

LOUISIANA-FRENCH PARTNERSHIP FOR
COOPERATION
2023-2027

STATEMENT OF INTENT RELATING TO
LOUISIANA-FRENCH COOPERATION



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This statement of intent, accompanied by a cooperation arrangement in the energy sector, constitutes “the Louisiana-French Partnership”.

For the state of Louisiana, represented by:

Mr. John Bel Edwards, Governor;

For the Government of the French Republic, represented by:

Ms. Catherine Colonna, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs;

Hereinafter referred to as “the Signatories”;

Aware of the profound historical ties that their common origin, language and culture have created between Louisiana and France;

Welcoming the rise of the French language in Louisiana thanks to a partnership supported by the Declaration of Intent pertaining to Louisiana-French Cooperation signed on February 22, 2021;

Having regard to the strong desire of the Signatories to further develop this relationship in the economic field and more specifically in the energy sector;

Recalling that Louisiana is the American state the most affected by climate change having faced numerous violent hurricanes, coastal erosion, and rising water levels;

Commending Louisiana’s adoption on January 31, 2022 of a strategic plan for the evolution of energy in the Climate Action Plan;



Having regard to the wish of Louisiana and France:

To develop cooperation in the energy sector and create partnerships in the clean and renewable energy sector to promote the energy transition of the Signatories;

Having regard to the desire of Louisiana and France:

To cooperate in the economic, technological and scientific fields with the assistance of government agencies, academic institutions and the private sector of the Signatories:

Having regard to the wish of the Louisianan authorities:

To monitor bills relating to the energy sector in Louisiana and France, and to ensure that Signatories share best practices regarding these subjects;

To explore and promote private sector economic partnerships in the traditional and clean energy sectors;

To share information on public policy that aims to improve the economic performance of clean and renewable energy;

To develop communication campaigns on the benefits of the evolution of energy;

Reiterating their wish to enhance their cooperation in the energy sector;

Hereby state their intent to cooperate as follows:

1. The human and financial resources made available for cooperation in the energy sector that are the subject of the joint undertaking between on the one hand, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development (LED), and on the other hand, the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, are intended to benefit French companies wishing to work in Louisiana's energy market, Louisianan companies wishing to develop their cooperation with France, and companies in the two Signatories' countries wishing to develop their partnerships, in particular in the clean and renewable energy sectors.



During the 2023-2027 term, cooperation will focus on the following areas:

- 1.1. The Signatories will strive to increase their respective presence in the energy sector.
- 1.2. Realizing their common wish, the Signatories hereby state their intent to assist the companies in their respective countries to identify potential cooperation partners, seek available financing sources and support research activities necessary for the development of their cooperation.
- 1.3. To achieve this objective, the Signatories propose more specifically:
 - 1.3.1. To identify and gather information on each of the Signatories' companies that could be interested in cooperation with the companies of the other;
 - 1.3.2. To provide the technical support necessary for the development and completion of joint projects, by identifying possible financing sources and appropriate contacts at the institutional level;
 - 1.3.3. To host visits from companies arising from these endeavours and facilitate, in collaboration with the interested partners, appropriate business and industrial contacts.
- 1.4. France will strive to create a position for an international technical expert based in Louisiana with a regional remit to step up existing economic exchanges in the energy sector and to develop new avenues for cooperation.
- 1.5. The Signatories wish to promote their offering by developing the business of their companies that are already working in the territory of the other Signatory and, in addition to existing exchanges, to further the development of business opportunities in the renewable energy market.
- 1.6. In order to support the actions of the international technical expert from France, Louisiana will ensure:
 - To fully integrate the expert in the host structure;
 - To provide him or her with a presentation of its policy, its objectives and programmes conducted in the energy sector throughout the expert's assignment and particularly when he or she takes up his or her position;



To provide him or her with the material conditions necessary for him or her to perform his or her duties (as described in the arrangement below);

To provide him or her with public and private contacts so that he or she can establish adequate professional networks;

To share the expert's actions and results in its communication in order to raise his or her profile;

To pursue and encourage the development of research by Louisiana universities in the clean and renewable energy sectors;

To pursue and develop the implementation of a cross-cutting policy on the energy transition.

The Louisiana-French Partnership will be valid for four years.

The Signatories will meet in Louisiana in the first quarter of the year 2027 to proceed with the renewal of this Partnership.



Signed in two originals, in the English and French languages.

For the state of Louisiana,

**For the Government of the French Republic,
in the presence of the President of the
French Republic,**

John Bel Edwards
Governor

Catherine Colonna
Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs

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