



# 2018 Legislative Priorities

## — Focused On Forward —

One Acadiana is advancing a set of legislative priorities, developed through our policy committees and adopted by our Board of Directors. These priorities build on the “Priorities for a Better Acadiana” and reflect Louisiana’s urgent need for fiscal stability and sustainability. Achieving success on these priorities will require leadership and commitment from our State government leaders and strong collaboration with partners across the state.

### **Fiscal Reform**

Seek long-term fiscal sustainability and stability through cost-cutting and cost-containing measures and reform of the budget process while adequately funding key priorities like pre-K-12 and higher education, health care, and transportation infrastructure

### **Transportation Infrastructure**

Support efforts to maximize transportation infrastructure funding, with I-49 South as a top priority, while strengthening transparency and accountability for transportation spending and project delivery; promote greater flexibility for regional and local investment, in line with federal funding priorities

[View 1A Transportation Funding Guiding Principles](#)

### **Workforce Development**

Promote demand-driven workforce programs, advocate for sufficiently funding early childhood care and education, support increased autonomy for higher education institutions, and support regional higher education capital outlay priorities

[View 1A Regional Workforce Development Strategy](#)

### **Public Education**

Protect and advance gains made in pre-K-12 education by maintaining rigorous academic standards matched with a fair, robust accountability system designed to increase student achievement

### **Economic Development**

Maintain and advance industry-based competitiveness, including key economic development incentives proven to generate return on public investment (esp. Digital Media/Software Development, Quality Jobs, R&D, Competitive Projects Payroll Incentive, Angel Investor, and ITEP)

