

STATUS REPORT

LOUISIANA INITIATIVE FOR VETERAN AND SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL ENTREPRENEURSHIPS (THE VETERAN INITIATIVE)

**2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR
(July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)**

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2021 - 2022 FISCAL YEAR STATUS

For the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, the total reported state expenditures on contracts with certified Veteran Initiative entrepreneurships was \$16,787,821.46. At the end of the June 30, 2022 fiscal year period, LED reported five hundred and eighty-five (585) certified Veteran Initiative small entrepreneurships (369 Veteran-Owned and 216 Service-Connected Disabled). Of this number, a total of four hundred and fifty-seven (457) were registered in LaGov.

For the previous fiscal year (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021), the total reported expenditure on contracts was \$8,723,743.76. The table below is an overview of expenditures to Veteran Initiative small entrepreneurships for fiscal years July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The DOA and state agencies in concert with LED are continuing our efforts to inform businesses about the program and to encourage their certification. The DOA is also encouraging state agencies to maximize their efforts in contracting with Veteran Initiative entrepreneurships.

TABLE 1

BREAKDOWN OF FISCAL YEAR '22 EXPENDITURES

The chart below illustrates the expenditures on contracts with certified Veteran Initiative Small Entrepreneurships according to the three available procurement accounting systems used by the executive branch.

| VETERAN INITIATIVE SUMMARY EXPENDITURES | | |
|---|--|--|
| | EXPENDITURES FY '21 07/01/20 – 06/30/21 | EXPENDITURES FY '22 07/01/21 – 06/30/22 |
| ISIS and LaGov (Office of State Procurement and Facility Planning and Control) Agencies | \$6,222,731.27 | \$15,301,600.31 |
| Non-ISIS/LaGov Agencies (Universities, Colleges & LSUHSC HOSPITALS) | \$2,162,186.90 | \$1,363,058.22 |
| Department of Transportation and Development | \$338,825.59 | \$123,162.93 |
| TOTAL | \$8,723,743.76 | \$16,787,821.46 |

Note: Due to limited reporting capabilities, these figures may not reflect all expenditures earned by small entrepreneurships engaged as subcontractors.

**ADDITIONAL INITIATIVE REQUIREMENTS
IMPOSED BY STATUTE**

A. La. R.S. 39:2177(C) requires the Commissioner of Administration to provide periodic training for relevant state employees to acquaint them with the requirements of the initiative and administrative law related thereto.

B. La. R.S. 39:2177(D) requires the Commissioner of Administration to conduct a training program at least semiannually to acquaint small entrepreneurships with state procurement and public contract proposal and bidding practices.

On behalf of the Commissioner, the Office of State Procurement conducts outreach activities to acquaint Veteran Initiative entrepreneurships with state contracting and procurement, to encourage certification and to encourage Veteran Initiative entrepreneurships to enroll in the state’s electronic vendor notification system, LaGov.

Examples of these types of activities include:

| Date | Event | Location | Topic |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| July 23, 2021 | LED Small Business | Virtual | Purchasing overview and H&VI |

Attachment A
 Veteran Initiative Report
 July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

| Department | Expenditure Amount Veteran Owned (VSE) | Expenditure Amount Veteran Service Connected Disabled (DVSE) |
|---|---|---|
| 01-100 Governor's Office (Executive Office) | \$ - | \$ - |
| 01-102 Office of Inspector General | \$ - | \$ - |
| 01-103 Mental Health Advocacy Service | \$ - | \$ - |
| 01-106 Louisiana Tax Commission | \$ 4,767.41 | \$ - |
| 01-107 Division of Administration | \$ 11,055.00 | \$ 5,802.50 |
| 01-109 Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority | \$ 93,723.75 | \$ 86,126.50 |
| 01-111 Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emerg. Preparedness | \$ 410,193.75 | \$ 10,119,218.11 |
| 01-112 Department of Military Affairs | \$ 94,871.64 | \$ 62,975.84 |
| 01-115 Facility Planning and Control | \$ 772,306.47 | \$ 42,826.40 |
| 01-116 Louisiana Public Defender Board | \$ - | \$ - |
| 01-129 Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement | \$ 256,816.82 | \$ - |
| 01-133 Office of Elderly Affairs | \$ - | \$ - |
| 01-254 Louisiana State Racing Commission | \$ - | \$ - |
| 01-255 Office of Financial Institutions | \$ 1,938.19 | \$ - |
| 03. Department of Veterans Affairs | \$ 50,817.63 | \$ 91,979.12 |
| 04-139 Secretary of State | \$ 31,627.40 | \$ - |
| 04-141 Office of the Attorney General | \$ 5,395.97 | \$ - |
| 04-147 State Treasurer | \$ 6,720.98 | \$ - |
| 04-158 Public Service Commission | \$ 5,569.29 | \$ 948.00 |
| 04-160 Agriculture and Forestry | \$ - | \$ 472.33 |
| 04-165 Commissioner of Insurance | \$ 1,113,310.00 | \$ - |
| 05. Department of Economic Development | \$ 312,981.25 | \$ - |
| 06. Department of Culture, Recreation, & Tourism | \$ 11,363.80 | \$ - |
| 07. Department of Transportation and Development | \$ 97,418.88 | \$ 25,744.05 |
| 08. Department of Corrections | \$ 27,764.00 | \$ 11,942.82 |
| 08. Office of Juvenile Justice | \$ 210,989.84 | \$ 145,146.00 |
| 08. Department of Public Safety | \$ - | \$ - |
| 09. Louisiana Department of Health | \$ 137,951.29 | \$ 6,262.00 |
| 10. Department of Children and Family Services | \$ - | \$ - |
| 11. Department of Natural Resources | \$ - | \$ - |
| 12. Department of Revenue | \$ 3,420.82 | \$ - |
| 13. Department of Environmental Quality | \$ - | \$ - |
| 14. Louisiana Workforce Commission | \$ 1,800.00 | \$ - |
| 16. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries | \$ 2,020.90 | \$ - |
| 17. State Civil Service | \$ 258.00 | \$ - |
| 19. Department of Education | \$ 38,002.29 | \$ 318,725.67 |
| 19. Higher Education | \$ 755,425.52 | \$ 607,632.70 |
| 21. Division of Administrative Law | \$ - | \$ - |
| 21. Federal Property Assistance | \$ - | \$ - |
| 21. LA Property Assistance Agency | \$ - | \$ - |
| 21. Office of Aircraft Services | \$ - | \$ - |
| 21. Office of Group Benefits | \$ - | \$ - |
| 21. Office of Risk Management | \$ 130,119.25 | \$ 14,023.00 |
| 21. Office of State Procurement | \$ - | \$ - |
| 21. Office of Technology Services | \$ 659,366.28 | \$ - |
| 21. Other Ancillaries | \$ - | \$ - |
| Grand Total | \$ 5,247,996.42 | \$ 11,539,825.04 |