

Did you see the "What's Good About Doing Business in Terrebonne Parish" video featuring Jamie Morvant of Gulf Island? View it on TEDA's [website](#).



Companies plan \$20 million in investment in Terrebonne

As part of TEDA's plan of work, staff visits with companies in Terrebonne Parish. In 2025, staff met with 104 companies which collectively employ 19,449. Those companies had increased their employment level by 948 employees, and 24 companies reported plans to invest \$20 million and create 83 jobs in the next couple of years.

In related news, 11 companies filed for Louisiana tax incentive programs for projects totaling \$13.9 million and creation of 61 jobs.

Is your company planning investment in the coming year? Call Katherine at 873-6890 or [email](#) for an appointment to discuss how state incentive programs may fit your company.

Contractor's Course helps grow careers in construction industry



Registration is now open for the Contractor's Accreditation Institute's General Contractors Seminar series. The course runs Feb. 23-April 29, meeting twice weekly (Mondays and Wednesdays) virtually from 6-8 p.m. It will include such topics as print reading, building calculations, structural loads, safety codes and more. Cost is \$350; [register by Feb. 20](#).

Registered apprenticeship meeting set Feb. 11

Interested in whether apprenticeships would fit for your company? The Registered Apprenticeship 101 Employer Event will help answer those questions 10:30 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Feb. 11 at the Urban League New Orleans Office, 4640 S. Carrollton Ave. #210 in New Orleans, La. [Register by Feb. 6.](#)

IRS sets 2026 standard business mileage rate

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that the optional standard mileage rate for business use of automobiles will increase by 2.5 cents in 2026, while the rate for vehicles used for medical purposes will decrease by half a cent.

Beginning Jan. 2, 2026, the standard rate for use of a car, van, pickup or panel truck will be:

- 72.5 cents per mile driven for business use
- 20.5 cents per mile driver or medical purposes, and
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.

The standard mileage rate is optional, as taxpayers can choose to calculate the actual costs of using their vehicle instead.

Business organizations' events

"Building a Culture of Accountability" Feb. 12

The Bayou Society of Human Resource Management welcomes Paul Hasney, leader of Imaging Consulting LLC the group's luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 12 at Plantation Inn, 1381 West Tunnel Blvd. in Houma. Hasney will speak on "Building a Culture of Accountability." Cost is \$20 for members, \$30 for guests. Register [here](#).

Danos to speak to industrial organization Feb. 10

South Central Industrial Association will feature Hank Danos, owner and chairman of the Danos Board of Directors, at its luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10 at Fletcher Technical Community College's Workforce Building. Lunch is \$30; to reserve your seat by Feb. 3, [click here](#).

Corps of Engineers commander to speak at chamber luncheon

The Joint Chamber of Commerce luncheon involving the chambers of Houma-Terrebonne, Lafourche and Thibodaux will feature Col. Scotty M. Autin, Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from New Orleans, on Tuesday, Feb. 24. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. with networking; it costs \$35 for members, \$45 for nonmembers. Attendees should register with their designated chamber of commerce. Terrebonne members can register [here](#).



Online training to start or grow your business

Score and the Louisiana Small Business Development Center both offer free or low-cost online training for startup and existing businesses on various topics, including:

- **"Take Your First Step with AI (Without Getting Overwhelmed)"** will be noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3. [Register here](#).
- **"Master Your Money: Financial Planning Made Simple"** will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5. [Register here](#).
- **"Starting & Financing Your Business"** will be 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10. [Register here](#).

- **"Keep More at Tax Time with Smart Bookkeeping: Understanding Your Financial Reports"** will be online at noon Thursday, Feb. 12. Cost is \$15. [Register here.](#)
- **"Doing Business with the Federal Government"** will be 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18. [Register here.](#)
- **"From Marketing Plan to Action: Choosing White Activities to Prioritize"** will be noon Thursday, Feb. 19. Cost is \$15; [register here.](#)
- **"Maximizing Tax Deductions for Small Business Growth"** will be 9-10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25. [Register here.](#)
- **"Health Insurance 101 for Small Business Owners and Startups"** will be noon Thursday, Feb. 26 online. [Register here.](#)

Find more training opportunities [here](#).