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Since 2018, the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Foundation has been a driving force behind economic development, leadership, and innovation across all 64 parishes of our state. Through strategic partnerships with business executives, civic pioneers, entrepreneurs, educators, and nationally recognized thought leaders, the Foundation invests in the people and communities creating meaningful, lasting change.
Parish Passport, fueled by Atmos Energy, is our answer to a simple question: who is actually building Louisiana's future?

This is not a list of titles. It is a record of impact — a statewide, beautifully printed publication that chronicles the organizations, businesses, public servants, and community champions whose leadership is shaping what Louisiana becomes next. Being named to Parish Passport means your name sits alongside the state's most respected leaders, in a keepsake edition designed to be displayed, shared, and referenced for years to come.

PARISH PASSPORT



DIVISION
ADMINISTRATION, ADVOCACY AND GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT



DIVISION
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GROWTH INITIATIVES



DIVISION
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PROGRAMMING

ABOUT LCCF

The Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Foundation (LCCF) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization established in 2018 to help drive the economic growth of Louisiana by empowering and sustaining the local and small business community through the development of local chambers. Our mission is achieved by engaging public and private sector partners to provide local and small businesses with access to procurement opportunities, a strong network of local chambers of commerce, and technical assistance that builds their capacity.

As a statewide agency advancing economic development across all 64 parishes, LCCF is powered by seven divisions: Administration, Advocacy and Global Development; Chamber of Commerce Growth Initiatives; Technical Assistance and Programming; AgriAquaculture Center of Excellence; Innovation and Economic Development; Academic and Institutional Relations; and Harvest to Health Farms. Through these divisions, we deliver targeted support that strengthens local chambers, expands access to funding, enhances inter-agency connectivity, and fosters collaboration that drives sustainable growth and ensures every Louisiana community has the tools to thrive.



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AGRIAQUACULTURE CENTER OF EXECELLENCE



DIVISION
INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



DIVISION
ACADEMIC & INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS



ADMINISTRATION, ADVOCACY AND GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

Building partnerships. Expanding opportunities. Elevating Louisiana.

- **2** COUNTRIES
- **20** FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES
- **9** UNIVERSITY INTERNS
- **36** PROGRAMMATIC AND AGENCY PARTNERS



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GROWTH INITIATIVES

Empowering local chambers. Strengthening small businesses. Growing Louisiana together.

- **10+** CHAMBERS IN OUR NETWORK
- **10,000+** SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS REPRESENTED
- **64** EVENTS YTD PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO CHAMBERS



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PROGRAMMING

Equipping businesses. Creating access. Building capacity.

- **$3.2M** CONTRACT OPPORTUNITY SECURED FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS
- **667** PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS *(497 last year)*
- **75+** PROGRAM OFFERINGS



AGRIAQUACULTURE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Growing innovation. Developing talent. Feeding stronger communities.

- **55** COHORT MEMBERS
- **50,227** LETTUCE HEADS PRODUCED ANNUALLY
- **10,000 SQ FT** STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY
- **9,000** UNITS DONATED TO COMMUNITY
- **5** ACTIVE RETAIL DISTRIBUTION PARTNERS



INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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- Launch Louisiana BIC
- Lake Charles, LA



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Connecting education and industry. Developing talent. Expanding opportunity.

- **4** OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH PARTNERS
- **12** INSTITUTIONAL WORKFORCE PARTNERS







Mission:

The Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Foundation drives Louisiana's economy forward by empowering small businesses, strengthening regional chambers, and advancing innovation in agriculture, workforce training, and economic policy. Through strategic public-private partnerships, capacity-building expertise, and statewide advocacy, we expand access to procurement, foster sustainable development, and support resilient, thriving communities. Our mission is to grow local enterprises, shape effective policy, and build a stronger economic future for Louisiana.

Vision:

To position Louisiana as a national leader in small business growth, agricultural innovation, and community-driven economic development, creating a future where local enterprises fuel statewide prosperity.








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We're excited to honor 64 Louisianans making an impact across our state! From agriculture and education to healthcare, technology, business, public service and beyond, these honorees represent the people and industries helping Louisiana thrive.

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