

Questions Received for RFQ 211201

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Q: Is the QA Officer's Certification specific to EPA Region 6 or does any region qualify?

A: While EPA Region 6 QA training is preferred, a certificate from any EPA region's QA training is satisfactory.

Q: Is JEDCO anticipating awarding the projects by site? Or by task?

A: JEDCO anticipates contracting with at least one firm to complete tasks under this grant. Should more than one firm be selected, the work will be assigned by task. JEDCO will make efforts to have all tasks relevant to a specific site be performed by the same firm.

Q: Is JEDCO open to modifying Section 21.0 Indemnification (page 31) during contract negotiations?

A: JEDCO is open to modifying language during contract negotiations if such modifications are advisable by JEDCO counsel and allowable both by law and by JEDCO's by-laws.

Q: On page 9, please clarify the intent of the following content paragraph: "For LDEQ-certified lead/asbestos inspectors and/or UST workers: include the applicable information in Box 12 of the RFQ Response Form including their applicable certification numbers in 12e. If using a subconsultant, it is adequate to include the firm's name and experience with the resume of at least [] of their personnel that meets the applicable requirement."

It appears that the highlighted [] is missing a number. Could you please clarify?

A: The number "1" is erroneously missing from the referenced brackets. The full quoted section should read as follows:

"For LDEQ-certified lead/asbestos inspectors and/or UST workers: include the applicable information in Box 12 of the RFQ Response Form including their applicable certification numbers in 12e. If using a subconsultant, it is adequate to include the firm's name and experience with the resumes of at least one (1) of their personnel that meets the applicable requirement."

Q: Could you make a copy of JEDCO's EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant Proposal available? A: The narrative proposal that was submitted to the EPA Brownfield Coalition Assessment competitive grant cycle in 2020 is attached.



ATTACHED:

Application for FY21 USEPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant Submitted by JEDCO (lead applicant), Jefferson Parish Government, City of Westwego



Application for FY21 USEPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant Westbank Brownfield Redevelopment Coalition JEDCO, Jefferson Parish Government, City of Westwego

Narrative Information Sheet

1. Application Identification

Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO) 700 Churchill Parkway, Avondale, LA 70094

2. Funding Requested

- a. Assessment Grant Type: Coalition
- b. Federal Funds Requested:
 - i. \$600,000
 - ii. Site-specific Assessment Grant waiver not applicable

3. Location

Jefferson Parish (County), LA

4. Property Information for Site-Specific Proposals: N/A, Not a site-specific proposal

5. Contacts

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6. Population

The population of Jefferson Parish is 432,493 [U.S. Census 2019].



Other Factors Checklist

Other Factors	Page #		
Community population is 10,000 or less	1		
The applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian tribe or United States territory			
The priority brownfield site(s) is impacted by mine-scarred land.	N/A		
The priority site(s) is adjacent to a body of water (i.e. the border of the priority site(s) is contiguous or partially contiguous to the body of water, or would be contiguous or partially contiguous with a body of water but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them).	1		
The priority site(s) is in a federally designated flood plain.	1		
The redevelopment of the priority site(s) will facilitate renewable energy from wind, solar, or geothermal energy; or any energy efficiency improvement projects.	2		
30% or more of the overall budget will be spent on eligible reuse planning activities for priority brownfield site(s) within the Target Area.	N/A		

7. <u>Letter from the State or Tribal Environmental Authority</u> Letter from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality is attached.





State of Louisiana

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

October 7, 2020

Jerry Bologna, President & CEO Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission 700 Churchill Parkway Avondale, LA 70094

RE: Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality acknowledgement of Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant Application

Dear Mr. Bologna:

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) acknowledges and supports Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission's (JEDCO's) application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a \$600,000 Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant in partnership with Jefferson Parish (County) and the City of Westwego to address vacant and underutilized Brownfield sites in the West Bank area of Jefferson Parish, including long vacant industrial properties. This grant will provide a critical tool to support economic development in Jefferson Parish and provide much needed support for environmental justice communities in the target areas.

Thank you for your continued efforts to enhance Louisiana's environment, economy, and quality of life by addressing environmental concerns at vacant and underutilized sites in your community. We look forward to continuing our partnership to facilitate the redevelopment of Brownfield sites in our state. Please contact me at (504) 736-7069 or Rebecca.Otte@LA.gov if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Otte

Statewide Brownfields Coordinator

Remediation Division, Office of Environmental Assessment

cc: Imaging Operations – IAS AI 178641

<u>Narrative Proposal</u>: Redevelopment of Vacant Industrial Properties along the Mississippi River by the Westbank Brownfield Redevelopment Coalition

1. PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION AND PLANS FOR REVITALIZATION

a. Target Area and Brownfields

i. Background and Description of Target Area: Culture and industry along the Mississippi River are interwoven in a complex historical narrative, and Jefferson Parish (County), Louisiana, a suburb in the Greater New Orleans Region, provides a significant chapter in the region's story of plantation economy, slavery, emancipation, migration, railroad expansion, and industrialization—forces that contribute to the parish's brownfield challenges and their impacts on the surrounding communities. The Mississippi River bisects Jefferson Parish into east and west banks, and the Target Area of this grant is in one of the most industrial parts of the Westbank and includes the communities of Avondale, Westwego, Bridge City, and Marrero. Residents of the Target Area have notable origins: former slaves remained in the area and formed two of the earliest black communities in Jefferson Parish. They were the first residents of historic Westwego—founding the True Vine Baptist Church in 1893, still active and a project partner to the proposed efforts—as well as the community of Walkertown in Marrero, adjacent to the priority sites.¹

With the demise of the plantation-based economy as well as the rise of railroads in the late 19th-early 20th centuries, heavy industry gained a foothold in the Target Area given its direct access to the Mississippi River and inexpensive land, making it a target for manufacturing facilities that produced environmentally contaminating products. For decades, industrial businesses such as Johns Manville and the Celotex Corporation thrived and employed hundreds of residents, producing hazardous contaminants and asbestos-containing materials and even donating such materials to nearby residents and businesses to use in their buildings, which resulted in a massive EPA cleanup. Although the EPA addressed sites throughout the surrounding neighborhoods, the main industrial sites were not included, resulting in large abandoned properties blighting the area and potentially exposing the community as the buildings degrade. The health impacts of these sites are great: Asbestos-related deaths in Jefferson Parish are three times the national rate.

Jefferson Parish and the City of Westwego are now at a pivotal point in their cultural and industrial histories, one of encouraging the reuse of the area's brownfields and restoration of their employment opportunities in safe, equitable ways that also are economically and environmentally sustainable for the surrounding long-established communities. The industrial facilities and their access to multimodal assets like the river and railroads have tremendous potential for redevelopment, and their inclusion in two contiguous Opportunity Zones (OZs) increases their potential for redevelopment. The Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO), Jefferson Parish Government, and the City of Westwego, Coalition Members for this grant, form the Westbank Brownfield Redevelopment Coalition, working together to bring clean/green manufacturing and distribution/logistics uses to underutilized Brownfields that will create jobs without negative public health impact and reverse the trend of declining population.

The Target Area for this grant is two contiguous Opportunity Zones (Jefferson Parish Census Tracts 282 & 269), in parts of unincorporated Jefferson Parish (Avondale, Bridge City, and Marrero) and part of incorporated City of Westwego; population 7,691: The Target Area and its priority sites are on the Westbank of the Mississippi River, flanking the river for 11 miles and encompassing federally designated floodplain areas. The distressed area has experienced both a population loss and high unemployment rates for decades. The population is 7,691 and has

¹ Campanella, *The West Bank of Greater New Orleans*, (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2020), pp. 117-119, 204-205; William D. Reeves, *Westwego: From Cheniere to Canal* (Westwego, LA, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Alario, Sr., 1996), p. 49; Marc R. Matrana, *Lost Plantation: The Rise and Fall of Seven Oaks* (Jackson: University Press of MS, 2005), pp. 67-84.

