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INAUGURAL MUSEUM SUMMIT HELD AT THE LOUISIANA STATE ARCHIVES

In an effort to educate all museum personnel about the functions of the Secretary of State's Office, Secretary of State Jay Dardenne held the inaugural Museum Summit on Monday and Tuesday, June 25 and 26 at the Louisiana State Archives. Representatives from museums in the Secretary of State's Museums Program expressed their thoughts about each museum's identity, mission and goals.

During break out sessions at the summit, participants discussed many topics including the storytelling aspects of their museums, necessary partnerships and marketing programs. The museums tell the story of Louisiana's aviation and military history, industry, technology, engineering, natural resources, music, agriculture, politics and art, among many other areas. Summit attendees also expressed the need for partnerships with state parks, campgrounds, hotels, restaurants and convention and visitor centers to expand upon their current marketing programs.

"This first summit for the member museums of the Secretary of State's Office was a terrific success," Museums Coordinator Cliff Deal said. "All of us learned so much about each other, about the dedication and hard work that goes into each museum, and about the vital and wonderful job these museums do in preserving and exhibiting Louisiana's diverse history and culture."

Agency staff gathered to address subjects including museum policies and procedures, management and finance issues, purchasing regulations, press issues, facility planning, oral histories, curatorial issues, economic development and voter outreach.

The following museums are part of the Secretary of State's program:

- Aviation and Military Museum of Louisiana, Monroe
- Delta Music Museum, Ferriday
- Eddie G. Robinson Museum, Grambling
- Garyville Timbermill Museum, Garyville
- Jean Lafitte Marine Fisheries Museum, Jean Lafitte
- Louisiana Military Hall of Fame and Museum, Abbeville
- Louisiana Military Museum, Ruston
- Louisiana State Cotton Museum, Lake Providence
- Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, Shreveport
- Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum, Oil City
- Louisiana's Old State Capitol, Baton Rouge
- Mansfield Female College Museum, Mansfield
- Old Arsenal Museum, Baton Rouge
- Shreveport Water Works Museum, Shreveport
- Spring Street Historical Museum, Shreveport
- Tioga Heritage Park and Museum, Tioga

For more information about the Secretary of State's Museums Program, please visit our Web site at <http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/museums>.