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Six-week course for emerging construction companies to be offered throughout Louisiana

BATON ROUGE, La. — Small contractors in Louisiana's flood-affected regions can qualify for a limited number of scholarships when registering for an innovative new program to help small construction companies build a solid foundation for business growth and success. The Louisiana Contractors Accreditation Institute, to be conducted throughout the state in October and November, will help small and emerging construction companies learn the basics of the industry and prepare for the state's licensing exam.

The institute will offer critical information about construction management and how to prepare for the General Contractors State Licensing Exam. The course is open to construction-based Louisiana businesses and anyone with an interest in starting one. Partners making the program possible are Louisiana Economic Development, the Louisiana Community & Technical College System and the State Licensing Board for Contractors.

The six-week course, to be offered Oct. 3 to Nov. 9, will feature two-hour evening sessions twice a week. The course will be offered via interactive distance-learning to multiple locations throughout Louisiana. Tuition is \$200, but LED is offering 50 scholarships on a first-come, first-served basis for those residing in parishes designated