declined more than 16% since 2000. The racial makeup is 59.7% African American, 32.3% White, and 12.1% Hispanic Origin. The 2019 median household income is \$30,305—less than half the national median of \$68,703—with a per capita income of \$16,896. Over 31% of the households in the Target Area receive food stamps/ SNAP benefits and 32.8% of households have an income below the federal poverty level. As of 2020, the unemployment rate in the targeted area is 22.2%. ii. Description of Priority Brownfield Sites: The Coalition worked together to select the priority brownfield sites that pose the most risk to residents and have the greatest potential for reuse funding. All of the priority sites are in Opportunity Zones and are situated along the Mississippi (MS) River. The 30-acre former **Johns Manville Plant** site manufactured asbestos-based building products and operated from the early 1930s until its closure in the 1980s. At its peak, the plant employed nearly 1,000 people. The property has a 249k sq. ft. building made with Transite, an asbestos-containing material (ACM), with over 11k Transite panels remaining in the main building. Environmental assessment of the property is costly and has been a deterrent for previously interested prospects, including several green manufacturing uses such as waste-to-fuel recycling, offshore wind production, and the manufacturing of ecofriendly recycled building materials. An approximately 10-acre site that was once part of the Johns Manville facility, the former Ramrod Trucking Facility manufactured asbestos-containing Transite pipes used in drainage projects. The property has extensive environmental contamination from a history of diesel leaks and the existing underground fuel tanks, and has been abandoned for decades since the death of the previous property owner. With numerous liens and the property accruing debt to a bank, Jefferson Parish and JEDCO are working with the current property owner to determine ways to ensure this high-potential property can be put back into commerce effectively. The property currently has a prospective purchaser that, if ownership and debt can be determined and remediated, would be interested in moving forward with acquiring the site. Potential future uses of the site, given its adjacency to rail, river, and manufacturing assets, could be advanced clean manufacturing and/or distribution/logistics. A 46-acre vacant Industrial Tract in Westwego is adjacent to rail and includes a 4-acre inactive oil well site. Tenaris Westwego Threading Facility, a pipe yard for offshore oil and gas companies that neighbors the vacant site, has used the property to store their pipes for more than a decade. The site likely includes lead, arsenic, and heavy metal contaminants from the pipes stored on the property by Tenaris as well as natural occurring radioactive material and petroleum from the existing well site. The property is situated on a local street that fronts a residential neighborhood, several community churches, and an elementary school. The ideal use of the property expressed by Westwego community stakeholders would be multi-family housing to address housing needs, which would also increase the City of Westwego's tax base. The former Lowery Brothers Rigging Center was developed in the 1950s and was part of the Johns Manville facilities. In 1973, Lowery Brothers acquired the 13-acre site where the company functioned as a wire rope fabricator and distributor until 2007. The site has since been subdivided into several businesses with nearly 4 acres remaining undeveloped. The contaminants that remain on site include asbestos, benzo(a)pyrene, arsenic, tetrachloroethene, trichloroethane, and vinyl chloride. While the existing uses on the built-out portions of the site are industrial, the greenspace could potentially attract the development of a desirable neighborhood amenity, as it is within a mixed commercial and residential area. The 4-acre former Gulf States Asphalt Facility site in Westwego is situated adjacent to Salaville, the City's registered historic district currently experiencing revitalization. Since 2006, the vacant site has been poorly maintained and had been used for storage of industrial and maritime products. The property's last completed environmental assessment in 2013 concluded there were several remaining contaminants in the soil:

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² U.S. Census Bureau Summary 2010, 2014-2018 ACS, Esri Data Forecasts 2020 and 2025

benzo(a)anthracene, benzo(a)pyrene, benzo(a)fluoranthene, TPH-DRO, TPH-ORO, arsenic, and lead. In the groundwater, several contaminants remained, such as barium, cadmium, lead, silver, mercury, and dissolved arsenic. Several above-ground storage tanks that were stored on the property were removed in 2018 and could contribute to the potentially present PAHs and heavy metal contaminants. The City of Westwego acquired the site in 2020 and plans to convert it to community space with green infrastructure features as well as a riverboat landing area.

b. Revitalization of the Target Area

- i. Reuse Strategy & Alignment with Revitalization Plans: The Westbank Brownfield Redevelopment Coalition seeks to ensure that vulnerable populations living in the Target Area will gain enhanced environmental quality, high-paying jobs, improved infrastructure, better recreational access, and sustainable, clean industries from the proposed community revitalization efforts and reuse of these major sites. The companies that have expressed interest in the targeted sites—including those in clean/green manufacturing, waste-to-fuel renewable energy projects, cold storage, film production, maritime use, and distribution/logistics—are high-impact industries that could create thousands of jobs. The Coalition's efforts will build on years of planning and economic development work. Revitalizing the parish's existing building stock and redeveloping major former industrial properties and larger vacant land parcels on the Westbank are established as a priority in JEDCO's The Jefferson EDGE 2020, the long-term economic development strategic plan spearheaded by JEDCO and adopted by the Jefferson Parish Council as the parish's official economic development strategy and the Economic Development Element of Envision Jefferson 2040, the parish's Comprehensive Plan. The efforts of the Coalition would further both plans' goals for the redevelopment of industrial sites, as well as neighborhood-oriented goals for safe, cohesive, and thriving residential neighborhoods; "revitalization of neighborhoods that are stagnating or in transition;" and efforts that "support uses or facilities that promote healthy communities." Brownfield redevelopment strategies of the Coalition also fall in line with the Regional Planning Commission's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a regional, strategy-driven plan designed to guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of Greater New Orleans that "encourages place-based economic development initiatives that attract, grow, and retain businesses, improve access to jobs, and increase economic equity." Finally, the aforementioned goals prompted the creation of the Westbank Port Development Task Force to prioritize the redevelopment of industrial sites in the Target Area and set the groundwork for the success of the Coalition by engaging in a land use study and transportation planning study.
- **ii.** Outcomes & Benefits of Reuse Strategy: The priority sites within the Target Area have high potential given their size, geographical situation within the Greater New Orleans area, location within OZs, and access to the MS River and multimodal assets. However, despite past interest from prospective developers, the sites' environmental contamination, long-time vacancy, and subsequent disrepair have made their redevelopment challenging. The Coalition will use assessment grant funding coupled with a market study, community visioning, business attraction efforts, and other leveraged incentives and planning to assess the priority sites and follow the revitalization plans described in Section 1b.i that benefit the surrounding community and bring these major underutilized sites back into commerce. The redevelopment and reuse of the priority sites have the potential to create thousands of jobs that have been lost in the Target Area over the last two decades, and the greenspace and outdoor recreational amenities planned by the City of Westwego will bring much-needed healthy amenities to the surrounding communities.

c. Strategy for Leveraging Resource

i. Resources Needed for Site Reuse: The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) awarded JEDCO a \$20,000 technical assistance grant starting Oct 1, 2020 that will

support brownfield property research, the development of a brownfield inventory, and efforts to redevelop underutilized properties in the Target Area. JEDCO is a Certified Development Corporation (CDC) with the capacity to administer several financing programs, including the SBA 504 loan program, which can lend up to \$15M to be used to purchase, renovate, and construct commercial property; and the JEDCO Growth Fund, which can lend up to \$250k for commercial real estate, leasehold improvements, inventory, and working capital. In 2019, JEDCO was the top-performing CDC in LA. The Target Area is comprised of Opportunity Zones, which, in addition to their federal tax benefits, allow for properties to be eligible for the Restoration Tax Abatement program in Louisiana—an up-to ten-year abatement of property taxes on improvements to existing structures. Eligible sites within the Target Area are eligible for New Market Tax Credits, Enterprise Zone Tax Credits, and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

ii. Use of Existing Infrastructure: The Target Area is located in unincorporated Jefferson Parish and the incorporated city of Westwego. Utilities such as water, sewerage, electric, and gas are available. Union Pacific, BNSF Railway, and the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad, which gives access to six Class 1 Railroads, have extensive presence in the Target Area and are adjacent to many of the priority sites. The MS River Trail, a bike/pedestrian path along the levee of the MS River, runs through the Target Area. Several major infrastructure improvements are underway: over \$1M of CDBG funding has been used for the first phase of the Westwego Water Treatment Plant and the Jefferson Parish Sewer Lift Station in Marrero, with additional sewer improvements scheduled. Ames Blvd, a major thoroughfare within the Target Area, is in the process of being repaved. A \$1B widening of the Huey P. Long Bridge was completed in 2013 to increase commerce and connectivity, spurring opportunity to revitalize the Target Area. As part of the Westbank Port Development Task Force, the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) and Jefferson Parish will be conducting a transportation infrastructure planning study in the Target Area.

2. COMMUNITY NEED & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

a. Community Need

i. The Community's Need for Funding: Jefferson Parish has experienced stagnant-to-declining population growth resulting from turns in the economy, the shuttering of major job centers, and out-migration of residents. Hurricane Katrina, the national recession, and the BP oil spill all dealt major blows to the parish's economic health within just a five-year period, contributing to the parish's flat population growth and, more recently, a population decline. In 2006, one year after devastating Hurricane Katrina, Jefferson Parish experienced over an 8% decline in population.³ The 2019 median household income in the Target Area is \$30,305, which is 40% below Jefferson Parish (\$52,558), and less than half of the national median household income (\$68,703). The closure of major job centers such as the former Huntington Ingalls Avondale Shipyard, Johns Manville, and Celotex—all located within the Target Area—meant the loss of thousands of jobs for Jefferson Parish residents which, combined with declining populations, low incomes, and the additional major impacts of COVID-19 have meant a significant loss to the tax base of Jefferson Parish, eroding available funds for much-needed public improvements.

ii. Threats to Sensitive Population

(1) Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations: The Target Area, a historically industrial corridor with high output of pollutants and environmental contaminants, contains residential communities immediately adjacent to major industrial facilities and rail lines. Contaminants associated with both active and inactive rail include spilled or leaked petroleum products, cleaning solvents, herbicides, and various metals that are hazardous to the environment such as arsenic and combustion products. Several of the priority sites still contain ACM, petroleum products, iron and

³ Jefferson Parish Comprehensive Plan: Envision Jefferson 2040. (December 2019)

other contaminants—especially concerning given frequent reports of break-ins to these sites by children from the surrounding neighborhood. The Target Area is comprised of two census tracts defined by HUD as low- to moderate-income communities and includes some of the most vulnerable residents in the Greater New Orleans area, with a significant number of low-income and predominantly black households whose health have been disproportionately impacted by environmental contamination. According to United Way of Southeast Louisiana's 2020 ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Report, one in two households in the region are unable to afford basic expenses or save for an emergency.⁴ Over 48% of Jefferson Parish households meet the ALICE & Poverty threshold, the highest in comparison to all other parishes in Southeast LA. Over 26% of children in Jefferson Parish live in poverty, more than twice the national average of 11%. This grant will support efforts to attract sustainable uses that will bring high-wage employment opportunities to these low-income and underserved communities.

