



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2022 - 19

***EQUITABLY COORDINATING LOUISIANA'S
STATEWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS***

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden signed into law the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (hereinafter, the "IIJA");

WHEREAS, alongside the IIJA, President Biden issued Executive Order 14052 on November 15, 2021, which stressed that in implementing the IIJA, all federal agencies should effectively coordinate with state, local, and tribal governments in implementing these critical investments equitably;

WHEREAS, Louisiana has already received and will continue to receive both formula allocations and discretionary awards of federal funds authorized by the IIJA for much-needed infrastructure improvements in the transportation, clean energy, broadband, water, environmental remediation, and resilience sectors;

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Biden issued Executive Order 14008, which announced the Justice40 Initiative ("Justice40"), setting a goal that at least 40% of the benefits of certain federal programs be realized in disadvantaged communities;

WHEREAS, to comply with Justice40, federal agencies have begun to identify Justice40 covered programs, many of which are part of the IIJA;

WHEREAS, the IIJA presents a generational opportunity to Louisiana communities where infrastructure will be developed and to businesses in the infrastructure sector, including small businesses and those that are minority, women, or veteran-owned or disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that IIJA programs benefit all the citizens of Louisiana and comply with the federal Justice40 mandate where applicable, it is crucial to coordinate statewide planning efforts with a wide and diverse array of stakeholders from communities throughout our State.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: By December 15, 2022, all agencies, departments, and public bodies within the executive department of the State of Louisiana shall, to the extent that they apply for funding under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), develop and submit to the Governor's Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator and the State Planning Manager in the Office of Planning and Budget of the Division of Administration action plans to:

- A. Increase access to the contract selection process for small, minority, women and veteran-owned, and disadvantaged business enterprises for all federal IIJA-funded contracts; and
- B. Engage with local and tribal governments, nonprofits, and other community organizations to increase access to IIJA funding opportunities.

SECTION 2: The contract selection process provided for in the action plans under this Order shall include deliverables for all contractors engaged in the performance of IJJA-funded projects, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

- A. Submission of utilization plans to agencies, which include methods of acquiring and utilizing small, minority, women and veteran-owned, and disadvantaged business enterprises in the performance and completion of these contracts; and
- B. Presentation to agencies of monthly utilization reports every thirty days after the initial approval of the utilization plans; and
- C. Demonstration to agencies of methods to hire or employ as many local residents or businesses as is consistent with providing efficient and effective services under the contract(s).

SECTION 3: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 15th day of November, 2022.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

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