

2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

One Acadiana is advocating for a set of legislative priorities to advance the organization's vision of creating the best possible place for business and talent to locate and stay.

ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS

- Prioritize funding for **LED's High Impact Jobs Program** to drive high-wage job creation and strengthen Louisiana's competitiveness for major economic development projects, while supporting complementary investments that build innovation and entrepreneurship capacity.
- Build on recent **civil justice and insurance reforms** to strengthen Louisiana's insurance market and improve affordability and availability for families and businesses.
- Support an **all-of-the-above energy strategy**, including a stable, investment-ready environment for **carbon capture and sequestration (CCS)**.

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

- Position the **I-49 Lafayette Connector** to advance construction once federal environmental clearance is granted by bolstering available funding capacity, including through the Megaprojects Leverage Fund.
- Support **next steps on recent DOTD reforms** to improve project delivery, transparency, and return on infrastructure investments across the state.
- Support state actions that enable redevelopment and revitalization in **Acadiana's urban core**, including legislation that facilitates the transfer and productive reuse of state-owned property tied to the I-49 Connector.

TALENT DEVELOPMENT

- Support the Governor's proposed funding increase for the **M.J. Foster Promise Program** to expand access to credentials in high-demand fields and strengthen Louisiana's workforce pipeline for employers.
- Support **continued redesign of Louisiana's workforce development system** to improve alignment with industry needs, streamline service delivery, and increase efficiency across state and regional partners.
- Support investment in Acadiana's higher education institutions, recognizing **UL Lafayette's** role as an R1 research university and regional economic driver, alongside **SoLAcc** and **LSU Eunice** as critical workforce development engines.
- Sufficiently fund **early care and education**, which is critical for our children's brain development and their parents' ability to participate in the workforce.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:



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