(2) <u>Greater than Normal Incidence of Disease & Adverse Health Conditions</u>: The table below presents the key indicators for high incidence of disease and adverse health conditions within Jefferson Parish. Perhaps most strikingly, asbestos-related deaths in Jefferson Parish—home to major ACM-producing facilities in the Target Area—are over three times the national rate.

Indicator (2017-2019) ⁵	Jefferson Parish	U.S.
Diabetes Prevalence	12%	8.5%
Low Birth Weight	10%	6%
Preterm Births	11.6%	10.1%
Asbestos-Related Death* (1999-2017) ⁶	15.2	4.9
Cancer Incidence Rate*	481	454.5
Air Toxics Exposure Disparity Index Score**7	7.88	1.87
% Uninsured Individuals for Health Insurance	12	6

*Rate per 100,000 **Higher score indicates larger gap in air pollution exposure among racial/ethnic groups

Jefferson Parish has also been a hotspot in the country for COVID-19 positive cases and deaths, with the Westbank of the MS River accounting for more than twice the number compared to the Eastbank. The Westbank concurrently accounts for two-thirds of the Parish's African American population, and the Marrero census tract in the Target Area surrounding most of the Priority Sites is 94% African American. Though African Americans make up only a third of the population in Louisiana, they account for 52% of COVID-19 deaths statewide. In an area that has suffered significant losses, the Coalition seeks to position priority brownfield sites with this grant to bring clean, high-wage jobs and help lay a foundation for health and prosperity for the community.

(3) <u>Disproportionately Impacted Populations</u>: The Target Area is situated within what has been infamously deemed "Cancer Alley," the stretch of land between Baton Rouge and New Orleans along the MS River where numerous industrial plants are located and whose communities of predominantly African Americans have seen disproportionate health impacts from environmental contamination. Air pollution is the leading environmental threat to human health, and the air pollution-particulate matter in Jefferson Parish (8.0mcg/per m³) is higher than the nation's average rating (6.1mcg/per m³). Black Americans, moreover, are twice as likely to be exposed to air pollution and more likely to be exposed to the most toxic pollution, regardless of income level. According to the EPA 2014 National Air Toxics Assessment, African Americans have a 95% higher risk of getting cancer from air pollution. Grant activities would help redevelop

⁴ United Way of Southeast Louisiana, 2020 Regional Report, ALICE in Louisiana: A Financial Hardship Study

⁵ OpenData Louisiana, Louisiana Department of Health Office of Public Health.

⁶ EWG Action Fund. Deaths With Contributing Causes Of Asbestosis And Mesothelioma. CDC Wonder Database.

⁷ U.S Health and Human Services. National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics

⁸ Roberts, F. "Marrero Church has been Ravaged by Coronavirus as Jefferson Parish Westbank Takes Huge Hit," Nola.com (April 2020)

⁹ Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, "County Health Rankings and Roadmaps" 2019

¹⁰ Ohio State University. Ard, Kerry, Associate Professor Environmental Sociology.

contaminated properties that have negatively contributed to the environment and human health and instead bring cleaner uses and recreational amenities to the community.

b. Community Engagement

<u>i. and ii. Project Involvement and Project Roles:</u> With this grant, Coalition members will build on their long history of collaborating with community stakeholders and will formally engage with the below project partners on a quarterly basis to solicit input and guide direction:

Project Partner	Contact Person & Contact Information	Role/ Expertise
West Jefferson Civic Coalition	Oscar Pipkins E: westjeffciviccoalition_wjcc@wjcc1133.com P: 504-491-3098	Community outreach; Property research
Rotary Club of Westwego	Jim Butler, P: 504-347-0441	Community outreach
Progressive Church	Pastor Sterling Mealancon P: 504-931-4163; 504-452-1582	Community outreach
St. Joseph Baptist Church	Pastor Melvin Zeno, P: 504-341-4858	Community outreach
New Orleans Metropolitan Association of Realtors	Bud Faust E: bud@nomar.org, P: 504-274-0704	Commercial Real Estate research & outreach
True Vine Baptist Church	Pastor Leander Johnson, P: 504-256-7999	Community Outreach
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality	Rebecca Otte E: <u>Rebecca.Otte@la.gov</u> , P: 504-606-1750	Community outreach; Property research; Environmental data
Regional Planning Commission (RPC)	Adam Tatar E: atatar@norpc.org, P: 504-483-8532	Environmental assessments; data; transportation planning
United Way Southeast Louisiana	Charmaine Caccioppi E: charmainec@unitedwaysela.org P: 504-827-6840	Community outreach; Data; Workforce training
Westbank Business & Industry Association	Lisa Barback E: <u>lisa@wbianola.com</u> , P:504-367-1721	Community outreach; Property research
Entergy Louisiana	Ana Gale-Orellana E: agale@entergy.com, P:504-840-2617	Attraction; incentives; Infrastructure needs
Louisiana Public Health Institute	Michelle Lackovic E: mlackovic@lphi.org, P: 504-232-6916	Community outreach; Public health data
Port of New Orleans	Amelia Pellegrin, E: <u>Amelia.pellegrin@portnola.com</u> P: 504-528-3301	Attraction; Infrastructure needs
Jefferson Chamber of Commerce	Todd Murphy E: todd@jeffersonchamber.org P: 504-835-3880	Business community outreach; Attraction

The quarterly community partner meetings would provide input for assessment, visioning, and redevelopment strategies and continue prior and existing community outreach. The *Jefferson EDGE 2020* and *Envision Jefferson 2040* were derived from the input of hundreds of community stakeholders, and JEDCO has held 20+ virtual stakeholder roundtables to develop the EDGE 2025 update. Through the recently formed Westbank Port Development Taskforce, JEDCO (Chair), Jefferson Parish Government, and a number of the above partners have also met monthly regarding the development of underutilized Brownfields in the Target Area.

iii. <u>Incorporating Community Input</u>: Due to the ongoing pandemic, Coalition Partners have successfully adopted virtual meetings and presentations relevant to this effort, which can be built upon for outreach for this grant. In May 2020, JEDCO joined the New Orleans Metropolitan

Association of Realtors Commercial Investment Division to host a virtual summit for their members, where JEDCO discussed efforts to redevelop brownfields. JEDCO and the RPC led a brownfield redevelopment discussion in August 2020 with the Westbank Business & Industry Association. Jefferson Parish Government, LDEQ, and JEDCO created a virtual series to discuss stormwater management best practices and brownfields. Jefferson Parish Government and JEDCO hosted the first Westbank Port Development Task Force meeting in October to review goals of redeveloping industrial space in the Target Area. For outreach during the grant period, the Coalition will announce the grant award through a press release, which will be sent to all local news media outlets, made available on social media, and shared via email to thousands of unique e-newsletter subscribers. In addition to monthly project team meetings with Coalition members to discuss grant project activities and conduct programmatic planning, the Coalition will also schedule quarterly meetings with the Community Project Partners listed in Section 1.b.i-ii to share activities and solicit input for redevelopment strategies, and will present to other neighborhood and business groups on a quarterly basis. As part of the market study, the Coalition will engage with community members in reuse visioning, hosting two public meetings. All members of the Coalition can conduct virtual meetings and have access to large event spaces that can accommodate socially distant meetings as well as offer a hybrid of both meeting formats. All meetings will be held in such a way to ensure the safety of participants and compliance with local/Federal guidance on social distancing, mask-wearing, capacity limits, and virtual meetings.

