

Louisiana Closes Record Investment Year

By Louisiana Economic Development

BATON ROUGE—Louisiana Economic Development announced historic results for 2025, the largest year of investment and job creation in Louisiana’s history, with more than \$61 billion in capital investment and over 9,300 direct new jobs generated since January. These new jobs pay an estimated average salary of \$91,000 per year, which is \$30,000 higher than the state average.

Louisiana is closing this record-setting year with unmistakable momentum. In just the past few weeks, more than \$11.2 billion in new investment and nearly 2,500 new jobs have been announced statewide.

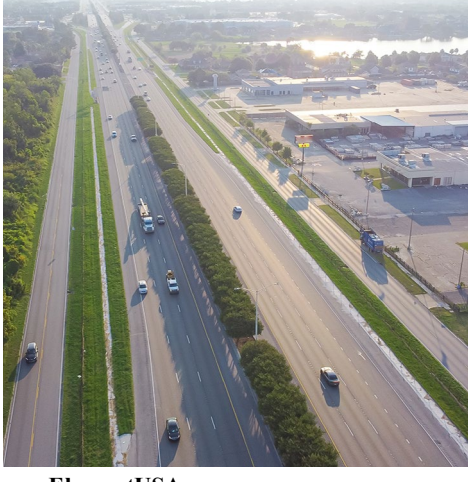
Together, these projects strengthen established industries, accelerate growth in emerging ones, and create new high-wage job opportunities for Louisiana workers and communities.

Governor Jeff Landry said, “This is what winning looks like, for we are no longer defined by what we were, but what we are becoming.”

Louisiana has entered a new era of growth powered by businesses that believe in Louisiana and our people. As we carry this momentum into the new year, one thing is clear: there is now a new standard for how Louisiana competes and wins.”

Recent Project Announcements

- Saronic Technologies, Inc.**
Saronic is investing \$300 million to expand the Franklin shipyard and advance large-scale autonomous vessel production, strengthening Louisiana’s role in maritime manufacturing and defense-sector innovation.
- SLB**
SLB is doubling its Shreveport footprint through a \$30 million expansion that supports growing demand for digital infrastructure and advanced technology manufacturing.
- Epic Piping**
Epic is expanding its corporate headquarters in Livingston with a \$25 million investment, increasing capacity to meet rising demand across natural gas, nuclear, and data center markets.



- ElementUSA**
ElementUSA is investing \$850 million to develop a rare earth and critical mineral refining facility in Southeast Louisiana, strengthening United States supply chains

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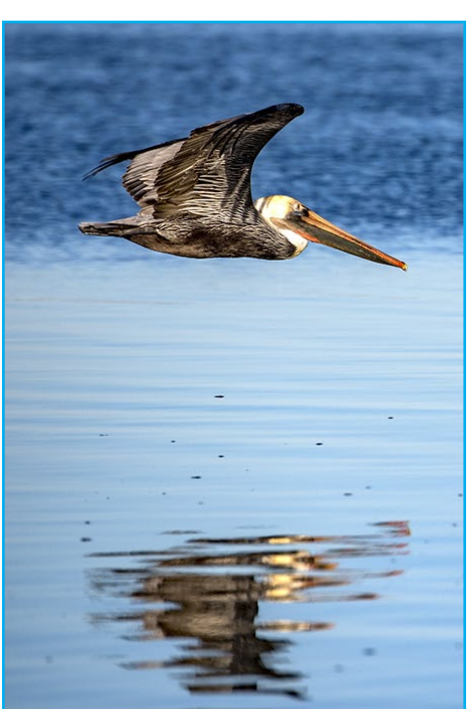
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2026

Federal Contracting for Small Businesses Webinar
Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 11:00 am–12:30 pm CST Online
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
Contact: Irene Gonzalez, 208-334-1673, irene.gonzalez@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required
Learn the essentials of federal contracting for small businesses. This event will cover the basics of navigating the federal contracting process, as well as the various certifications available to help your small business succeed in the government marketplace. Certifications include: 8(a) Business Development Program, HUBZone Certification, Woman Owned Small Business (WOSB/EDWOSB), and Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB). Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights and resources to help your small business. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/federal-contracting-basics-and-certifications-for-small-businesses-tickets-1977729716822

SBA 101: Introduction to SBA Programs Webinar
Thursday, January 15, 2026, 9:00 am–10:00 am CST Online
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, Rhode Island District Office
Contact: Brian Hopkins, 401-528-4575, brian.hopkins@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required
This free workshop, presented by the Rhode Island

District Office, is designed to help entrepreneurs understand the various SBA programs and services available to help them as they start, expand, grow, and recover their businesses. This overview presentation covers: Introduction to the SBA; SBA Resource Partner Network—Business Training and One-on-One Counseling; Selling to the Federal Government—SBA Contracting Certification Programs; Access to Capital—Loan and Surety Bond Programs; International Trade Assistance; Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Assistance Loans. Register online for the free workshop webinar at https://www.sba.gov/event/77580

Federal Contracting: Woman-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Certification Program Webinar
Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm CST Online
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
Contact: Patrice Dozier, patrice.dozier@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required
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