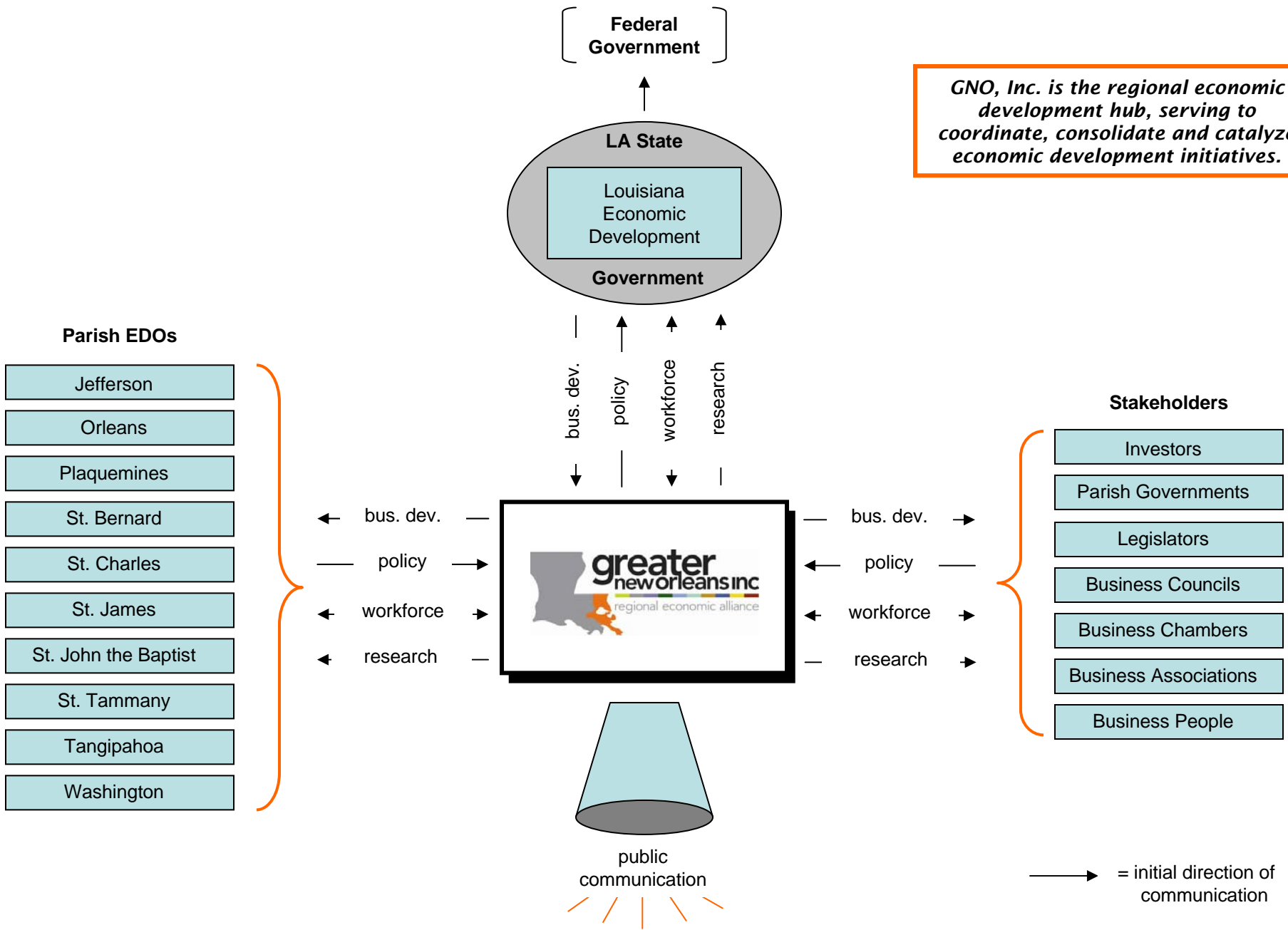


What does GNO, Inc. do?

GNO, Inc. is the regional economic development hub, serving to coordinate, consolidate and catalyze economic development initiatives.



Why the GNO, Inc. region?

Focus Sectors

Trade, Logistics & Distribution – 6 Class-A railroads (most in USA); one of largest port systems in world; 75M+ people within 600 miles

Energy, Petrochemicals & Plastics - #1 producer of crude oil, #2 producer of natural gas in USA; 2nd largest refining capacity in USA; 88% of oil rigs off of Louisiana coast

Advanced Manufacturing – Michoud builds for the Moon and Mars; Textron builds Army vehicles; others possess world-class maritime and drilling technology

Creative and Digital Media – World-renown creative culture; incentives reaching up to 40%; 2 young professionals now in region for every one that left post-storm

Additional Benefits

Aggressive Incentives – GO Zone financing and Accelerated Depreciation; Quality Jobs; Industrial Tax Exception; Tax Equalization Program; Rapid Response Fund and others are highly competitive

Reinvigorated Business Climate – national leadership on ethics; aggressive state-local business development partnerships; up to 40% lower labor costs for professional employees

Major Regional Comeback – Over \$100B in investment; population and tourism at 90% pre-storm level; universities at 150%+ of pre-storm level; major new projects: Bioscience Corridor, Tech Square, etc.

Unmatched Quality of Life – Beautiful, inexpensive housing stock; low levels of congestion; unmatched natural beauty; world famous music, cuisine and hospitality

Progress on Weather Management – billions of investment in levees and wetlands restoration; most efficient hurricane management in USA; wide availability of high-ground industrial properties

Your Local Partner

GNO, Inc. as a Coordinating Partner – direct connection to State government; assistance with all local governments and economic development organizations; key information, networking and problem solving