3. TASK DESCRIPTIONS, COST ESTIMATES & MEASURING PROGRESS

a. Description of Tasks/Activities & Outputs: The Coalition will undertake the following tasks to assess at least five sites in the Target Area and engage in related activities:

Task 1: Programmatic Oversight & Outreach (\$80,015)

- **i. Project Implementation:** JEDCO and Coalition partners Jefferson Parish and Westwego will:
 - Enter in Memoranda of Agreement, finalize a scheduled work plan for activities, and host monthly project team meetings, including a kick-off meeting;
 - Review and maintain Brownfield site inventory and engage in prioritization of sites;
 - Hold quarterly meetings with community project partners and other community groups;
 - Attend EPA Brownfield Region 6 trainings and National Brownfield conferences;
 - Submit annual MBE/WBE and Federal Financial reports, quarterly reports of activities, and final project closeout documentation.

ii. Anticipated Project Schedule:

- Q1: Execute Memoranda of Agreement, work plan, hold kick-off meeting.
- Ongoing throughout project period (Q1-12): Maintain Brownfield inventory; monthly project team meetings, quarterly community meetings; regular community and property outreach; Brownfield training and conferences.
- Quarterly: Reports on activities to the EPA; Annually: MBE/WBE reports; Q12: Final closeout documentation.

iii. Task Lead: JEDCO in coordination with Coalition Partners

iv. Outputs: Memoranda of Agreement; monthly project team meetings or conference calls; quarterly community meetings; web-based Brownfield inventory; travel to Brownfield meetings; quarterly reports; project closeout; performance and financial reports.

Task 2: Market Study (\$73,080)

i. Project Implementation:

• Through a competitive process, select an economic development firm (EDF) to conduct a market study of the Target Area to determine real estate market demands, trends, and land use options for Priority Sites.

- Provide economic development data and coordinate stakeholder community input. The EDF will:
- Engage with community members and project partners in reuse visioning;
- Evaluate market forces, economic trends and data, and real estate demands and uses;
- Prepare market study document.

ii. Anticipated Project Schedule:

• Q1: Develop and release RFP; Q2: Select EDF; Q2-4: Conduct market study.

iii. Task Lead: JEDCO will manage the contract of the EDF and oversee all contractual obligations. The EDF will conduct the market study.

iv. Outputs: Market study of Target Area and priority sites.

Task 3: Site Assessments and Cleanup Planning (\$446,905)

i. Project Implementation: JEDCO in partnership with the RPC will:

• Select a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) through a competitive bid process, oversee QEP activities, and regularly update EPA ACRES.

The QEP will:

- Conduct Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments (ESAs) of selected sites in accordance with all relevant ASTM standards and practices;
- Prepare Health and Safety Plans (HASPs) for each site;
- Prepare an overall Quality Management Plan (updated annually) and site-specific Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPP) and submit to the EPA for review and approval prior to any data collection activities;
- Prepare cleanup plans for each site.

ii. Anticipated Project Schedule:

- Q1-2: Select QEP.
- Q2-12: Conduct ESAs; HASPs, QMP, QAPPs, and cleanup plans; update ACRES.
- **iii. Task Lead:** JEDCO will oversee contracts and partner with the RPC to manage all QEP activities and reporting. The QEP(s) will lead all site assessment and cleanup planning activities.
- **iv. Outputs:** 6-8 Phase I ESAs; 5-7 Phase II ESAs; 5-7 clean-up plans; QAPPs as needed; QMP with annual updates.

b. Cost Estimates:

Task 1: Programmatic Oversight & Outreach (\$80,015)

- Personnel: 12 hours per week at average \$35/hr for 150 weeks to manage project team communication, Brownfield site management, outreach to community stakeholders and partners, and reporting (\$63,000)
- Fringe: Fringe rate of 20% (\$12,600)
- Travel: 2 staff to attend Brownfield conference at \$1,500 per person and 1 staff to attend additional Brownfield training at \$1,000 (\$4,000).
- Supplies: Printing of outreach materials (\$415)

Task 2: Market Study (\$73,080)

- Personnel: 8 hours per week at average \$35/hr for 30 weeks (\$8,400)
- Fringe: Fringe rate of 20% (\$1,680)
- Contractual: Market study with community reuse visioning (\$20,000), market & real estate research (\$20,000), and land use feasibility for Priority Sites (\$23,000) (total \$63,000)

Task 3: Site Assessments and Cleanup Planning (\$446,905)

• Contractual: Unit costs based on RPC and LDEQ experiences with large (10-50 acre) industrial sites in the Greater New Orleans area.

- o 7 Phase I Environmental Assessments at \$4,000 per assessment (\$28,000)
- o 6 Phase II Environmental Assessments at \$43,000 per assessment including development of QAPP (\$258,000).
- o 6 Cleanup Plans with HASP at \$9,900 per plan (\$59,400)
- Other: Contract management and oversight of QEP activities via subaward to Regional Planning Commission: \$86.46/hr for the below estimated hours. (\$101,505)
 - o Q1: 2 hours/week for 13 weeks=26 hours; Q2–Q4: 4 hours/week for 37 weeks=148 hours; Q5–Q12: 10 hours/week for 100 weeks=1,000 hours.
 - o Hourly billable rate is equal to personnel (\$36.54), fringe (\$34.00), and EPA-approved indirect rate of 43.58% (\$15.92). EPA has approved the RPC's fringe and indirect rates through a Cognizant Agency Negotiation Agreement for FY21.

	Project Tasks					
	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3			
Budget Categories	Programmatic Oversight & Outreach	Market Study	Site Assessments & Cleanup Planning	Totals		
Personnel	\$63,000	\$8,400		\$71,400		
Fringe Benefits	\$12,600	\$1,680		\$14,280		
Travel	\$4,000			\$4,000		
Equipment				\$0		
Supplies	\$415			\$415		
Contractual		\$63,000	\$345,400	\$408,400		
Other (Subaward)			\$101,505	\$101,505		
Totals	\$80,015	\$73,080	\$446,905	\$600,000		
Indirect Costs: JEDCO is not charging any of its indirect costs to this grant.						

c. <u>Measuring Environmental Results</u>: The Coalition will monitor and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activities in the Target Area. The following will be assiduously tracked and reported into EPA ACRES: Phase I and Phase II ESAs and cleanup plans completed, acres of land assessed, sites remediated and redeveloped, acres of greenspace preserved or created, number of jobs created or retained, estimated tax revenue generated and redevelopment investment value where possible, and other leveraged funding. These and other outcomes, such as website updates, market feasibility study progress, outreach events held and number of attendees, and brownfield property research, will be provided in quarterly reports. The Coalition will also manage the completion of grant activities from 3.b in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet.

4. PROGRAMMATIC CAPABILITIES & PAST PERFORMANCE

a. Programmatic Capability

i. <u>Organizational Structure</u>: JEDCO will be the grantee and administrator and will ensure timely and successful expenditure of funds and completion of all project requirements. The Westbank Brownfield Redevelopment Coalition includes Dr. Terri Wilkinson, Walter Brooks, Dr. Vanessa Zimmerman, Juliette Cassagne, and Brooke Tolbert with Jefferson Parish; Mayor Peoples and Councilwoman Valence with the City of Westwego; and JEDCO's Annalisa Kelly and Janet Galati. Ms. Annalisa Kelly will lead the efforts of the Coalition as to ensure all project requirements are completed in a timely manner. The Coalition members (JEDCO, Jefferson Parish Government, City of Westwego) will be the decision-making body during the three-year

performance period, as formalized in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) executed between the members upon award of the grant and establishing roles of each partner, frequency of meeting, protocol for decisions and site selection, and other administrative matters necessary to achieve the project goals. JEDCO will execute the EPA Cooperative Agreement (CA) and ensure compliance to the CA, as well as be responsible for the financial tracking, outreach to stakeholders, and oversight of grant activities. Coalition members and community partners will provide input on site prioritization, reuse visioning, the market study, and other major grant activities.

- ii. <u>Description of Key Staff</u>: Ms. Annalisa Kelly, Director of Strategic Initiatives & Policy for JEDCO, will serve as Project Manager. Ms. Kelly has over a decade of experience coordinating major economic and community development projects as well as managing and administering multi-million-dollar Federal grants. She will coordinate all Coalition communication, meetings, and community outreach. She will also oversee the market study and the environmental assessment contracting and management with the RPC. Cynthia Grows, JEDCO Controller, has over 30 years of experience in managing JEDCO's financial and administrative records. She will assist in the preparation of programmatic financial and compliance reporting documents. Ms. Janet Galati, Strategic Initiatives Specialist, has served over seven years in economic and workforce development with tasks that have included managing several federal grant-funded projects and leading business attraction and expansion efforts. She will assist in outreach, market study activities, and manage property research and a brownfield inventory.
- **iii.** Acquiring Additional Resources: An EDF and QEP will be selected via competitive bid process. The RPC has agreed to contract with JEDCO to provide project management and consultant oversight for all environmental work. The RPC employs full-time brownfield staff with a successful history of managing EPA assessment grants. The RPC will assist with project tracking to EPA ACRES.

b. Past Performance & Accomplishments

ii. <u>Has Not Received an EPA Brownfields Grant but has Received Other Federal or Non-Federal Assistance Agreements</u>

- (1) Purpose and Accomplishments: JEDCO has received and continues to manage and administer several federal funds. In 2007, JEDCO became co-recipient along with Jefferson Parish Government for an \$850,000 EDA Public Works grant, which funded critical infrastructure improvements to the Churchill Tech & Business Park. The infrastructure improvements allowed for the development of the Patrick F. Taylor STEM Academy, ranked the #1 secondary education school in Louisiana with over 800 students attending and nearly 70 jobs. In 2009, JEDCO was awarded \$2M Community Development Block Grant funds from the Primary and Secondary Education Infrastructure Program. These funds were used to construct a business incubator as well as other infrastructure in Churchill Park. Delgado Community College has since opened the River City & Advanced Manufacturing Center that includes 20 workforce training and certification programs, created over 20 new jobs, and over 1,200 students since 2018. The EDA also awarded JEDCO \$1,033,000 for a Revolving Loan Fund to proactively influence the economy through retention and creation of quality jobs, entrepreneurship and investment in Jefferson Parish, funding 50 businesses in Jefferson Parish since its inception. JEDCO currently maintains an "A" rating with the EDA and was recently awarded \$1.5M of the CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant to administer a COVID-19 Revolving Loan Fund for small businesses impacted by COVID.
- (2) <u>Compliance with Grant Requirements</u>: JEDCO has successfully managed and been fully compliant with all Federal grants, including all reporting requirements, deliverables, and expected outcomes. Annual third-party audits of JEDCO's finances have found no irregularities with JEDCO's management of grant funds.

