

The Honorable Bobby Jindal  
Office of the Governor  
State of Louisiana  
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Dear Governor Jindal

As you are well aware, activity within the oil and gas, transportation and fabrication industries is at some of the highest levels in history. Great opportunities exist for our industries and the communities they support, to achieve significant economic benefits in the months and years ahead. These opportunities, however, are being hampered by an unprecedented shortage of skilled workers to adequately service this growth. Addressing this critical shortage is perhaps one of the most important issues to be addressed in the coming months.

We believe Work It! Louisiana is a proactive approach in addressing our workforce needs. Work It! Louisiana is a pilot program designed and developed by South Central Industrial Association, made possible through funding from the Louisiana Department of Labor. This awareness campaign is currently being implemented in multi parishes in the bayou region within the public school system in conjunction with the technical colleges and business and industry.

Work It! Louisiana is designed to educate the students on job opportunities and career paths. It is a positive step towards redefining educational objectives to address the needs within our workforce while assuring our students of the benefits within our state.

The Louisiana workforce is a serious issue. The long term objectives of Work It! Louisiana has the opportunity to bring forth workers that are better informed and better educated, placing our state at a distinct advantage.

Please accept this letter of support endorsing the Work It! Louisiana as a tangible and workable approach towards addressing the workforce needs of industry. We are requesting your support for the state of Louisiana to continue funding the program.

Sincerely,

Lisa Schilling, Chairman  
Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce

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Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce