



ABOUT CTAC

Coastal Technical Assistance Center (CTAC) is a program generated and funded through Louisiana Economic Development (LED) and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) in order to assist Louisiana-based businesses in obtaining contracts with entities involved in the restoration and recovery efforts of coastal Louisiana. CTAC is facilitated through the South Louisiana Economic Council (SLEC).

CTAC operates with the following focuses in mind:

- Serve as a Technical Assistance Center to Louisiana businesses seeking opportunities in the Coastal Restoration and Recovery efforts of Louisiana.
- Assist businesses in obtaining contracts with prime contractors related to Coastal Restoration and Recovery efforts of Louisiana.
- Provide opportunity to Louisiana-based businesses, allowing coastal dollars to remain in Louisiana while creating jobs.
- Provide training and assistance to businesses in preparation to be contractor and project ready relative to business organization, promotion, certification, insurances, etc.
- Help develop an increased workforce demand while qualifying needed workforce through a technical community college-based Workforce Initiative.
- Serve as a command resource during coastal disasters to align local businesses with contractors and opportunities during recovery efforts.



FROM OUR PROGRAM COORDINATOR

As I have recently transitioned into my new role as Program Coordinator, I believe our mission here at CTAC stands the same, serving Louisianabased businesses pursuing contracts for coastal restoration and protection projects. Coastal restoration and protection is something I've grown a passion for and look forward to seeing our clients and partners' impacts statewide through new resiliency efforts.

Our program is stronger than ever before, and I am confident 2024 will be our best year yet!

- Paige Gisclair





PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Each of the representatives on CTAC's advisory committee serve to provide expertise toward our program goals to support business and industry, workforce development, education and training, and procurement opportunities for coastal protection and restoration projects throughout the state.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE

VIC LAFONT, President/CEO, South Louisiana Economic Council

PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE

CYNTHIA CARRIER, Program Manager, LA APEX Accelerator

INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE

JACQUES BOUDREAUX, Staff Engineer, CPRA

HIGHER EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE

LACI MELANCON, Executive Director, Coastal Center at Nicholls State University

NON-PROFIT REPRESENTATIVE

JOSEPH ORGERON, Executive Director, Restore or Retreat

PARTNERS



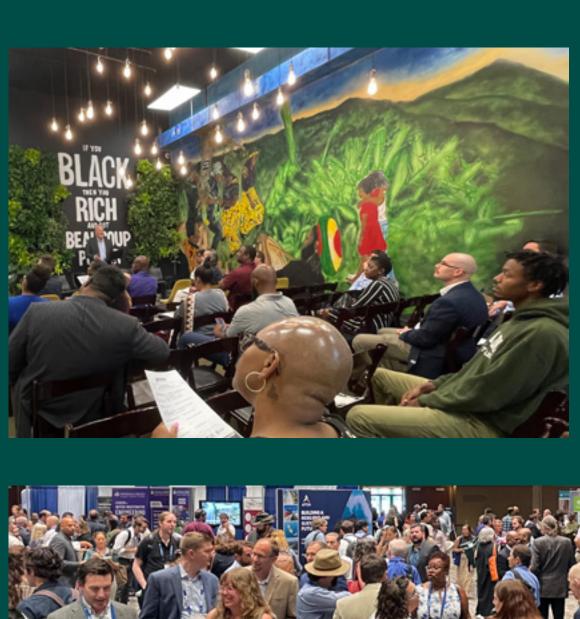


























EVENTS

With so many coastal initiatives happening throughout the state, it is important for CTAC to attend events to expand our outreach alongside partner organizations.

These events allow for us to network and ally with organizations that can support our program and increase our knowledge of the resources available throughout the state.

IN 2023, WE ATTENDED...

- LED Small Business Summit
- Groundbreaking Nicholls State University Coastal Center
- CPRA Fall Community Conversations Event
- Tunica-Biloxi Procurement Conference
- Ribbon Cutting CPRA Mid-Barataria
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- Terrebonne Parish Coastal Day
- State of the Coast Conference
- 18th Annual Business and Procurement Conference 2023
- Coastal Day at the State Legislature
- CTAC/CPRA Coastal Business
 Networking and Matchmaking Event

- CPRA Master Plan Public Hearing Meeting
- Terrebonne Parish Career Fair-Business Networking
- Ribbon Cutting Blue Works Facility
- LA STEM and BayouSTEM Field Trip and Tour at the Nicholls State University Farm
- SLEC Emerging Energies Task Force Energy Talks Roundtable
- Workforce on the Water Coastal Career Day at Fletcher Technical Community College
- H2theFuture Summit
- Restore or Retreat Annual Meeting
- Resurgence: From Ida to Recovery VIP Screening
- 2023 Fletcher Technical Community
 College Chancellor's Breakfast



PRESENTATIONS

CTAC conducts presentations to support our continued outreach to businesses throughout Louisiana. Presentations with our partner organizations are conducted to increase awareness of CTAC's programmatic benefits. We also conduct recruitment presentations to those interested in learning about our services.

