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Public Hearing

Interested parties may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing to the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine, Attention: Jared B. Granier, Executive Director, via U.S Mail at 5825 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 or via e-mail attachment to director@lsbvm.org or via hand delivery; however, such request must be received by no later than 3 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2023. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:953(A)(2)(a) are satisfied, a public hearing will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 2023 at 5825 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806. To confirm whether or not a public hearing will be held, interested parties must visit www.lsbvm.org/rulemaking-projects on or after January 9, 2023. If a public hearing is to be held, all interested parties are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing. In the event of a hearing, parking is available to the public in front of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry Building at 5825 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

Jared B. Granier
Executive Director

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Preceptor Program

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

There will be no costs or savings to state or local governmental units, except for those associated with publishing the proposed rule amendment (estimated at \$750 in FY 2023). This proposed rule amendment would remove barriers to entry at a time many areas of the state are underserved with veterinary care and would align Louisiana's with most other states' requirements for licensure. All current licensees and potential applicants for licensure will be informed of this proposed rule amendment via the Board of Veterinary Medicine's regular newsletter, website, and by email which results in minimal costs to the board.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) anticipates a greater number of applications for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) licensure due to the removal of the preceptorship application requirement. As such, the proposed rule amendment is anticipated to increase revenues generated from fees for applications for DVM licensure as follows: FY2022 – \$5,500 (an increase of 10 applicants x \$550 fees); FY2023 – \$8,250 (an increase of 15 applicants x \$550 fees); and FY2024 – \$11,000 (an increase of 20 applicants x \$550 fees).

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule amendment removes the preceptorship requirement for out-of-state licensees where virtually no other state has a similar program, thus benefiting applicants for DVM licensure by having a more streamlined, less restrictive application process and a positive effect on the timeframe for DVM license issuance.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The number of licensed DVMs is anticipated to increase as a result of the proposed rule amendment. In the long term, this proposed rule amendment should increase overall competition for employment. However, at this time many areas of the state are currently underserved with veterinary care and a larger number of licensed DVMs are needed in the state to fill these employment opportunities.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Economic Development Office of the Secretary

Small Business Innovation Retention Fund Program (LAC 13:I.Chapter 49)

Under the authority of R.S. 51:2401 and R.S. 36:104, and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Department of Economic Development hereby give notice of their intent to adopt rules for the Small Business Innovation Retention Fund Program.

Title 13

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Part I. Financial Incentive Programs

Chapter 49. Small Business Innovation Retention Fund Program

§4901. Purpose

A. The purpose of this Chapter is to implement the Small Business Innovation Retention Fund Program as established by R.S. 51:2401.

B. This Chapter shall be administered to achieve the following purposes:

1. to support and retain Louisiana jobs in STEM and other high-tech industries; and

2. to retain Louisiana small innovative businesses by providing financial assistance to certain businesses that have received certain Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) or Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant funds.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:104 and 51:2401

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 49:

§4903. Definitions

A. Terms not otherwise defined in this Chapter shall have the same meaning given to them in R.S. 51:2401, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

B. In this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings provided herein, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Applicant—a person requesting a grant award from LED under this program.

Department—Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

Federal Notice of Award—a document issued by a federal agency evidencing approval of an SBIR or STTR

application, including but not limited to amount of funding awarded, agreement number and topic number.

LED—Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

LED Grant Letter—a letter issued by LED to a person for a particular calendar year, setting forth the amount, terms and conditions of the grant.

Louisiana Small Business—a for profit, Louisiana domiciled business with fewer than 500 employees.

Person—any natural person or legal entity including an individual, corporation, partnership, or limited liability company.

Retention Fund—Small Business Innovation Retention Fund.

Secretary—Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:104 and 51:2401

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 49:

§4905. General Principles

A. The following general principles will direct the administration of the program.

1. Awards are not be considered as an entitlement for companies, and the secretary has the final authority to determine whether or not each particular applicant is eligible and meets the criteria of the award, and in all such circumstances, the exercise of that discretion shall be deemed to be a final determination of the applicant's award status.

2. Applications shall be accepted on a year round basis, subject to availability of funding in any given year, or as otherwise determined by LED.

3. Applicants may apply for more than one program administered by LED, provided that:

a. separate applications are submitted per program; and

b. program applicants do not receive a double benefit on the same state funding. Program applicants may therefore also apply for the Research and Development Program for any separate and distinguishable funding.

B. Program Issuance Cap. LED may issue no more than \$1,000,000 per fiscal year from the Retention Fund as follows:

1. up to \$500,000 shall be allocated for Phase I SBIR or STTR federal grant recipients;

2. up to \$500,000 shall be allocated for Phase II SBIR or STTR federal recipients.

