



Vision

JEDCO:

Meets

Opportunity







"We're excited to be a part of the JEDCO Business Innovation Center. JEDCO offers us the ability to grow and thrive by providing critical operational resources and contacts throughout the Gulf South. We're just getting started, but the sky's the limit."

—Charles Easterling, CEO, Crescent Unmanned Systems

## We're JEDCO. We connect vision with opportunity.

There's never been a better time than now to build a business in Jefferson, Louisiana's most progressive parish. Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO) provides established businesses and start-ups the resources to bring visions to success.

An independent, yet complementary arm of Jefferson Parish government, JEDCO's purpose is to create a business-friendly environment. We work to attract, grow and nurture new business in an area rich with opportunity. We have the experience, programs and services you need to grow.

Some of the ways we can help your business include:

- financial assistance
- tax credits and rebates
- site selection
- data and customized reporting
- marketing
- assessment and consultation
- seminars
- new business incubator

JEDCO is Louisiana's only parish-level economic development organization accredited by the *International Economic Development Council* (IEDC). IEDC accreditation involves rigorous review of practices and services. This designation means that you can trust JEDCO to provide the most effective resources to meet your business needs.

Our mission is to drive Jefferson's economy forward by retaining and creating jobs, entrepreneurship and investment.

*You have a vision. JEDCO can help you to succeed in the parish of opportunity.*



**Vision meets possibility.**

## **Business Financing**

Financing is the force that drives vision to success. Whether your company is brand new or well established, JEDCO can connect you with funding sources that will help make your vision a success.

JEDCO can provide financing for working capital, to purchase machinery or equipment, or to build a plant. In fact, we designed our loan program and qualifying process specifically to fill the gaps in financing not addressed by conventional sources.

In addition to loans, JEDCO offers both tax-exempt and taxable bonds for qualifying businesses. We will review your financial options to determine the right package to meet your business needs.

### **Contact JEDCO today for information about business financing for:**

- acquisition of land and buildings
- new construction
- conversion or expansion
- renovations
- machinery and equipment purchase or repair
- furniture or fixtures
- working capital
- inventory

Find out how JEDCO can help you succeed at 504-875-3908 or [jedco.org](http://jedco.org).







“Thanks to JEDCO’s assistance in expanding our plant operations, we are now equipped with a state-of-the-art facility, allowing us to further grow our customer & product base. JEDCO is a partner you can trust.”

—Michael Maenza, Founder and CEO,  
MMI Culinary Services



"We looked at five parishes as possible locations for our business. JEDCO was first to respond, and they also helped with meeting space, staff involvement, and discussions with area businesses. They really made the difference."

—Dr. Laney Chouest, NOLA Motorsports



## Your needs meet our resources.

### Economic Development Services

Your business needs smart, personal and professional support to thrive. We modeled our programs and resources on proven economic development protocols and tailored them for Jefferson Parish businesses. We will share your vision and contribute to your success.

JEDCO's outreach programs attract new businesses to Jefferson and support both established and start-up companies. We work with business owners throughout Jefferson to assess their needs, to understand their challenges and to help them craft real, working solutions.

We're active in site selection, business development and marketing strategy. Our business incentives include tax credits, exemptions and rebates to help create jobs. We collaborate with regional, state and federal business support programs to offer educational seminars, workforce development and other resources to help you meet long- and short-term goals.

Our information and data management services generate data for the development of customized marketing and demographic reports. These reports can improve your research, help you make better business decisions, identify more customers and expand your business prospects.

You can learn what's happening in Jefferson Parish now by downloading our current economic profile from [jedco.org](http://jedco.org). It's where you find the facts about the things you want to know about Jefferson.

The JEDCO marketing team aggressively introduces and promotes Jefferson businesses to local, regional and global markets. Whether it's ribbon cutting ceremonies, grand openings, or assisting with marketing strategy, we are there, bringing opportunity to vision.

#### **JEDCO's economic development services include:**

- business outreach & consultation
- incentive assistance—tax credits, exemptions and rebates
- information on regional, state & federal business support
- education & training seminars
- site search assistance
- demographic, real estate & marketing data
- Jefferson Parish economic profile
- customized marketing & demographic reports
- marketing strategy assistance & support

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**Your vision thrives here.**

## **Business Incubator**

If you want to move ideas, products or services into the local or global economy, there's a place for you in JEDCO's business incubator – the Business Innovation Center. The Center offers a shared business environment in the Churchill Technology & Business Park. As a tenant, you will have access to JEDCO's technology and expert resources within a creative, collaborative environment.

The incubator brings together innovators, market experts and capital providers to help transform ideas into viable business ventures. Entrepreneurs can locate their businesses within the center or participate through our virtual program.



### **Office space is provided below market-rate and includes:**

- office furniture
- telephone service
- wireless internet
- copy and fax machine
- conference room
- video conferencing
- Smartboard technology
- 24/7 access

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"We started our first business in the JEDCO incubator over 20 years ago and have continued to work with JEDCO with our new venture, Geocent. We have hired over 1000 people since we first started working with JEDCO."

—Dr. Robert A. "Bobby" Savoie,  
CEO, Geocent



**Your vision has room to grow.**

## Churchill Technology & Business Park

Churchill Technology & Business Park is the largest master-planned site in the metropolitan New Orleans area, just 20 minutes from downtown and 12 miles from Louis Armstrong International Airport.

Churchill is at the core of the largest intermodal transportation network in the South. Its proximity to the Gulf of Mexico, major ports along the Mississippi, multiple rail lines and interstates offers a strategic advantage to companies moving products, services and ideas into the global economy.

Churchill is also home to JEDCO's administrative offices. Developed by JEDCO, Churchill provides a one-stop shop for business expansion and can streamline zoning and permitting processes while coordinating leasing strategies.

Churchill is a qualified *New Market Tax Credits (NMTC)* eligible investment area. Learn more about Churchill Technology & Business Park by visiting [ChurchillPark.org](http://ChurchillPark.org).

## **JEDCO can help your business succeed. Contact us today.**

Your success is the focus of our economic development programs. It's what we do and what we do well.

If you are considering a start-up, relocation or expansion, you should consider Jefferson Parish. JEDCO's strategies and incentives will help you thrive in the parish of opportunity.

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*We're people with vision,  
creating opportunity for people  
like you.*







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