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## **GOVERNOR JINDAL AND PERFICIENT CEO JEFF DAVIS ANNOUNCE 245-JOB SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN LAFAYETTE**

*New tech center will result in nearly 500 jobs in Acadiana*

**LAFAYETTE** — Today, Governor Bobby Jindal and Perficient President and CEO Jeff Davis announced the company will establish a software development center in Lafayette, creating 245 new direct jobs averaging \$60,000 per year, plus benefits. Based in St. Louis, Perficient Inc. is a leading information technology and management consulting firm serving Global 2000® and other large enterprise customers throughout North America across a broad range of industries, including health care, financial services, retail, energy, electronics, automotive and manufacturing.

In addition to the direct jobs, Louisiana Economic Development estimates the project will result in 248 new indirect jobs, for a total of nearly 500 new jobs in the Acadiana Region. Following announcements by CGI in April and Enquero in July, Perficient represents the third major software development and technology sector project win in the Lafayette area this year. Perficient employs more than 2,200 people worldwide and has annualized revenue of approximately \$450 million.

Governor Jindal said, "Once again, our business climate, our quality colleges and universities and our outstanding environment for technology investments in Acadiana have combined to produce a great win for Lafayette and our state. Research campuses like the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and our technical college campuses are vital to our economy because they serve as a pipeline of great workers for jobs of the future. Today, more people than ever before have a job in Louisiana, and we are working tirelessly to make sure that future generations in our state will have access to the greatest career opportunities available. With companies like Perficient choosing Louisiana for their important technology investments, we are ensuring that Louisiana will continue to be the best place in the world to live, work and raise a family."

Perficient plans to begin hiring in the fourth quarter of 2014 while launching its operations before the end of the year.

"We spent several months carefully assessing multiple markets and options across the United States for the build-out of our domestic delivery center," Davis said. "Lafayette emerged as the ideal location for this meaningful expansion. Lafayette's educated workforce and proximity to

several universities were factors, as were the innovative programs established by supportive local and state leaders focused on economic growth. We firmly believe our Lafayette-based center will broaden our flexibility and capacity to serve our growing roster of enterprise clients.”

LED began discussing potential location options in Louisiana with Perficient in November 2013. To secure the project, LED offered the company a customized incentive package that includes the comprehensive workforce solutions of LED FastStart® – the nation’s No. 1 state workforce development program. Perficient is expected to utilize Louisiana’s Digital Interactive Media and Software Development Incentive and the state’s Quality Jobs Program.

Perficient’s goal is to reach employment of 50 by the end of 2015 and reach full employment of 245 within six years, when the company’s annual payroll in Lafayette will exceed \$16 million.

“These are exciting times for Lafayette and Acadiana,” Lafayette City-Parish President Joey Durel said. “With the announcements of Bell Helicopter, Enquero, CGI and now Perficient, we have proven that Lafayette and Louisiana can compete for world-class companies. These companies are proof that investing in the right infrastructure pays dividends for our citizens.”

“Today’s announcement by Perficient is another confirmation of Lafayette’s reputation as a premier city for doing business — in the technology sector and beyond,” said President and CEO Gregg Gothreaux of the Lafayette Economic Development Authority. “Business leaders feel confident that they are able to tap into our community’s top-notch assets, including superior education programs, digital connectivity and our innovative spirit. With a commitment to bring 245 new jobs to the area over six years, we hope Perficient and its employees will become valuable and active corporate citizens in Acadiana. Together we can accomplish much.”

### **About Perficient**

Perficient is a leading information technology and management consulting firm serving Global 2000® and enterprise customers throughout North America. Perficient’s professionals serve clients from a network of offices across North America and three offshore locations in Eastern Europe, India and China. Perficient helps clients use Internet-based technologies to improve productivity and competitiveness; strengthen relationships with customers, suppliers and partners; and reduce information technology costs. Perficient, traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, is a member of the Russell 2000® index and the S&P SmallCap 600 index. Perficient is an award-winning “Premier Level” IBM business partner; a Microsoft National Systems Integrator and Gold Certified Partner; an Oracle Platinum Partner; a Gold [Salesforce.com](http://Salesforce.com) Cloud Alliance Partner; a TeamTIBCO partner; and an EMC Select Services Team Partner. For more information, visit [www.perficient.com](http://www.perficient.com).

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