Attachment Threshold Criteria

Application for FY21 USEPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant Westbank Brownfield Redevelopment Coalition JEDCO, Jefferson Parish Government, City of Westwego

Threshold Criteria

1. <u>Applicant Eligibility</u>: The Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO), the lead entity (grantee) for this Assessment grant, is an economic development and port district body created via legislation by the State of Louisiana to serve as the economic development arm of Jefferson Parish. It is an independent yet complementary arm of the Jefferson Parish Government and is overseen by a board of commissioners. Documentation of JEDCO's enabling legislation, 70140 LSA-R.S. 34:2021, is attached.

Coalition member **Jefferson Parish** is eligible as a County-level unit of government. Jefferson Parish is not a member of other current or proposed coalitions.

Coalition member **City of Westwego** is eligible as a City-level unit of government. The City of Westwego is not a member of other current or proposed coalitions.

Letters of commitment from Jefferson Parish and the City of Westwego are attached.

- 2. Community Involvement: For outreach during the grant period, the Coalition will announce the grant award through a press release, which will be sent to all local news media outlets, made available on social media, and shared via email to thousands of unique e-newsletter subscribers. In addition to monthly project team meetings with Coalition members to discuss grant project activities and conduct programmatic planning, the Coalition will also schedule quarterly meetings with the Community Project Partners to share activities and solicit input for redevelopment strategies, and will present to other neighborhood and business groups on a quarterly basis. As part of the market study that will be conducted, the Coalition will engage with community members in reuse visioning, hosting two public meetings. All members of the Coalition have the ability to conduct virtual meetings and have access to large event spaces that can accommodate socially distant meetings or a hybrid of both meeting formats. All meetings will be held in such a way to ensure the safety of participants and compliance with local/Federal guidance on social distancing, mask-wearing, capacity limits, and virtual meetings.
- **3.** Expenditure of Assessment Grant Funds: JEDCO does not have an active EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant.



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October 13, 2020

Jerry Bologna President & CEO Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission 700 Churchill Parkway Avondale, LA 70094

Re: Participation in EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant for the West Bank of Jefferson Parish

Dear Mr. Bologna:

I am pleased to confirm Jefferson Parish Government as a member of JEDCO's FY21 EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition, which includes JEDCO and the City of Westwego. Jefferson Parish supports JEDCO in its role as lead coalition member and grant recipient/administrator. Jefferson Parish understands that Coalition members are required to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement that includes activities such as documentation of the site selection process, allocation of funds, and development of programmatic mechanisms for implementing the grant project.

As a county-level unit of government with a strong home rule charter in the New Orleans metropolitan area, Jefferson Parish engages in multiple functions, programs, and projects for which it actively partners with Federal, State, and local governments, including the City of Westwego within parish boundaries.

The Coalition is applying for a \$600,000 U.S. EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant for a Target Area that comprises two contiguous Opportunity Zones on the West Bank of Jefferson Parish, one of the most industrious parts of the parish along the Mississippi River. This area also has a long history of settlement by persons who worked the plantations of the 18th and 19th centuries and in subsequent processing and manufacturing uses that located near the river and railroads in proximity to residential neighborhoods. Many of the now closed and vacant manufacturing sites precipitated the loss of thousands of jobs in the last several decades, and job loss coupled with the unprecedented economic and health impacts of COVID-19 have left these long-established communities particularly vulnerable. This funding will provide much-needed environmental assessments to help bring these high-potential sites back into commerce

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and help reverse negative environmental and economic impacts to our sensitive communities. The assessment funding also will involve public engagement through community visioning and outreach, property research and inventory of potential brownfield sites, and a market feasibility assessment.

By partnering with JEDCO on this grant application, Jefferson Parish will assist with property research, engaging with property owners, in-person and virtual outreach with residents and community leaders, as well as leveraging existing and future resources in an effort to effectively promote healthier communities with prosperous job opportunities and a better quality of life. Jefferson Parish supports JEDCO's efforts to seek this grant funding and is pleased to be a member of this coalition striving to bring impactful, sustainable redevelopment to the Target Area.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Lee Sheng

Jefferson Parish President



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CITY ATTORNEY:

JOEL A. LEVY

Re: Participation in JEDCO's EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant for the West Bank of Jefferson Parish

Dear Mr. Bologna:

The City of Westwego is confirming its support of JEDCO's FY21 EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition as a Coalition member, which includes JEDCO (Lead) and Jefferson Parish. The City of Westwego supports JEDCO in their role as lead coalition member and grant recipient/administrator for the EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant.

The City of Westwego is an incorporated City located within the Parish of Jefferson. Through a resolution passed unanimously by the City Council on September 30, 2020 (Resolution 2020-09 K), Westwego agrees that this grant will help us address the current general concern for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Westwego and Jefferson Parish. The area's large facilities, industrial infrastructure, location within Opportunity Zones, and access to multimodal assets like the Mississippi River and rail have tremendous potential for redevelopment and reuse that considers the needs and desires of the surrounding community, hindered by environmental contamination.

In supporting JEDCO's effort to seek this grant as a Coalition partner, Westwego will be a key partner in community outreach and will be part of an effort to attract investors and companies to bring high-paying jobs to our city. We will also encourage the development of green space and incorporating environmentally sustainable redevelopment practices, such as green infrastructure, that will increase quality of life for current residents and the future generations living and growing in our community.

The City looks forward to being part of the Coalition through a formal Memorandum of Agreement and to focus on properties that once provided thousands of jobs to the area but have since remained vacant. We are eager to bring much-needed job opportunities with livable wages to our community, and this grant will position us to successfully redevelop high-potential properties in ways that best support our citizens.

Sincerely,

Joe Peoples, Mayor

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§ 2021. Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District

A. There is hereby created in the hereinafter described area of Jefferson Parish, a special parish district designated as the "Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District", which, through its board of commissioners, shall have the power to acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate projects as provided in this Chapter and to provide such additional parish services within the district as may be required by the Jefferson Parish Council. The district is hereby constituted and is declared to be a body politic and political subdivision of the state of Louisiana, as defined in Article VI, Section 44 of the Constitution of Louisiana. Pursuant to Article VI, Sections 19 and 21 of the Constitution of Louisiana, the district, acting through its board of commissioners, the governing authority of said district, is hereby granted all of the rights, powers, privileges, and immunities granted to political subdivisions for industrial, commercial, research, and economic development purposes, including but not limited to the power of taxation, the power to incur debt and issue revenue and general obligation bonds, certificates of techness, bond and certificate anticipation notes, and refunding bonds, subject to the limitations hereinafter provided.

- B. The Jefferson Parish Council shall have control over and responsibility for the functions, management, affairs, operation, and administration of said district and may exercise such powers as are necessary to govern such functions, management, affairs, operation, and administration.
- C. The Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District, a special parish district created by this Chapter, shall constitute a body corporate in law, with all of the powers of a corporation, including the power to sue and be sued. The district shall also have all powers and rights conferred by this Chapter; all powers of a special district as provided by the home rule charter of Jefferson Parish; and the power to perform any other act in its corporate capacity and in its corporate name which is necessary and proper for effectuating the purposes and objects for which said district was created.
- *70141 D. The Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District shall be managed by a board of commissioners, hereinafter referred to as "the commission", which shall be composed of qualified voters and residents of Jefferson Parish. The Jefferson Parish Council shall by ordinance or resolution prescribe the number, manner of appointment, terms, and the duties of the members of the commission; the number and manner of selection of officers of the commission; and rules governing meetings of the commission.

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R.S. 34:2021.

Acts 1990, No. 710 amended and reenacted Chapter 20, formerly containing R.S. 34:2021 to 34:2025, to contain (as modified on authority of R.S. 24:253) R.S. 34:2021 to 34:2032. For disposition of the subject matter of the sections of Chapter 20 following the 1990 amendment and reenactment, see Table preceding this section.

