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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Louisiana Department of Labor

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Our Vision & Mission

Vision

The Department of Labor will be recognized as the labor exchange for the state of Louisiana by serving as the link between employers, job seekers, and training entities to provide the skills training, employment services, and re-employment resources necessary to increase employment in Louisiana.

Mission

The Department of Labor is a state agency utilizing state, federal, and private resources to provide the training, employment, assistance, and regulatory services necessary to increase employment and promote workplace safety and expanded employment opportunities in the state of Louisiana in a climate favorable to business, workers, and jobseekers.



Reed Act Distribution

Where Louisiana Stands

- \$105 M Distribution received
- \$1.4 B Trust Fund Balance prior to distribution
- 97,000 Employer Base
- 1.8 M Workforce





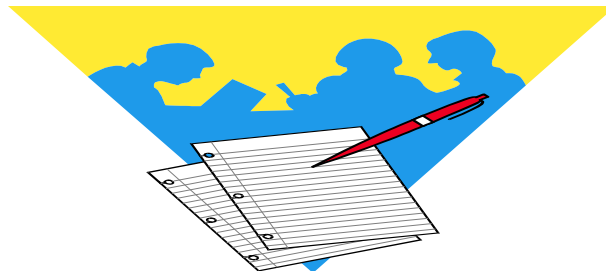
Reed Act Distribution

DOLs Strategy

Deposit March 13, 2002

Legislative Session 45 days in 60 calendar days began April 29 - June 12, 2002

- Executive Staff Retreat to develop proposal
 - keeping in mind what needed to be done to
 - not trigger additional taxes or decrease in benefits
 - invest in improving the delivering of our services to our customers with one-time money





Reed Act Distribution

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- Our proposal that consisted of an explanation of the Reed Act distribution, allowable activities, solvency of our trust fund, and projects with background research on cost and benefits was presented to:
 - Governor’s Office
 - USDOL
 - Key Legislators and Staff
 - Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
 - AFL-CIO
 - Commissioner of Administration
 - State Chief Information Officer



Reed Act Distribution

House Bill No. 242

- Introduced on May 8, 2002, by Representatives LeBlanc and Murray
 - To appropriate funds for the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 to the Department of Labor for deposit into the Employment Security Administration fund for specific purposes in amounts appropriated; to provide for the use of such monies; and to provide for related matters....Copy attached.
- Became Act No. 76 on June 25, 2002
 - www.legis.state.la.us



Reed Act Distribution

Proposed Expenditures

- System Redesign
 - \$20,580,571
- Support Infrastructure
 - \$10,035,524
- Job Seeker and Employer Assistance
 - \$5,736,200



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System Redesign - \$20.5M

- UI tax and Benefit Redesign
 - \$20 M - Three to five year project
- Remittance Processing
 - \$582,800

Address <http://10.1.26.82/ui/lapilot/claims/website/index.stm>

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... for Jobseekers

Louisiana Internet Claims Filing

This section of our site permits unemployed individuals to file an initial claim for unemployment insurance (UI) via the Internet. If you are visually-impaired, have difficulty in positioning a mouse, or experience any other problem with this section, you may file in-person. To receive contact information for local Louisiana Job Centers where UI claims may be filed, please press the "Contact" button below.

[Contact](#)

This application requires the use of either Internet Explorer or Netscape Communicator (or Navigator), versions 4.0 or above. To read further about browser technology requirements, please press the "Technology" button below.

[Technology](#)

Because the use of Internet technology may be new to some claimants, the Louisiana Department of Labor has published some assurances about the privacy and security of the information submitted for a UI claim.



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Support Infrastructure - \$10M

- **LAVOS VOScan System**
- **Network Enhancements**
- **Imaging**
- **Interactive Voice Response**
- **Mainframe**
- **Streaming Media/Content Distribution**
- **Computer Equipment**
- **ADA Compliance Technology**
- **Storage Area Network**
- **Administrative Office Improvements**





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Job Seeker and Employer Assistance - \$5.7

- Technical Training for Wagner Peyser Staff to Improve Assistance to Customers
- Expansion of Specialized Assistance for Older Workers
- Expansion of Income Growth Strategies for Single Heads of Households/Expansion of Job Matching and Job Skill Mapping Capacity for Customers
- Expansion of Employment Strategies for At-Risk Youth
- Expansion of Reemployment Initiatives for Claimants
- Expansion of Re-Entry Services to Promote Labor Attachment in the Ex-Offender population
- Employer Forums - Focus Groups
- Foreign (Alien) Labor Certification
- Employer Services CD-ROM

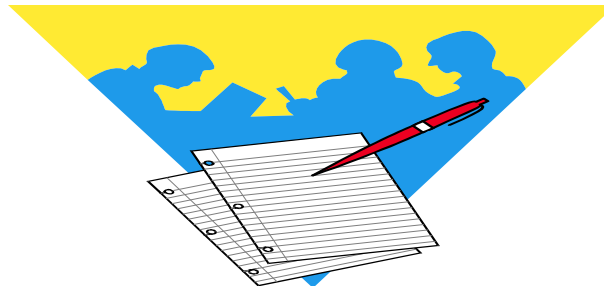




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Lessons Learned

- Substantive
 - Cost Allocations
 - Infrastructure Improvements
- Political
 - Budget Growth



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