

NOTICE OF INTENT

Office of the Governor Board of Architectural Examiners

Chapter 22. Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund

Proposals (LAC 46:I.2201), Awards (LAC 46:I.2211),
Use of Funds Awarded (LAC 46:I.2213), and Final Report (LAC 46:I.2215)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Architectural Examiners, in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 37:144(C), proposes to amend many of the Sections in LAC 46:I.Chapter 22 pertaining to the Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund. More specifically, the board gives notice that it proposes to amend LAC 46:I.2201 pertaining to proposals, LAC 46:I.2211 pertaining to awards, LAC 46:I.2213 pertaining to use of funds awarded, and LAC 46:I.2115 pertaining to the final report.

Act 192 of 2024 mandated that all state agencies which make rules (i) systematically review in accordance with stated criteria a sufficient number of rules each year so that all rules have been reviewed within a five-year period and (ii) submit a report of their review to the appropriate legislative oversight committee. Executive Order JML 25-038 issued April 1, 2025, mandated that by December 31, 2025, state agencies review at least 50% of the rules listed in the order or a minimum of 100 rules, whichever is greater. Each rule should be evaluated to determine if it is necessary, consistent with the law, aligned with the agency's mission, and otherwise complies with the legislation described therein.

Applying the criteria required by Act 192 and EO JML 25-035, the board reviewed Chapter 22 of its rules (LAC 46:I.Chapter 22) and determined that several of the rules therein should be modernized and clarified. The amendments proposed herein allow that proposals for awards include digital deliverables (LAC 46:I.2201); clarify that failure to submit the final report will result in forfeiture of a portion of the award and for ineligibility for future awards unless good cause is shown (LAC 46:I.2211.E); provide for exceptions to excuse non-use of funds received during the academic year received (LAC 46:I.2211.F); clarify permissible and non-permissible use of funds awarded (LAC 46:I.2213); clarify when the final report must be submitted (LAC 46:I.2215); and provide for related matters.

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§2201. Proposals

A. – D. ...

E. Proposals may include digital deliverables, such as electronic publications, instructional videos, online modules, or open-source resources, provided they advance the purposes of R.S. 37:144(G).

F. Proposals must be offered as part of a NAAB-accredited B.Arch or M.Arch professional degree program or as part of a pre-professional degree program with direct entry into a NAAB-accredited M.Arch degree program.

G. Two or more NAAB-accredited institutions may collaborate on a proposal for activities, programs, or projects that the architecture programs of each institution will work together jointly in fulfillment of the objectives of the award.

H. There are no restrictions on the type of proposal, so long as it meets the requirements presented in these guidelines and is in keeping with R.S. 37:144(G).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 44:268 (February 2018), amended LR _____.

§2203. – §2209 ...

§2211. Awards

A. – D. ...

E. ...

1. – 2. ...

3. Failure to submit the final report will result in forfeiture of the remaining 20 percent of the award. In addition, unless the architecture academic division demonstrates good cause for its failure to submit the final report to the board, the division will be ineligible for future awards until the final report is submitted.

F. – H. ...

I. If funds awarded are not used within the academic year received, the architecture program will be unable to receive funds in the succeeding academic year. Exceptions may be granted in cases of force majeure, including natural disasters, public health emergencies, or other events beyond the control of the institution.

J. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 44:270 (February 2018), amended LR _____.

§2213. Use of Funds Awarded

A. Funds awarded may be used toward costs and expenses such as:

1. ...

2. new equipment and technology, including hardware, software, interconnectivity with non-faculty architect practitioners, and related digital infrastructure or subscriptions, etc.;

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B. Funds awarded may not be used toward costs or expenses such as:

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3. expenses for existing courses;

4. individual faculty enhancement activities; or

5. food or beverages.

C. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 44:270 (February 2018), amended LR _____.

§2215. Final report

A. The architecture academic division must complete a final report documenting the degree to which the expected outcomes were achieved and the degree to which the project was implemented.

B. The final report should detail how the award was spent, including any portion of the award which was not spent.

C. The final report must be submitted to the board no later than September 1 of the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year of the award.

D. Any portion of the award not spent should be returned to the board.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:144.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Board of Architectural Examiners, LR 44:270 (February 2018), amended LR _____.

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with R.S. 49:961(A)(2)(h)(i) and 972, the following Family Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rules have no known impact on family formation, stability, or autonomy.

Poverty Impact Statement

In accordance with R.S. 49:961(A)(2)(h)(ii) and 973, the following Poverty Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rules have no known impact on child, individual, or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

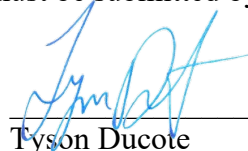
The impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act has been considered. It is estimated that the proposed action is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on small businesses. The agency, consistent with health, safety, environmental and economic welfare factors, has considered and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in the drafting of the proposed Rule that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses.

Provider Impact Statement

In accordance with HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session, the following Provider Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rules have no known effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service, the cost to the provider to provide such services, or the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed Rules to Tyson Ducote, Executive Director, Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners, 9625 Fenway Avenue, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. All comments must be submitted by 4:30 pm on February 13, 2026.



Tyson Ducote
Executive Director