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Cleco Corporation is an energy services company based in central Louisiana. They have been in business since 1934, and throughout their years of service, they have perfected the basics of a successful electric utility business: reasonable rates, reliable service and customer focus. Their economic development team works with local, regional and state economic development organizations to promote economic growth in Louisiana in order to retain our existing customers and bring new businesses and jobs to the communities they serve. Combining community assets with their knowledge and experience, Cleco's economic development team members can help plan and execute initiatives that get results for a community and its businesses. <http://www.cleco.com/>

Entergy Corporation is an integrated energy company engaged primarily in electric power production and retail distribution operations. Entergy Louisiana Economic Development has an established full-service research center devoted to providing assistance in the site selection decision-making process. A full-time research staff can provide information on available buildings and sites, demographic and economic data on markets across the state, list of suppliers and competitors in any area, and more. The Teamwork Louisiana Team City Program, sponsored by Entergy Corporation, is a proven economic development tool that every Louisiana community should know about. The program is based on the principle that the community that has carefully prepared itself for growth has the best chance of obtaining and sustaining economic prosperity. <http://www.entergy.com/>

The mission of Louisiana Economic Development is to provide excellence in leadership, policy and programs to create a business climate enabling public-private linkages, which result in capital investment, a diversified economic base, and quality job opportunities for all Louisiana citizens. In 2005, the International Organization for Standardization recently awarded Louisiana Economic Development (LED) with its ISO 9001 :2000 certification. With this recognition, LED becomes the only state economic development agency in the United States that is ISO certified. More recently, in March 2006, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) announced that Louisiana Economic

Development has been recognized as one of 27 economic development organizations accredited by IEDC as an Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO). Louisiana Economic Development is the first state to receive AEDO accreditation. <http://www.led.state.la.us/>

The Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (LPFA) is a financing authority created in 1974 as a public trust and public corporation by the Public Facilities Corporation, a Louisiana corporation. The purposes of the LPFA are to promote, encourage and further the accomplishment of all activities which are or may become of benefit to the State of Louisiana and which have a public purpose. To meet its purposes the LPFA has the ability to issue both taxable and tax-exempt bonds to finance everything from educational facilities to hospitals, student loans, industrial and economic development projects and essential programs for state and local governmental units. <http://www.lpfa.com/>

The Louisiana Small Business Development Centers (LSBDC) network helps entrepreneurs and businesses start, develop and grow by providing high quality individual counseling, business education classes, information resources, and specialized services such as international trade, technology transfer and commercialization. The LSBDC is a partnership program with the U. S. SBA, Louisiana Economic Development and participating universities. <http://www.lsbdc.org/>