



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) is considering a request for Federal assistance from the Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO) to construct a Food & Beverage Incubator in Churchill Technology & Business Park in Avondale, Jefferson Parish, LA. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), EDA is conducting an assessment of the potential of the proposed project to affect the environment and/or historic properties.

The project would include the design, engineering, and construction of a food and beverage (F&B) incubator on the West Bank of Jefferson Parish, serving the New Orleans-Metairie MSA and Southeast Louisiana regions. The F&B incubator facility would be the only such facility in the region, providing small food & beverage businesses and start-ups with commercial kitchen space and technical assistance to successfully operate and scale, including training in production, licensing, equipment, business plan development, marketing, labeling and packaging, food safety, distribution, financing, and other assistance. The proposed project is the result of an in-depth planning analysis and needs assessment, whereby a majority of surveyed companies said that a F&B incubator was urgently needed to support small F&B businesses. The facility would comprise a standalone building that would likely include: three kitchens plus other production rooms; dry storage; refrigeration and freezer walk-in storage space; a loading dock; offices; a classroom; and an entrance, totaling approximately 15,000 sq ft total. The project will be located in Churchill Technology & Business Park in a vacant parcel on Nicolle Boulevard adjacent to 700 Churchill Parkway, Avondale, LA 70094. The parcel is located at 29.893277995198414, -90.18138761199876. Project information is available for review in person at JEDCO's offices at 700 Churchill Parkway, Avondale, LA 70094; by e-mailing Annalisa Kelly at [akelly@jedco.org](mailto:akelly@jedco.org); or by calling JEDCO's main line at (504) 875-3098. JEDCO's offices hours are Monday-Thursday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM and Friday by appointment.

If you have any information regarding potential impacts to historic properties or environmental resources including wetlands or floodplains associated with this proposed project please provide it in writing to:

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Comments received in the EDA Regional Office by 5:00 pm central on January 22, 2024 will be considered. A copy of the NEPA/NHPA decisional document will be available upon request at the above EDA Regional Office.