million, so
9	we built I built that around
10	doing signing programs, not just
11	the mom and pops.
12	MS. THAM:
13	I do have a question. You
L 4	have had, really, an impressive
15	rate of growth. Do you what do
16	you think that's due to, is it
17	getting a bigger share of the
18	market that is out there? Do you
19	still think there's a lot more
20	growing to do because you can
21	continue to get into a bigger
22	share of the market?
23	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
24	Like I said, the sign
25	industry is a very tough business



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1	and it's about service. It's
2	about showing up on time, and,
3	look, we receive phone calls
4	daily about, oh, look, I called
5	these people and I called three
6	people five months ago. You know,
7	it's about responding to your
8	customer, and that's what the
9	sign industry if you have a
10	business and you have a sign
11	that's out, it's hurting you. You
12	don't want to wait three months,
13	and understanding that about
14	customers is the most important
15	thing, and us being able to
16	respond like we do mainly because
17	both of us we're not the not
18	offending anybody, we are not the
19	suit guy. We in the field. We are
20	on the job. We in our blue jeans
21	every day. We are on the jobs and
22	we're in contact with the
23	customers, and that's the most
24	important thing in our business.
25	MS. THAM:



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1	So are you planning to
2	continue to grow at a pretty good
3	rate? You can keep getting large
4	parts.
5	MR. BRANDON FONTENOT:
6	Yes. We are definitely
7	planning on growing and that's
8	part of this expansion deal. We
9	need to hire a few people now to
10	keep up with our workload. We're
11	kind of limited on space, and I'm
12	planning on we have one couple
13	of full time salesmen right now,
14	and I'm planning on adding some
15	sales force actually in Baton
16	Rouge. We just kind of right
17	now our plates full right now
18	with what we can handle, and as
19	soon as we do this expansion, I'm



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planning on hiring a few more

people. We actually have -- to

make you feel a little bit about

it, about the growth and stuff,

we actually have contracts in

place with people. We do

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1	McDonald's, a lot of McDonald's
2	stuff. I keep up 17 stores down
3	south. All of the Hammond area,
4	Picayune, Mississippi. All of the
5	Slidell area. I have monthly
6	contracts with all of those
7	stores that they pay me a flat
8	fee to maintain their locations.
9	I also have we working on 19
10	of them right now in Morgan City.
11	We're actually doing some today.
12	That kind of work is always good
13	work but it's a guaranteed every
14	month I'm going to pay you a
15	check no matter what, you know.
16	And I might go one week and one
17	month, we do it once a month, I
18	might go one month and put a \$5
19	light bulb in it and that's it. I
20	will get paid \$500, \$600 for each
21	location and some months you put
22	a little bit more, but it's kind
23	of an average, but, I mean, we do
24	have a lot of contracts like that
25	in place.



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1	MR. ANDRE:
2	How many Louisiana employees
3	do you have now and how many do
4	you have after this project?
5	MR. BRANDON FONTENOT:
6	Right now we are up to about
7	26 right now, and we're probably
8	needing at this point around 30
9	right now. And in the past two or
10	three weeks we have put on
11	probably four or five employees,
12	and, like I said, our workload is
13	pretty heavy now and we have a
14	lot more coming. We just
15	almost to the point to where we
16	kind of hoping they wait a few
17	weeks to hit us with some more
18	jobs.
19	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
20	We have an interesting job
21	I'm starting Monday, y'all will
22	appreciate it. I'm putting a
23	banner up Monday morning and the
24	banner is going to say, "world



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record Popeyes construction.

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1	We're going for the 45 days from
2	breaking the ground and they are
3	going to be frying chicken in 45
4	days.
5	MR. ANDRE:
6	What is the norm?
7	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
8	We got appointed to be able
9	to handle it, so that tells you
10	something about our relationship
11	with them.
12	MR. ANDRE:
13	What is the norm?
14	MR. BRANDON FONTENOT:
15	I would say minimum 60, you
16	know.
17	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
18	Most of them are 68 day
19	projects, and this is going to be
20	a world record. That's the world,
21	not the United States. Popeyes is
22	in 17 countries, and it will be
23	from the breaking of ground
24	Monday morning, and I am going to
25	be there with the owners, and in



1	45 days they are going to be
2	frying chicken, and this is a
3	full size restaurant.
4	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
5	We ordered the banner last
6	night and it's shipping overnight
7	to be here tonight and we putting
8	it up Monday morning before
9	daylight so they can have a
10	they flying in with helicopters
11	and
12	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
13	He calls me the day before
14	yesterday and asks me about this.
15	Since day before yesterday we
16	designed it, we drew it and we
17	made it and we are putting it up,
18	and that's going to be an 8 by 40
19	foot banner and going to covered
20	across the canister on the job.
21	MR. AVANT:
22	Back to maintenance. What
23	percent of your revenue is your
24	maintenance?
25	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:



1	Maintenance is probably 18,
2	20 percent.
3	MR. AVANT:
4	And do you have to be the
5	signed seller to get that job?
6	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
7	No. No, sir.
8	MR. AVANT:
9	You can maintain other signs
10	with other people.
11	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
12	We get calls daily. Everyday
13	we get calls which turns into a
14	work order for us, and it's a lot
15	of repeat. It's a lot of hearsay.
16	One customer telling the other,
17	well, so and so told me about
18	y'all. I saw your truck just go
19	down the interstate. We got the
20	800 numbers all over them. A lot
21	of that, but, no, a lot of our
22	service work is older signs, been
23	up 20 years, and we do have the
24	capacity, we can it doesn't
25	matter how high they are, we can



