

B. In this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings provided herein, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

*Board*—Board of Directors of Louisiana Economic Development Corporation.

*Business Partner of an SSBCI Insider*—a person who owns 10 percent or more of any class of equity interest, on a fully diluted basis, in any private entity in which an SSBCI insider also owns 10 percent or more of any class of equity interest on a fully diluted basis.

*Direct Investment*—an investment in which financial investors take part with each other and act jointly by uniting or combining together to invest directly into individual companies or businesses

*Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI)*—has the meaning given that term under Section 103 of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994.

*Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) Investment Area*—areas defined by CDFI which are generally low-income, high poverty geographies that receive neither sufficient access to capital nor support for the needs of small businesses, including minority-owned businesses.

*Corporation*—Louisiana Economic Development Corporation.

*Family Member of an SSBCI Insider*—such person's spouse, domestic partner, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, and stepsisters; and any other relatives who live in the same household as the SSBCI insider.

*Independent Non-Profit Entity*—any non-profit entity that is not state-sponsored.

*Owned and Controlled*—if privately owned, 51 percent is owned by such individuals; if publicly owned, 51 percent of the stock is owned by such individuals; and in the case of a mutual institution, a majority of the board of directors, account holders, and the community which the institution services is predominantly comprised of such individuals.

*Personal Financial Interest*—any financial interest derived from ownership or right to ownership of, or lending to or other investment in, a private, for-profit entity that may receive an SSBCI investment (including any financial interest derived from ownership or right to ownership of, or investment in, a venture capital fund).

*Seed Capital*—

a. a dollar amount of not less than \$25,000 of capital provided to an inventor or entrepreneur to prove a concept and to qualify for start-up capital, which may involve product development and market research, as well as building a management team and developing a business plan, if the initial steps are successful;

b. research and development financing to finance product development for start-up as well as early-stage companies (which may include a company that may already be in business for three years or less);

c. start-up or early-stage financing to companies completing product development and initial marketing which companies may be in the process of organizing or they may already be in business for three years or less, but have sold their product commercially; or

d. first-stage or early-stage financing to companies that have expended their initial capital and require funds to initiate full-scale manufacturing and sales, for costs of inventory, equipment, expansion, modernization, and for working capital purposes.

*Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals (SEDI)-Owned Business*—

a. business enterprises that certify that they are owned and controlled by individuals who have had their access to credit on reasonable terms diminished as compared to others in comparable economic circumstances, due to their:

i. membership of a group that has been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudice or cultural bias within American society;

ii. gender;

iii. veteran status;

iv. limited English proficiency;

v. physical handicap;

vi. long-term residence in an environment isolated from the mainstream of American society;

vii. membership of a federally or state-recognized Indian Tribe;

viii. long-term residence in a rural community;

ix. residence in a U.S. territory;

x. residence in a community undergoing economic transitions (including communities impacted by the shift towards a net-zero economy or deindustrialization); or

xi. membership of another *underserved community* as defined in U.S. Executive Order 13985;

b. business enterprises that certify that they are owned and controlled by individuals whose residences are in CDFI Investment Areas, as defined in prevailing federal guidelines issued by the U.S. Treasury;

c. business enterprises that certify that they will operate a location in a CDFI Investment Area, as defined in prevailing federal guidelines issued by the U.S. Treasury; or

d. business enterprises that are located in CDFI Investment Areas, as defined in prevailing federal guidelines issued by the U.S. Treasury.