Section 2 of Acts 1987, No. 201 provided:

"The Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District shall be the successor in every way to the Greater Jefferson Economic Development and Port Commission; however, said district shall exercise its powers and duties subject to the authority of the Jefferson Parish Council as provided in this Act. All indebtedness, contracts, assets, equipment, records, and personnel of the Greater Jefferson Economic Development and Port Commission shall be transferred to the Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District as of the effective date of this Act. All entities affected by this Act are hereby arrized to take any action as may be necessary to implement the provisions of the Act on such date."

Title of Act:

An Act to amend and reenact Chapter 20 of Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 34:2021 through 2029; to provide with respect to the powers and duties of the Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District; and to provide for related matters. Acts 1990, No. 710.

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The 1966 amendment, in subsec. A, deleted a comma following "members", and substituted "governing authority of the parish of Jefferson" for "governor"; and in subsec. B substituted "appointing authority" for "governor" in two instances, and substituted "its" for "his" before "pleasure".

*70142 The 1976 amendment rewrote subsec. A, which had read:

"A. There is hereby created a commission, to be known as the Greater Jefferson Port Commission, which shall be composed of nine members who shall be appointed directly by the governing authority of the parish of Jefferson for terms of six years each, which commission shall have full corporate powers and shall have jurisdiction over the port area hereinafter defined which port area shall be a political subdivision of the state and shall not be a political subdivision of the parish of Jefferson."

The 1976 amendment also, in subsec. B, substituted "within fifteen days by the appointing authority in the same manner and, where applicable, within fifteen days of receipt of lists of nominees submitted to said" for "by the".

The 1984 amendment rewrote subsec. A, which formerly provided:

"A. There is hereby created a commission, to be known as the Greater Jefferson Port Commission, which shall be composed of five members who shall be bona fide residents and qualified electors of the parish of Jefferson and who shall be appointed for terms of five years each as follows: one member shall be appointed by the Jefferson Parish President; two members shall be appointed by the Jefferson Parish Council; one member shall be appointed by the Jefferson Parish Council from a list of two nominees submitted by the Harvey Canal Industrial Association; and one member shall be appointed by the Jefferson Parish Council from a list of two nominees submitted by the West Bank Council of the Chamber of Commerce of the New Orleans Area. All

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bers shall be experienced in the commerce or industry, or both, of the port area, and shall otherwise possess the qualifications prescribed by law. No ber of the board shall be eligible to succeed himself unless his immediately previous appointment was to serve for the unexpired portion of a term which had less then two years to run. Members shall continue to serve until their successors have been appointed and take office. No member of the board shall hold any office in any political party or other political organization, nor shall he hold any public office or employment for compensation, existing under or created by the laws of the United States or the state of Louisiana, or existing under or created by the charter or ordinance of a municipality or subdivision of the state. In order to provide for staggered terms on said commission, the initial members appointed thereto shall be appointed for and serve the following terms: the member appointed by the Jefferson Parish President shall serve for a term of one year and his successor shall serve for a term of five years; of the two members appointed by the Jefferson Parish Council, one member shall be appointed for a term of two years and one member shall be appointed for a term of three years and their successors shall serve for terms of five years each; of the two members appointed by the Jefferson Parish Council from the lists of nominees submitted by the Harvey Canal Industrial Association and the West Bank Council of the Chamber of Commerce of the New Orleans Area, one member shall be appointed for a term of four years and one member shall be appointed for a term of five years each. The commission shall have full corporate powers and shall have jurisdiction over the port area hereinafter defined which port area shall be a political subdivision of the state and shall not be a political subdivision of the parish of Jefferson."

*70143 In subsec. B, first sentence, the 1984 amendment also deleted "Any other provisions of this Chapter relative to terms of members notwithstanding" preceding "all members", substituted "governor" for "appointing authority" and "his" for "its" and in the second sentence deleted "within fifteen days" following "shall be appointed" and substituted "governor" for "appointing authority in the same manner and, where applicable, within fifteen days of receipt of lists of nominees submitted to said appointing authority" preceding "to serve".

The 1984 amendment also deleted former subsec. C, which had provided:

"C. Each commissioner shall be a citizen of the United States and a qualified voter and taxpayer of the state of Louisiana and of the port area. Not more than two members of the legislature may serve as members of the commission at the same time."

In addition, the 1984 amendment redesignated former subsec. D as subsec. C; in the redesignated subsec. C, third sentence, substituted "five" for "three" preceding "members", in the fourth sentence substituted "Five" for "Three" preceding "members" and in the last sentence substituted "board" for "boards"; and deleted former subsec. E, which had provided:

"E. The commission may fix a per diem not to exceed ten dollars to be paid to members of the commission except members who are members of the luture, for each day the member attends a meeting of the commission and each day the member spends on business of the commission authorized by the commission."

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§ 2022. Rights and powers of the board

A. The commission shall exercise the powers herein conferred upon it within the district, consisting of the territorial limits of Jefferson Parish except the town of Grand Isle as the boundaries and limits of said town are presently or hereafter fixed by law and all of Ward 11 of Jefferson Parish limited, however, in the case of navigable waterways solely to those navigable waterways within said territorial limits having a depth not exceeding fifteen feet mean low gulf (MLG) as determined by the United States Geodetic Survey. However, the power and jurisdiction of said commission shall not apply or extend to any existing publicly or privately owned wharf, dock, warehouse, elevator, or any facility or industrial structure constructed on or adjacent to any navigable waterway, natural or man-made, or the replacement, improvement, and operation thereof by the owners, lessees, permittees, or the successors and assigns thereof; provided further that nothing herein shall affect R.S. 34:991 through 34:1009 relative to pilotage.

- B. The commission may authorize a reasonable travel allowance for its members in the performance of their official duties, and it may employ such officers, agents and employees as it may find necessary in the performance of its duties, and may prescribe the duties, powers and compensation of such officers, agents and employees. The commission may upon such terms as may be agreed upon, contract for legal, financial, engineering and other professional services necessary or expedient in the conduct of its affairs, and it may, upon terms and conditions mutually agreeable, utilize the services of the executive departments of the state.
- C. (1) The commission may regulate commerce and traffic within the territorial limits of Jefferson Parish except the town of Grand Isle as the boundaries and limits of said town are presently or hereafter fixed by law and all of Ward 11 of Jefferson Parish limited, however, in the case of navigable waterways solely to those navigable waterways within said territorial limits having a depth not exceeding fifteen feet mean low gulf (MLG) as determined by the United States Geodetic Survey.
 - *70145 (2) It shall have charge of and administer public wharves, docks, sheds, and landings and shall be empowered:
- (a) To construct or acquire and equip wharves and landings and other structures useful for the commerce of the port area and to provide mechanical facilities therefor;
 - (b) To erect sheds or other structures on such wharves and landings;
 - (c) To maintain proper depths of water at all such wharves and landings;
 - (d) To provide light, water, police protection and other services for its facilities as it may deem advisable;
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- (e) To construct or acquire, maintain and operate basins, locks, canals, warehouses and elevators;
- (f) To charge for the use of all facilities administered by it and for all services rendered by it, such fees, rates, tariffs, or other charges as it may establish;
 - (g) To establish harbor lines within the port area by agreement with the United States Corps of Engineers; and
- (h) To construct, own, operate, and maintain terminal rail facilities and other common carrier rail facilities for the purpose of rendering rail transportation to and from the facilities to be erected, owned, and operated by the commission in both intrastate and interstate commerce.
- (3) The legislature may confer additional powers upon the commission, not inconsistent with the provisions hereof; provided, however, that it shall not impair any contract lawfully entered into by the commission.
 - (4) Title to all property and improvements thereon operated by the commission shall vest in the district.
- D. The commission may charge a reasonable fee to each vessel using the public facilities administered by the commission. It also may charge for each copy of any certificate issued by it or by any of its officers or employees for inspecting hatches, surveying cargo, or making other surveys or inspections of vessels using the public facilities administered by the commission but shall furnish, without charge, to the master of each vessel one copy of all surveys upon his vessel or cargo.
- E. The commission shall have authority to make and enter into contracts, leases and other agreements with railroads, trucking companies, barge lines, and with any and all companies interested in the transportation, storage and shipping of goods and other products, whether by rail, truck line, barge line, ocean going vessels or otherwise for the use of facilities administered by the nission or any part or portion thereof, for a period of time not exceeding forty years. No exclusive franchise, however, shall be granted to any carrier.
- *70146 F. In order to promote commerce and industry and develop trade by inducing manufacturing, industrial, commercial and other enterprises to locate within the district, and to attract and retain business and commercial enterprises in the district to maintain employment and the economy of the area, the commission shall have authority to plan, finance, develop, acquire, own, construct, repair, renovate and improve commercial and industrial parks and plant buildings within the district, including sites and other necessary property or appurtenances therefor and acquire, construct, develop, improve, operate, maintain, and provide improvements and services necessary therefor, including but not limited to roads, streets, lighting, bridges, rail facilities, drainage, sewers, sewerage disposal facilities, plant solid waste disposal facilities, water works and other utilities and related properties.
- G. The commission shall have the authority to sell, rent, lease, or otherwise dispose of, by suitable and appropriate contract, to any enterprise locating or existing within the district, all or any part of a commercial or industrial plant site and buildings or property owned by the commission. In determining the consideration for any contract to lease, sell or otherwise dispose of lands, buildings or other property of the commission, it may take into consideration the value of the land, buildings or other properties involved as well as the potential value of the economic impact of the industrial or business enterprise being induced to locate or expand within the district. Such economic impact shall include increased employment, increased use of local labor, wages and salaries to be paid, consumption of local materials, products and resources and special tax revenues to be generated by the industrial or business enterprise acquiring or leasing lands, buildings or other property from the commission. Any lease may contain an option to purchase by the lessee.
 - H. The resolution adopted by the commission authorizing any lease, sale or other disposition of lands, buildings, or property e commission shall set forth, in a general way, the terms of the authorized lease, sale or other disposition and such resolution

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be published as soon as possible as provided in the public bid law, R.S. 38:2211 et seq. For a period of thirty days from the dance of publication of any such resolution, any interested person may contest the legality of any such resolution or the validity of the authorized lease, sale, or other disposition of commission property, after which time, no one shall have any cause of action to contest the legality of such resolution or to draw in question the legality of the authorized lease, sale, or other disposition of commission property for any cause whatsoever, and it shall be conclusively presumed thereafter that every legal requirement has been complied with, and no court shall have authority to inquire into such matters after the lapse of said thirty days.