IN 2023, WE PRESENTED...

- SEBD Resources that Can Grow Your Business with SBDC, BRI, and CTAC
- Return for Good Forum hosted by the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections: The Future of Louisiana Industry
- Lafourche Coastal Zone Management Board Meeting
- CTAC/CPRA Coastal Business
 Networking and Matchmaking Event
- Leadership Lafourche Class of 2023
- Society of American Military Engineers
- Securing Coastal Contracts Seminar with CPRA, CTAC, SBA, GNO, Inc., and Maroon, Inc.
- USACE Small Business Industry Day

- Coastal 101 for Louisiana Legislative Candidates
- 18th Annual Business Development and Procurement Conference 2023: Doing Business on the Coast with the Help of CTAC



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Co-hosted First Coastal Business Networking and Matchmaking Event with CPRA

CTAC and CPRA teamed up to provide businesses an opportunity to network as part of Coastal Day 2023 at the Center for River Studies in Baton Rouge. This event, a business matchmaking opportunity between prime contractors and subcontractors, allowed businesses in the coastal and water management sector to connect and collaborate. Participants included companies specializing in construction, professional services, and consulting.

In addition to networking opportunities among businesses, state organizations and partners attended the event to provide information on the resources available by their organizations. These organizations included Louisiana APEX Accelerators (formally the Procurement Technical Assistance Center PTAC), the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC), the USACE Small Business Office, and others. Watch Video



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Increased Number of one-on-one Professional and Consulting Services Businesses Quarterly Meetings with CPRA

CTAC's continued collaboration with CPRA has empowered our clients to connect with and present their company background, capabilities, and experience to CPRA executives. These joint initiatives have not only provided valuable opportunities for receiving feedback but also fostered a deeper understanding of CPRA's Master Plan.



Initiated Workforce Development Survey to Address Coastal Workforce Needs

This survey is designed to gather input as we strive to formulate solutions for workforce needs in the coastal and water management sector. Identifying those specific needs has enabled us to collaborate with our community and technical colleges in raising awareness of workforce desires of our clients.



Added Statewide List of Coastal Degrees & Certifications to the CTAC Website for Accessibility for Future Coastal Workforce

Creating this resource has allowed our clients to learn more about certificates, programs and various educational opportunities within the coastal sector. Our goal is to enable clients to make well-informed decisions, guaranteeing that the skills of their employees align with the diverse needs of the upcoming coastal workforce.



STATISTICS AND NUMBERS

Ascension 2 Assumption 2 Avoyelles 2 Caddo 1 Calcasieu 6 Cameron 1 Concordia 2 East Baton Rouge 22 Iberia 7 Jefferson 17 Jefferson Davis 3 Lafayette 14 Lafourche 10 Livingston 5 Orleans 22 Ouachita 2



- Plaquemines
- 2 Rapids
- 2 St. Bernard
- 5 St. Charles
- 4 St. John the Baptist
- 4 St. Landry
- 1 St. Martin
- 5 St. Mary
- 10 St. Tammany
- 3 Tangipahoa
- 8 Terrebonne
- 2 Vermilion
- 1 Washington
- 2 West Baton Rouge
- 1 West Feliciana



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Since CTAC's inception in 2019, our clients have been successful in obtaining 106 Contract Awards totaling **\$236,114,555**. Of those awards, 30 were obtained in 2023 alone. Contract award amounts include projects in the coastal and water management sectors and span across federal, state, and local opportunities within Louisiana.

\$161,457,763.36

PRIME CONTRACT AWARDS OBTAINED IN 2023 THROUGH 20 CTAC CLIENTS

\$13,796,410.00

SUB CONTRACT AWARDS OBTAINED IN 2023
THROUGH 1 CTAC CLIENTS



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Baton Rouge

Lafayette

Communities
Outside of
Louisiana:

Houston, TX Conway, AR







RESOURCES

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HELPFUL LINKS

CTAC Website

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CPRA Website

coastal.la.gov

Read other CTAC Publications & Reports

Read the **CRPA's Coastal Master Plan**

Read A Community Guide to Coastal Restoration

LED Website

opportunitylouisiana.gov



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