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Dear Guests:

Welcome to Louisiana and welcome to New Orleans, "The Big Easy."


First, a little trivia; "The Big Easy" nickname is derived from different theories ranging from being the contrast of New York's, "The Big Apple", to the local atmosphere of being "slow and easy going", to Jazz music performances and their local venues to the reference from the book by James Conaways' 1970 novel entitled, "The Big Easy". New Orleans is also nicknamed "The Crescent City" which comes from the fact that the Mississippi river flows around the city in a crescent shape.

The Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors is especially excited and thrilled that The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards will be here to host its 114th Annual Meeting which is where the LSBEFD's office is located. The aptly named theme for this meeting is "Jazzing up Regulation in The Big Easy."

This year's meeting topics will emphasize regulation and disciplinary matters. Recently, there have been many issues that have occurred involving a lot of different types of regulatory boards. As all regulations are the basis for disciplinary action, the funeral service industry is not exempt from the necessity of restructuring and creating progressive changes to its regulations especially any laws of overreaching and unnecessary restrictive requirements. With this year's meeting agenda outlining several different topics for discussion and allowing fellow members and colleagues the opportunity to express their views and ideas, The Conference is providing the chance for possible improvements. With that being said, the information received from this meeting will surely be beneficial for a positive step forward in order to continue to protect the consumers and the funeral service licensees that are regulated.

Once again, the staff and the board members of the LSBEFD welcomes you to this great city and we sincerely hope that you have a wonderful time here in New Orleans. You will find many things to experience from the local cuisine to the music and the sights, it is all exceptional.

Kind regards,


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