- I. The commission shall be vested with all powers that may be necessary to enable it to accomplish the aforementioned purposes, and more particularly to undertake and complete development projects in compliance with the public bid law, as provided in R.S. 38:2211 et seq.
- *70147 J. The commission shall serve as the principal parish organization for furthering economic development of the parish and for promoting and assisting the growth and development of the parish industrial and business concerns.

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In this section as set forth in Acts 1990, No. 710, § 1, in the first sentence of subsec. A, "United State" was changed to "United States", in the second sentence of the same subsection "34:1004" was changed to "34:1009", paragraphs and subparagraphs were designated in subsec. C with attendant punctuation and capitalization changes, and in subsec. F a comma was inserted following "district", all changes on authority of R.S. 24:253.

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The 1976 amendment designated the paragraphs of this section as subsecs. A to E; in subsec. A, rewrote the first sentence, which had read: "The commission shall exercise the powers herein conferred upon it within the port area, consisting of wards one, two, three, four, five, six and eleven of the parish of Jefferson as the boundaries and limits of said wards are presently fixed"; in subsec. B, deleted "other" before "executive"; and, in subsec. C, rewrote the first sentence, which had read: "The commission may regulate commerce and traffic within the port area affecting the lawful activities of the commission, except any part thereof as may be under any prior lawful power and authority as may be vested in the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans by institution and laws of the state of Louisiana and an ordinance relative to territorial jurisdiction adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of

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Orleans on the 11th day of April, 1946."

*70148 Acts 1982, No. 355, § 1, added subsecs. F, G, H, and I.

Acts 1982, No. 864, § 1, in subsec. A, inserted "except the town of Grand Isle as the boundaries and limits of said town are presently or hereafter fixed by law and all of Ward 11 of Jefferson Parish", deleted "Provided" preceding "however" at the beginning of the second sentence, and inserted a comma following "elevator" and following "improvement"; in subsec. C, inserted "except the town of Grand Isle as the boundaries and limits of said town are presently or hereafter fixed by law and all of Ward 11 of Jefferson Parish", inserted commas following "sheds", "tariffs", "operate", "owned", and substituted "port commission" for "Port Commission" in the last sentence.

The 1984 amendment, in the section heading, substituted "commission" for "board"; in subsec. B, first sentence, inserted "and staff" following "members"; and added subsec. J.

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§ 2023. Additional powers

The district, acting by and through its board of commissioners, shall have and exercise all powers of a political subdivision necessary or convenient for the carrying out of its objects and purposes, including but not limited to rights and powers set out in this Chapter:

- (1) To sue and be sued.
- (2) To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporation seal.
- (3) To acquire by gift, grant, purchase, expropriation, or otherwise, all property, including rights of way; to hold and use any hise or property, real, personal, or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, necessary or desirable for carrying out the objects and purposes of the district, including but not limited to the establishment, maintenance, and operation of industrial parks.
- (4) To enter into contracts for the purchase, acquisition, construction, and improvement of works and facilities necessary in connection with the purposes of the district.
- (5) In its own name and on its own behalf to incur debt and issue general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, certificates, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness and to levy and cause to be collected ad valorem taxes as provided in this Chapter and as may be provided by general law.
 - (6) To require and issue licenses with respect to its properties and facilities.
 - (7) To regulate the imposition of fees and rentals charged by the district for its facilities and services rendered by it.
 - (8) To borrow money and pledge all or part of its revenues, leases, rents, or other advantages as security for such loans.
 - (9) To appoint officers, agents, and employees, prescribe their duties, and fix their compensation.

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§ 2024. Industrial development

A. The district shall have the power to construct and acquire industrial parks and industrial plant buildings, and subordinate and related facilities, including the acquisition of sites and other necessary property or appurtenances thereto within the district, or outside the district if the project is undertaken conjointly with another state or with other local units of government, under the authority of the local services law, R.S. 33:1321 et seq., or other authorizing authority, and to acquire, construct, improve, operate, maintain, and provide improvements and services necessary therefor, including but not limited to roads, street lighting, bridges, rail facilities, drainage, sewers, sewerage disposal facilities, solid waste disposal facilities, waterworks, and other utilities and related properties.

- B. The district shall have the following additional powers, together with all powers incidental thereto or necessary for the rmance of those hereinafter stated:
- (1) To acquire, whether by purchase, exchange, gift, lease, expropriation, or otherwise, and to construct and improve, maintain, equip, and furnish one or more economic development projects, including all real and personal properties which the board of commissioners may deem necessary in connection therewith.
- (2) To lease or to contract for the use of any or all of its authorized projects and to charge and collect rent, fees, or charges therefor, and to terminate any such lease or contractual arrangement upon the failure of the lessee or contracting party to comply with any of the obligations thereof, all as may be provided for in the lease agreement to which the district may become a party.
- (3) To sell, exchange, donate, and convey any or all of its projects upon such terms and conditions as the board of commissioners may deem advisable, including the power to receive for any such sale the first mortgage note or notes of the purchaser of a project representing unpaid installments of the purchase price due by the purchaser to the district whenever the board of commissioners finds any such actions to be in furtherance of the purposes for which the district was organized.
- *70155 (4) As security for the payment of the principal of and interest on any bonds, notes, or other obligations of the district, and any agreements made in connection therewith, to mortgage and pledge any or all of its projects or any part or parts thereof, whether then owned or thereafter acquired, and to pledge the revenues and receipts therefrom or from any other source.
- (5)(a) To enter into any cooperative financing of an economic development project between or among the district and the state, any of its local governmental subdivisions, political corporations or public benefit corporations, the United States or its agencies, or any public or private association, corporation, or individual. Said methods of financing shall include loan guarantees, land write-downs, grants, lease guarantees, or any form of financial subsidy or incentive that complies with the prisions of Article VII, Section 14 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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- b) To enter into any cooperative development between or among the district and the state, any of its local governmental sudivisions, political corporations or public benefit corporations, the United States or its agencies, or any public or private association, corporation, or individual. Said methods of cooperative development shall include but not be limited to any number of joint development agreements such as condominiums and cooperative ownership, limited partnerships, and investment syndicates not prohibited by the Constitution of Louisiana. Regardless of the method of financing, the district shall attempt to obtain the most favorable security available in order to protect and ensure recovery of sums loaned or paid pursuant to such financing.
- (c) "Cooperative endeavor" means any form of economic development assistance between or among the district and the state, any of its local governmental subdivisions, political corporations or public benefit corporations, the United States or its agencies, or any public or private association, corporation, or individual. The term "cooperative endeavor" shall include but not be limited to cooperative financing, cooperative development, or any other form of cooperative economic development activity.

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§ 2025. Authority for issuance of bonds; levy of taxes

The commission, with the approval of the state bond commission and with the approval of a majority of the voters of the district voting in an election held for such purpose, is authorized to incur debt for its lawful purposes and to issue in its name, negotiable bonds or notes therefor, and to pledge for the payment of the principal and interest of such negotiable bonds or notes the revenue derived from ad valorem taxes or other revenues derived from the operation of properties and facilities maintained and operated by it, or received by the commission from other sources. Such bonds shall be issued by the commission with such dates, forms, terms, series, interest rates, maturities, denominations, redemption provisions and security provisions as the commission may determine in compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of Louisiana, and the commission shall have complete authority to incur debt and issue bonds of each type and in every manner provided by said constitution. All bonds, when authorized to be issued, shall constitute a general obligation of the commission to the payment of which the full faith and to of the commission and the district shall be and are hereby pledged. In addition to the pledge of revenues to secure said bonds and notes, the commission may further secure their payment by a conventional mortgage upon any or all of the properties constructed or acquired, or to be constructed and acquired by it. The commission is further authorized to receive, by gift, grant, donation or otherwise, any sum of money, aid or assistance from the United States, the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, and unless otherwise provided by the terms of such gift, grant or donation, in its discretion, it may pledge all or any part of such monies for the further securing of the payment of the principal and interest of its bonds or notes.

