

principal photography by an agreed upon identified date or other approved date, shall not be subject to appeal.

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 47:6007 and R.S. 36:104.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, Office of Entertainment Industry Development and the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, LR 36:55 (January 2010), amended by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, Office of Business Development and the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, LR 37:514 (February 2011), amended by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, Office of Entertainment Industry Development, LR 42:39 (January 2016), LR 43:

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## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Economic Development  
Office of the Secretary

Small Business Bonding Program (LAC 19:II.903)

This Emergency Rule is being published pursuant to emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B). The Department of Economic Development and the Office of the Secretary have an immediate need for rules for the Small Business Bonding Program (LA R.S. 51:942) to broaden Direct Bonding Assistance Program eligibility requirements to allow certain applicants up to an additional three years of access to the program. A delay in imposition would delay access to the program by qualified applicants, resulting in an adverse financial impact on the state, the department, Louisiana businesses and taxpayers. This Emergency Rule shall become effective July 1, 2017, and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act, or until a final Rule is promulgated in accordance with law, whichever occurs first.

### Title 19

## CORPORATIONS AND BUSINESS

### Part II. Small and Emerging Business Development Program

#### Chapter 19. Small Business Bonding Program

##### §903. Direct Bonding Assistance

###### A. Direct Bonding Assistance—Eligibility

1. All certified active small and emerging construction businesses, and all other certified SEBs (non-construction) may be eligible for surety bond guarantee assistance not to exceed the lesser of 25 percent of contract or \$200,000 on any single project.

2. Beginning July 1, 2017, firms with previously approved SEBD certification status expiring after July 1, 2017 but prior to July 1, 2020, may be granted continued eligibility for the Direct Bonding Assistance Program for a period of up to three years, but no later than July 1, 2020.

3. All obligations, whether contractual or financial, will require the approval of the undersecretary.

###### B. - C.2. ...

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:942.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Secretary, Division of Economically Disadvantaged Business Development, LR 24:430 (March 1998), amended by the Department of Economic Development, Office of Business Development, LR 29:547 (April 2003), LR 30:758 (April 2004), LR 36:52 (January 2010), LR 43:

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## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Office of the Governor  
Division of Administration  
Office of Facility Planning and Control

Capital Improvement Projects  
Procedure Manual (LAC 34:III.131)

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., the Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning and Control declares that an emergency exists and has exercised its emergency authority to amend LAC 34:III.131, Louisiana Building Code for state-owned buildings.

The Executive Order Number 17-14 issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on June 14, 2017 recognizes that thousands of Louisiana citizens and businesses were impacted by the great flood of August 2016. The Executive Order also recognizes that changes to the current building construction codes would hinder or delay effective response and recovery as citizens rebuild and repair their property. This situation creates a non-uniform building standard for renovations and new construction in Louisiana and results in inconsistency in building codes for state agencies, thereby making this Emergency Rule necessary.

This Emergency Rule is effective June 27, 2017, shall be in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Act.

### Title 34

## GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, PROCUREMENT AND PROPERTY CONTROL

### Part III. Facility Planning and Control

#### Chapter 1. Capital Improvement Projects

##### Subchapter A. Procedure Manual

##### §131. Louisiana Building Code

A. R.S. 40:1722 establishes the Louisiana building code and directs that the following codes be established as the standards as minimum standards for this code. These codes shall be established as constituting the code in the editions indicated:

1. ...

2. the *International Plumbing Code*, 2012 edition as published by the International Code Council and amended by R.S. 40:1730.28.1;

3. the *International Building Code*, 2012 edition as published by the International Code Council, not including chapter 1, administration, chapter 11, accessibility, and chapter 27, electrical;

4. the *International Mechanical Code*, 2012 edition as published by the International Code Council;

5. the *National Electric Code* (NFPA no. 70), 2011 edition as published by the National Fire Protection Association.