

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
HUDSON INITIATIVE CERTIFICATION**

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**SUMMARY**

<b>CERTIFYING AGENCY</b>	<b>LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>
<b>CERTIFICATION DESIGNATION</b>	HUDSON INITIATIVE
<b>RACE CONSCIOUS</b>	NO
<b>GENDER CONSCIOUS</b>	NO
<b>RE-CERTIFICATION</b>	ANNUAL UPDATES
<b>GRADUATION</b>	NONE
<b>FEE/COST</b>	NONE
<b>CERTIFICATION PROCESS TIMEFRAME</b>	48 HOURS

**OVERVIEW**

Louisiana’s Hudson Initiative is a certification program designed to help eligible Louisiana small businesses gain greater access to purchasing and contracting opportunities that are available at the State government level.

- Your business and contact information will be accessible to State purchasing officials and prime contractors looking for subcontractors
- State agencies are encouraged to get quotes from and use qualified, certified companies whenever possible
- For small purchases of less than \$15,000, State agencies can waive the requirement of getting additional quotes if a certified company submits a quote that is reasonable
- 10% of the total evaluation points can be added to your bid on a Request for Proposal (RFP)
- Prime contractors who use your business as a subcontractor on a bid for an RFP are also eligible to receive additional percentage points on their bid

**ELIGIBILITY**

The program is open to all Louisiana businesses that meet the following eligibility requirements of a Small Entrepreneurship (SE) under the Hudson Initiative:

- **Principal Place of Business** – The company must have its principal place of business in Louisiana
- **Employees** – The company has fewer than 50 full-time employees
- **Average Annual Gross Receipts** – Average annual gross receipts do not exceed \$5 million for non-construction and \$10 million for construction companies
- **Independently Owned and Operated** – The business is independently owned and operated
- **Not Dominant** – The business is not dominant in its professional field
- **Louisiana Residency** – Owned by persons domiciled in Louisiana
- **Citizenship** – Owned by and has officers who are U.S. citizens or legal residents

**CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

Complete the online application at [www.ledsmallbiz.com](http://www.ledsmallbiz.com). LED will review completed applications within two business days of submittal. You will receive an email notification after review that acknowledges your application status. You must submit annual updates through [www.ledsmallbiz.com](http://www.ledsmallbiz.com) by your certification anniversary date to remain in the program.

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