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§ 2026. Fees and ad valorem tax; borrowing money

- A. The board of commissioners may, when necessary, levy annually an ad valorem tax not to exceed five mills on the dollar of assessed valuation of all property, provided that the amount, term, and purpose of said tax, as set out in a proposition submitted to a vote in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code, shall be approved by the approval of two-thirds of the parish council and a majority of the qualified electors voting in a special election held for that purpose.
- B. All funds derived under this Section may be used for any expenses or purposes of the district. The board of commissioners shall establish and maintain, in addition to all necessary and normal accounts, the following special accounts:
- (1) An economic development operational fund, for the development and attraction of industries to accomplish the following:
- (a) The operational fund shall be used for operating expenses necessary in creation of industrial and commercial development, in hiring sufficient staff to accomplish the purposes set out in this Chapter, and other related expenses.
- (b) The operational fund may also be utilized in contracting for services as may be required by the district including but not limited to planning assistance, surveys, land use studies, technical services, and other services necessary to effectuate a unified industrial development plan.
- (2) An account for the maintenance and operation of a governmental procurement center to provide necessary information to companies and individuals engaged in providing services and goods to accomplish the following:
- (a) Pinpoint and identify potential buying centers and aid in placing the company on a bidder's list for these centers and assist companies in obtaining specifications for their products or services.
- (b) Provide trained counselors to assist in acquiring solicitation and bid packages and conduct seminars designed to disseminate other information needed by the target companies and individuals.

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Citation/Title R.S. 34:2027, Prescriptive period; sale of bonds

*70161 LSA-R.S. 34:2027

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§ 2027. Prescriptive period; sale of bonds

A. For a period of thirty days from the date of the adoption of any resolution of the commission authorizing the issuance of its bonds or notes, any interested person may test the legality of said resolution and the validity of said bonds or notes issued or proposed to be issued thereunder, after which time no one shall have any right or cause of action to contest the regularity, formality or legality of said resolution or to draw in question the legality of said bonds or notes or the debt represented thereby for any cause whatever, and it shall be conclusively presumed that every legal requirement has been complied with, and no court shall have authority to inquire into such matters after the lapse of thirty days.

B. Any bonds issued in accordance with the provisions hereof shall be sold to the highest bidder, at a public sale, for not less than par and accrued interest, after advertisement at least once a week for not less than thirty days by the commission in New uns, Chicago, New York, and such other places as the commission may determine, reserving to the commission the right to reject any and all bids, and the right to readvertise for new bids. If, after advertisement as hereinabove provided, no bids are received, or if such bids as are received are considered in the discretion of the commission to be unsatisfactory, then and only in that event the commission may publicly negotiate for the sale of such bonds.

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Citation/Title R.S. 34:2028, Right to expropriate

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§ 2028. Right to expropriate

The Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District may acquire by expropriation, in accordance with the expropriation laws of the state, any properties necessary for the construction of port facilities and a deep sea channel, or any other district facilities; provided, however, that said commission shall not have the right to expropriate minerals or mineral rights, and its power of expropriation shall not apply or extend to any existing publicly or privately owned wharf, dock, warehouse, elevator or other facility or industrial structure constructed on or adjacent to any navigable waterway, natural or manmade, or the replacement, improvement and operation thereof by the owners, lessees, permittees, or the successors and assigns thereof.

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§ 2029. Obligations of the district

- A. The district shall have authority to incur debt for any one or more of its lawful purposes set forth in this Chapter, to issue in its name negotiable bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, or other evidences of debt and to provide for the security and payment thereof.
- B. (1) The district may in its own name and behalf incur debt and issue general obligation ad valorem property tax secured bonds under the authority of and subject to the provisions of Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of Louisiana, Subpart A of Part III of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, when approved by a majority of the qualified voters who vote in a special election called and conducted under the authority of the Louisiana Election Code, including Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. General obligation bonds of the district may be it of for any of the purposes for which the district is created or is authorized to act under any provisions of this Chapter, all of which purposes are hereby found and declared to be public purposes and functions of the state of Louisiana, which are delegated to the district.
- (2) The district may in its own name and behalf issue revenue bonds for the purposes for which the district is created or is authorized to act under any of the provisions of this Chapter, including industrial and commercial development revenue bonds. Said bonds shall be issued in the manner as provided for in R.S. 39:991 through 1001 and R.S. 39:1011 through 1024.
- (3) The district may in its own name and behalf borrow from time to time in the form of certificates of indebtedness. The certificates shall be secured by the dedication and pledge of monies of the district derived from any lawful sources, including fees, lease rentals, service charges, local service agreement payments from one or more other contracting parties, the avails of ad valorem property taxation, or any combination of such sources of income, provided that the term of such certificates shall not exceed ten years, and the annual debt service on the amount borrowed shall not exceed the anticipated revenues to be dedicated and pledged to the payment of the certificates of indebtedness, as shall be estimated by the board of commissioners of the district at the time of the adoption of the resolution authorizing the issuance of such certificates. The estimate of the board of commissioners referred to in the authorizing resolution shall be conclusive for all purposes of this Section.
- *70165 (4) The district may borrow the amount of the anticipated ad valorem tax, not to exceed five mills, authorized by R.S. 34:2026 for a period not to exceed ten years and may issue certificates of indebtedness therefor and may dedicate the avails of the tax funded for the payment thereof for the period of time said certificates are outstanding.
- (5) The board of commissioners, as the governing authority of the district, is authorized to adopt all necessary resolutions or ordinances which may be necessary for ordering, holding, canvassing, and promulgating the returns of any election required for issuance of general obligation bonds, or limited tax secured obligations, or for the voting of a property tax millage, which

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- lution or ordinances may include covenants for the security and payment of any bonds or other evidence of debt so issued.
- (6) For a period of thirty days from the date of publication of any resolution or ordinance authorizing the issuance of any bonds, certificates of indebtedness, notes, or other evidence of debt of the district, any interested person may contest the legality of such resolution or ordinance and the validity of such bonds, certificates of indebtedness, notes, or other evidence of debt issued or proposed to be issued thereunder and the security of their payment, after which time no one shall have any cause of action to contest the legality of said resolution or ordinance or to draw in question the legality of said bonds, certificates of indebtedness, notes, or other evidence of debt, the security therefor, or the debts represented thereby for any cause whatever, and it shall be conclusively presumed that every legal requirement has been complied with, and no court shall have authority to inquire into such matters after the lapse of thirty days.
- (7) The issuance and sale of such bonds, certificates of indebtedness, notes, or other evidence of debt by the district shall be subject to approval by the State Bond Commission.
- (8) Such bonds, certificates of indebtedness, notes, or other evidence of debt shall have all the qualities of negotiable instruments under the commercial laws of the state of Louisiana.

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*70166 This section, as contained in the 1990 amendment and reenactment of Chapter 20, was designated R.S. 34:2026, and was redesignated, on authority of R.S. 24:253, as R.S. 34:2029. On the same authority, in the second sentence of par. B(3), a comma was inserted following "years" and in par. B(4), "R.S. 34:2023.1" was changed to "R.S. 34:2026".

The section which was originally designated as R.S. 34:2029 in the 1990 amendment and reenactment of Chapter 20 was redesignated, on authority of R.S. 24:253, as R.S. 34:2032.

Citation/Title R.S. 34:2030, Securities

*70167 LSA-R.S. 34:2030

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§ 2030. Securities

Bonds, certificates, or other evidence of indebtedness issued by the district under this Chapter are deemed to be securities of public entities within the meaning of Chapters 13 and 13-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and shall be subject to defeasance in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 14 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and may be refunded in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 14-A and 15 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and may also be issued as short term revenue notes of a public entity under Chapter 15-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

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This section, as contained in the 1990 amendment and reenactment of Chapter 20 was designated R.S. 34:2027, and was redesignated, on authority of R.S. 24:253, as R.S. 34:2030.

Citation/Title R.S. 34:2031, Exemption from taxation

*70168 LSA-R.S. 34:2031

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§ 2031. Exemption from taxation

The district and all properties at any time owned by the district and the income therefrom and all bonds, certificates, and other evidences of indebtedness issued by the district under this Chapter and the interest or income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation by the state of Louisiana.

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This section, as contained in the 1990 amendment and reenactment of Chapter 20 was designated R.S. 34:2028, and was redesignated, on authority of R.S. 24:253, as R.S. 34:2031.

Citation/Title R.S. 34:2032, General compliances; enhancement

*70169 LSA-R.S. 34:2032

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§ 2032. General compliances; enhancement

A. No provision of this Chapter shall be construed so as to exempt the district from compliance with the provisions of Louisiana laws pertaining to open meetings, public records, fiscal agents, official journals, dual office holding and employment, public bidding for the purchase of supplies and materials and construction of public works, the Code of Governmental Ethics, the Right to Property in Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and the Louisiana Election Code.

B. The financial records of the district shall be audited pursuant to R.S. 24:513.

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