

On motion by Jerry LaFont, seconded by Joe Fertitta, the following resolution was introduced and adopted;

RESOLUTION NO. 14-349

RESOLUTION STATING THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL'S ENDORSEMENT OF VIRDIA B2X LLC, LOCATED AT 175 MILL STREET, RACELAND, LA 70394, (ADVANCE NOTIFICATION #20141322), TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE QUALITY JOBS PROGRAM AS IT RELATES TO THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Quality Jobs Program relates to the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program and offers significant incentives for economic development 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 Quality Jobs and Louisiana Enterprise Zone Programs, requirements, the Lafourche Parish Council agrees:

1. To participate in the Quality Jobs Program as it relates to the Enterprise Zone 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 as it relates to the Enterprise Zone 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 as it relates to the Enterprise Zone 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. Lindel Toups, Council District 6; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Administration of the Lafourche Parish Government that the Council endorse this participation in the Quality Jobs Program as it relates to the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafourche Parish Council, convened in regular session on December 9, 2014, and does hereby endorse Viridia B2X, LLC, located at 175 Mill Street, Raceland, LA, 70394, and their project, Advance Notification #20141322, to participate in the Quality Jobs Program as it relates to the Louisiana Enterprise Zone 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, Quality Jobs Program, Attn: Frank Favaloro, P.O. Box 94185, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9185; Viridia B2X, LLC, Attn: Mr. Robert Jansen, 228 Slayton Avenue, Danville, VA 24540; 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. Aaron Caillouet
Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta
Mr. John Arnold
Mr. Jerry LaFont
Mr. Daniel Lorraine

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Lindel Toups
Mr. Phillip Gouaux

And the resolution was declared adopted this 9th day of December, 2014.

**DANIEL LORRAINE, 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. 14-349, adopted by the Assembled Council in Regular Session on December 9, 2014, at which meeting a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014.

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