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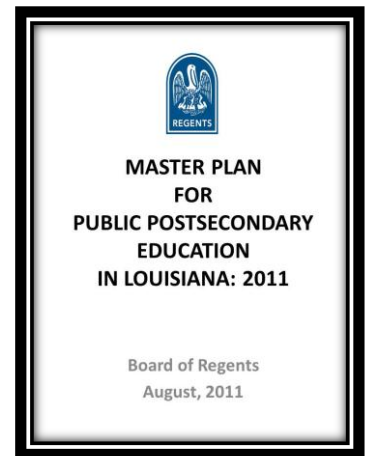
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Regents Master Plan Receives National Top Rating

Baton Rouge, LA - The Louisiana Board of Regents gained national recognition, receiving an “A” rating from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for its Louisiana Higher Education Master Plan: 2011. The Master Plan provides a road map to reaching the state’s educational attainment goal for systems and campuses by adopting three overarching goals and 18 concrete objectives, along with performance measures that will be used to assess progress. Master Plan goals include:

- ✓ Increase the educational attainment of the state’s adult population to the Southern Regional Education Board average by 2025;
- ✓ Invest strategically in university research; and
- ✓ Achieve greater efficiency and accountability in the post-secondary education system.



“We are honored to have received an “A” rating on our Master Plan,” said Commissioner Jim Purcell. “We have developed a comprehensive road map for our future and remain committed to effective implementation.”

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Institute for a Competitive Workforce deemed Regents as a nationwide leader in progressive higher education policy. The report acknowledged the state’s effort to create a policy environment that promotes improvement.

“We are excited about this recognition,” said Regents Chairman W. Clinton Rasberry. “It shows that we are being strategic in our approach, advancing a long-term vision for strengthening higher education in Louisiana.”

The first annual review of Regents’ Master Plan took place in August 2012, showing a positive gain of 68 percent in performance measures. Regents continues to track Master Plan progress and will be conducting its second review in August.

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