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## **SECRETARY OF STATE JAY DARDENNE ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR 'SPIRIT OF LOUISIANA' AT LOUISIANA'S OLD STATE CAPITOL**

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne is proud to announce plans for the exhibit redesign "Spirit of Louisiana" by BRC Imagination Arts at Louisiana's Old State Capitol. BRC Imagination Arts, a world leader in museum design, developed a master plan to revitalize the Old State Capitol into a destination attraction. BRC will use high-tech multimedia productions and state of the art exhibits, without altering the structure of the building, to tell the story of the Louisiana spirit.

The House Chamber transforms into a multi-screen theater featuring multimedia productions showcasing the history and triumphs of the people of Louisiana as well as the history of the Old State Capitol. The first floor rotunda will tell the story of the missing statue of George Washington that was removed by Union troops and never returned. The second floor rotunda will feature portraits of each governor and informational kiosks. Additional exhibits will focus on Louisiana's political history and include a dynamic exhibit about Huey Long's legacy and assassination.

A private/public partnership will fund the project estimated at \$12 million. The Old State Capitol Foundation has secured \$800,000 in contributions to date from the private sector with a goal of \$1.5 million. Anticipated funding from the state will allow the completion of the project. The OSC Foundation has spent more than \$300,000 to develop the exhibit master plan.

For more information about Louisiana's Old State Capitol or the Secretary of State's Museums Division, visit our Web site at [www.sos.louisiana.gov/museums](http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/museums). For more information about BRC Imagination Arts, visit their Web site at [www.brcweb.com](http://www.brcweb.com).

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