

Design the Capitol that reflects YOUR humanity

Louisiana has two Capitol buildings in Baton Rouge. Both reflect the history of the time in which they were built but in very different ways. Both buildings have office spaces, large Senate and Representative Chambers, etc, but were designed very differently. Both also have features meant to represent the people of Louisiana.

Now, consider how *you* would design Louisiana's capitol to reflect *today's* humanity. How will your building embody the time in which it will be built, and the people and culture of our state. Write an essay explaining why you would make the choices you have, paying particular attention to what is most unique and exemplary in our state, what the building is to be used for, and who it represents. It must function as a Capitol, so how would those essential features fit in to your vision? Your essay should be clear enough to communicate your vision to potential architects, builders, and funders (the group(s) that will pay for the building).

Would your building become an artifact in the future worth preserving?



Louisiana's Old State Capitol, built 1847-52



Louisiana's current Capitol, built 1930-31