C. Applicant Issuance Cap

1. Each selected applicant shall receive an amount equal to 25 percent of the Phase I SBIR or STTR federal grant the applicant has received, not to exceed \$50,000 per applicant;

2. Each selected applicant shall receive an amount equal to 20 percent of the Phase II SBIR or STTR federal grant the applicant has received, not to exceed \$100,000 per applicant.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:104 and 51:2401

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 49:

§4907. Eligibility

A. Eligible applicants for the benefits of this program shall be Louisiana small businesses that receive a federal notice of award on or after June 15, 2022.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:104 and 51:2401

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 49:

§4909. Application Procedure

A. LED will provide a standard application form which applicants will be required to use to apply for assistance under this program. The application form will contain, but not be limited to, the following:

1. business name;
2. contact person and their title;
3. business physical address;
4. business phone number and email address;
5. brief description of the nature of the business;
6. number of employees;
7. Secretary of State registration;
8. information evidencing SBIR or STTR award, including name of issuing federal agency;
9. any additional information requested by LED.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:104 and 51:2401

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 49:

§4911. Selection Criteria

A. LED will consider various factors when determining which applications will be funded. Among the factors which may be taken into consideration are the following:

1. disbursing of funding statewide;
2. availability of funding; and
3. best interests of the state.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:104 and 51:2401

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 49:

§4913. LED Action—Grant Approval or Denial Provisions

A. In the event LED determines that an applicant is eligible, funding is available and a grant would be appropriate, a grant letter will be issued, specifying the amount, the terms and conditions of the grant.

B. Grant funds will be disbursed to the approved applicants as follows.

1. Phase I SBIR or STTR applicants shall receive 25 percent of the federal grant received, not to exceed \$50,000 per applicant;

2. Phase II SBIR or STTR applicants shall receive 20 percent of the federal grant received, not to exceed \$100,000 per applicant;

3. Each grant awarded shall be divided into two equal amounts and disbursed over a period of two consecutive years as follows:

a. year 1 funding may be awarded based upon the amount stated in the federal notice of award;

b. year 2 funding shall be awarded contingent upon the actual federal grant funding received, as supported by reporting documentation of recipient and any other compliance information requested by LED. In the event of

any deviation from the anticipated total federal grant funding, LED reserves the right to increase or decrease the year 2 award to ensure compliance with the maximum award provisions.

C. In the event LED determines that an applicant is not selected for an award, a Denial Letter will be issued by the secretary, specifying the basis for denial.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:104 and 51:2401

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, LR 49:

Family Impact Statement

The proposed Rule changes have no impact on family formation, stability or autonomy, as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Statement

The proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an impact on providers of services as described in HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

Small Business Analysis

The proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an adverse impact on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The agency, consistent with health, safety, environmental and economic factors has considered and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in drafting the proposed Rule to accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing any anticipated adverse impact on small businesses.

Public Comments

Interested persons should submit written comments on the proposed Rules to Stephanie Le Grange through the close of business on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at Department of Economic Development, 617 North Third Street, 11th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 or via email to Stephanie.LeGrange@la.gov.

Public Hearing

A meeting for the purpose of receiving the presentation of oral comments will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 in the Griffon Conference Room at the LaSalle Building, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

Brenda Guess
Assistant Secretary

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Small Business Innovation Retention Fund Program

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule establishes program guidelines for the Small Business Innovation Retention (SBIR) Program authorized by Act 476 of the 2022 Regular Session.

The Department of Economic Development (LED) expects to receive up to \$105,000 per year to administer the program. These funds should be sufficient to administer the program as outlined in law/proposed rules.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The program is expected to have a negligible impact on future revenue collections at both the state and local levels.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The program will directly benefit Louisiana businesses that are recipients of federal SBIR or Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grants who receive awards from the Louisiana Small Business Innovation Retention Fund Program, by providing them with additional grant funding from the State. These businesses will be subject to additional application and compliance requirements, but these requirements should not be significant and should be outweighed by the benefits received.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

Program award recipients may enjoy competitive benefits over any competitors who do not receive awards, due to having additional funding. Employment may increase negligibly, if award recipients hire additional personnel due to receiving award funding.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Economic Development Office of Business Development

Louisiana Competes Regional Economic Development
Program (Louisiana Competes Program)
(LAC 19:III.Chapter 25)

The Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, as authorized by and pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., R.S. 36:104, 36:108 and 39:1481 et seq., hereby give notice of their intent to adopt rules for the Louisiana Competes Regional Economic Development Program, abbreviated and to be known as the "Louisiana Competes Program".

Title 19

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Part III. Financial Assistance Programs

Chapter 25. Louisiana Competes Regional Economic Development Program (Louisiana Competes Program)

§2501. Preamble and Purpose

A. The legislature recognizes the strong competition among states to attract new business and industry and to grow existing business and industry.

B. It is further recognized that different regions have different characteristics and attributes which are advantageous to specific sectors of the economy.

C. The legislature believes that local citizens working through regional economic development organizations ("REDO's") are uniquely positioned to support the state's overall economic development efforts by identifying and directing how certain resources are best utilized to take advantage of a region's distinctive economic potential.