

On motion by Rodney Doucet, seconded by Daniel Lorraine, the following resolution was introduced and adopted;

RESOLUTION NO. 09-028

RESOLUTION STATING THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL'S ENDORSEMENT OF BLANCHARD CONTRACTORS, INC. LOCATED AT 15444 HIGHWAY 3235, CUT OFF, LOUISIANA (ADVANCE NOTIFICATION #20081071), TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA QUALITY JOBS PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in Lafourche Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Lafourche Parish Council states this endorsement is in agreement with the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for our parish and area; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program, requirements, the Lafourche Parish Council agrees:

1. To participate in the Quality Jobs Program.
2. To REBATE the 7/10ths of local sales/use taxes, from the Solid Waste Sales/Use Tax, on the purchase of eligible construction materials, machinery and equipment purchased for this project and used by the business **permanently on this site**. Road sales/use tax is not eligible for rebate.
3. To REQUIRE that copies of **all** receipts (even those under \$15,000, per the state guidelines) for the project site be submitted to the Lafourche Parish Government Finance Department and the Lafourche Parish School Board Sales Tax Department by the 15th of each month from the beginning to completion of the project.
4. To REQUIRE that the claim for rebate of Lafourche Parish Sales/Use Taxes paid **MUST** be submitted to the Lafourche Parish Government Finance Department no later than six (6) months after the project's completion (same as state law).
5. To REQUIRE that the business in this resolution participating in the Quality Jobs Program have current parish sales tax certificate and occupational license with the identical business name and project physical location.
6. Lafourche Parish Government will require that all companies participating in the Quality Jobs Program **MUST** follow state regulations regarding effective date of the state contract. Per the state website, "After Board approval, a 60-month contract is entered into between the Board and the applicant. The Effective Date of your contract is the Start Date reported on the approved Application."

7. All companies participating or wishing to participate in Lafourche Parish's free enterprise zones must hire legal workers only (workers with valid social security cards or green cards). Any company found to be in violation of this amendment would forfeit future benefits of the program and would have to reimburse Lafourche Parish Government for benefits received.

WHEREAS, this resolution was sponsored for Administration by Mr. Rodney Doucet, Councilman, District 8; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Administration of the Lafourche Parish Government that the Council endorse this participation in the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafourche Parish Council, convened in regular session on January 13, 2009, and does hereby endorse Blanchard Contractors, Inc. located at 15444 Highway 3235, Cut Off, Louisiana and their project, Advance Notification #20081071, to participate in the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to State of Louisiana, Department of Economic Development, Attn: Marylyn Friedkin, P. O. Box 94185, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9185; Blanchard Contractors, Inc. c/o Advantous Consulting, LLC, 9270 Siegen Lane, Suite 801, Baton Rouge, LA 70810; Lafourche Parish School Board Sales Tax Office, 702 E. 7th Street, Thibodaux, LA 70301; Lafourche Parish Government Finance Department, Office of Grants & Economic Development, and the Office of the Parish Administrator

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Jerry Jones
Mr. Michael Delatte
Mr. Louis Richard
Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta
Mr. Matt Matherne
Mr. Lindel Toups
Mr. Phillip Gouaux
Mr. Rodney Doucet
Mr. Daniel Lorraine

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted this 13th day of January, 2009.

**JERRY JONES, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

**CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

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I, CARLEEN B. BABIN, Council Clerk for the Lafourche Parish Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 09-028, adopted by the Assembled Council in Regular Session on January 13, 2009, at which meeting a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 21ST, DAY OF JANUARY, 2009.

**CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**