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1	do them. We have the capacity to
2	reach any sign. We have done, for
3	instance, Baton Rouge, II City
4	Plaza. We put up all of the
5	letters on II City Plaza. We do
6	everything from the truck door to
7	a high-rise.
8	MR. BRANDON FONTENOT:
9	Percentage of our work is
10	probably I would say 40
11	percent of our work is stuff that
12	we have nothing to do with as far
13	as we didn't manufacture it, we
14	didn't get the customer. We work
15	for all of the national sign
16	companies in the country. We work
17	for Patterson Sign Group. We work
18	for The Inside Group. We work for
19	Principal Group. We do Chevrolet
20	dealerships daily. We do Ford
21	dealerships weekly. We do
22	Chrysler. We do McDonald's,
23	Burger King. We work for the
24	people that basically have the
25	national contracts that do every



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1	every Ford location in the
2	country they have the contract. I
3	had nothing to do with it, but
4	I'm a sub of theirs that I have
5	been working with for years. We
6	have got relationships with them.
7	We know most of them by name. We
8	fly up there a few times a year,
9	bring them Boudin stuff and go
10	visit. Go visit with them.
11	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
12	Bring a box of Tums, too.
13	MR. BRANDON FONTENOT:
14	Like I said, we work for
15	companies like that also that we
16	have doing to do with. We're subs
17	for them and we do all of the car
18	dealerships, the fast food
19	restaurants, stuff, you know,
20	that these companies have, you
21	know, billion dollar projects.
22	You know, we're just subs of
23	theirs. And the other 60 percent
24	we turnkey. We build, install and
25	manufacturer.



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1	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
2	We also build a lot of
3	awnings. We are an awning company
4	also, and a lot of experience in
5	awnings. I put up awnings in,
6	like I said, 12, 13 different
7	countries, and we have had to
8	engineer awnings to meet 180 mile
9	an hour wind loads, and the stuff
10	we build now, like Popeyes and
11	Yum!Brands, that all meets 150 an
12	hour wind loads. It was all
13	engineered for south Florida.
14	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
15	You know Towne Center in
16	Baton Rouge, we done the entire
17	project. All of awnings, the
18	letters, everything. I worked
19	there for about six months. We
20	built every canopy and those
21	over all the doors and all of the
22	letters for Towne Center here
23	locally.
24	MR. ANDRE:
25	Any other questions?



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1	MS. THAM:
2	Looking at your financial
3	statements, you mentioned 2010
4	was slow. Have you pursued a BP
5	Oil spill claim?
6	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
7	Yes. We actually have. We
8	actually have. We were told it's
9	a perfect pattern.
10	MS. THAM:
11	It looks like it.
12	MR. BRANDON FONTENOT:
13	It's been dragging on about a
14	year, but
15	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
16	Something that BP is trying
17	to do is prolong it. Something BP
18	is renege on some of the
19	agreements they had.
20	MS. THAM:
21	Do you have a dollar amount
22	of what your projecting claim
23	would be?
24	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
25	They gave us a very broad



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1	from 75 to 600,000.
2	MS. THAM:
3	That's broad.
4	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
5	That's what they told us.
6	They said, you are looking at
7	probably a minimum in your pocket
8	75,000 up to that much. We can't
9	tell you that yet. But they did
10	say that, according to when the
11	attorney met with us, it's been a
12	year ago, he had several cases at
13	the time and we are the only one
14	left. We're the only one that
15	they are pursuing. We are the
16	only one that meets the exact
17	what they are looking for.
18	MS. TUMINELLO:
19	I would like to say
20	something. As a lender, I'm sure
21	you can see, these are the type
22	of customers that you want to do
23	business with. I'm very proud to
24	be a part of their expansion.
25	They proved them self on paper.



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1	They are very knowledgeable of
2	the industry. They have been
3	through the ups. They have been
4	through the downs and they have
5	overcome everything, and, like I
6	said, I'm proud to be a part of
7	the entire project.
8	MR. ANDRE:
9	What's the pleasure of the
10	committee?
11	MR. AVANT:
12	Motion to approve.
13	MR. ANDRE:
14	Second? Second by Mr.
15	Simpson. Any further discussion?
16	All in favor?
17	ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
18	Aye.
19	MR. ANDRE:
20	Any oppose? Motion passes
21	unanimously, and congratulations,
22	and I'm very impressed that all
23	of this is happening in
24	Louisiana. Keep the Boudin going.
25	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:



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1	Like Seth was telling us the
2	other day, we were talking about
3	it, we are like the only program
4	that he has ever worked with in
5	Avoyelles Parish. You know,
6	Avoyelles Parish is like their
7	slow part of it. Nobody really
8	has ever
9	MR. RANDY FONTENOT:
10	And it's an economically
11	depressed area. We lost two major
12	sign companies, which one was
13	O'Leary's, which I built
L 4	O'Leary's from scratch and then
15	left it. I was supposed to be a
16	partner and it didn't work out,
17	and so that's why I ended up
18	starting a new business with him.
19	But, yeah, we got the Lantern
20	Award in '99.
21	MR. ANDRE:
22	Best wishes. Thank you. Any
23	other business coming forward?
24	Hearing none, motion for
25	adjournment.



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1	MR. AVANT:
2	So moved.
3	MR. ANDRE:
4	Second.
5	MR. SIMPSON:
6	Second.
7	MR. ANDRE:
8	Thank you.
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10	(Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 10:10
11	a.m.)
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