# OUR COMMITMENT TO LOCAL ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

## PROACTIVE LOUISIANA & DBE INCLUSION

Calcasieu Bridge Partners (CBP)'s approach has included early engagement with Louisiana-based firms with a focus on suppliers and vendors based within Calcasieu Parish including a 10% Louisiana Disadvantaged Business Enterprises participation goal in designing and building the new Calcasieu bridge.

#### LOCAL SUPPLIER PRIORITIZATION

CBP is prioritizing the use of SWLA subcontractors and suppliers, including trucking, construction materials providers, printing firms and other local businesses. This meaningful participation of local vendors will include both mentoring and training programs to support long term growth across the region.

#### LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

CBP's prioritizes bridging the connection between local businesses with local craft and non-craft workers from SWLA by establishing an On-the-Job Training program and hiring a dedicated Workforce Implementation Manager.

### INCREASED LOCAL RESILIENCE

Building a new bridge that will offer enhanced safety elements and increased resilience while reducing interstate congestion for the region, makes the area more enticing for future economic development.