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(Left) DOG FIGHT (aka Southern Rivals) Warner Bros. feature film starring Will Ferrell and Zach Galifianakis is shooting until Feb. 14 in New Orleans. (Right) COMMON LAW CBS's television series is shooting through mid-February in New Orleans.

spent in Louisiana; and wages.

Only 200 productions qualified for tax credits in the six-year period between 2002 and 2007, representing an average of about 33 per year. This increased to 275 productions in the three-year period 2008-2010, an average of about 92 productions per year. This represents an increase of 175 percent in the annual volume of films being produced in Louisiana.

Likewise, the proportion of total film production budgets spent in Louisiana has also increased significantly, from 34 percent in 2006 to 64-80 percent in 2010.

Stelly said this shift in spending is significant because it reflects the growing maturity of the film industry in Louisiana. For example, services that once had to be performed in Los Angeles can now be secured in Shreveport, and jobs that were once found only in California are now based in New Orleans.

Similarly, the amount spent in Louisiana increased by 30 percent from 2008-2010. LED estimates that production expenditures occurring in Louisiana reached an estimated \$674.1 million in 2010, a number BSCG considers conservative. These expenditures produced an estimated annual total economic impact – also known as economic output or economic benefit – in Louisiana of approximately \$1.1 billion in 2010.

Finally, direct in-state wages for film projects continue to grow to almost \$300 million. Louisiana is able to staff 10 crews for productions and nearly 1,000 people are registered with entertainment related unions.

"It's always been a goal of ours to make sure this industry remains a permanent and self-sustaining industry for the long term," said Stelly. "We've kept our eye on what other states are doing. We ask ourselves 'What do we need to do to enhance the film-making experience?'"

"We provide filmmaking tools and approach it like a business and identify areas we need to start focusing on and building and developing the industry. "We'll never be Los Angeles or New York, but we're carving out our own niche, and unique identity. Our long-term goals are to foster and encourage an industry to complement what's happening in LA or New York. We'll carve our own path based on our own abilities and capabilities."

For more information, visit www.LouisianaEntertainment.gov.

ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTIONS IN 2012

PRE-PRODUCTION

CUTTER One Eyed Dog Films' feature film will start shooting this summer for 10 weeks in Baton Rouge.

DJANGO UNCHAINED Weinstein Company's feature film starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Samuel L. Jackson, and Jamie Foxx will start shooting in February in New Orleans.

ENDER'S GAME Summit Entertainment's feature film will shoot Feb. 24 to June 8 in New Orleans.

GETAWAY Feature film starring Ethan Hawke is shooting in January in Baton Rouge.

THE HOST Chockstone Pictures' feature film starring Saoirse Ronan will shoot Feb. 13 to April 20 in Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

MAERSK ALABAMA (A Captain's Duty) Sony Pictures' feature film starring Tom Hanks will shoot Feb. 13 to May in New Orleans.

NOW YOU SEE ME Summit Entertainment's feature film starring Mark Ruffalo, Morgan Freeman and Jesse Eisenberg will shoot Jan. 16 to March 26 in New Orleans.

RUGARU Rugaru Productions' feature film starring Joe Estevez and Randall Oliver will shoot April 1 to May 15 in New Roads, Greensburg and Maurepas.

SYNARCHY Digital Media Production House's feature film will shoot Feb. 4 to March 2 in Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

THE UNTITLED TOM CRUISE PROJECT Universal Pictures' feature film will shoot March 12 to Aug. 12 in Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

CURRENTLY FILMING

BREAKOUT KINGS (season 2) Fox's television series is shooting until Feb. 13 in Baton Rouge.

BROKEN CITY Emmett/Furla Films feature film starring Mark Wahlberg, Russell Crowe and Catherine Zeta-Jones is shooting during January in New Orleans.

COMMON LAW CBS's television series is shooting through mid-February in New Orleans.

DOG FIGHT (aka Southern Rivals) Warner Bros. feature film starring Will Ferrell and Zach Galifianakis is shooting until Feb. 14 in New Orleans.

THE ICEMAN Nu Image/Millennium's feature film starring Chris Evans, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Michael Shannon is shooting until Jan. 28 in Shreveport.

KING DOG Feature film is shooting until Jan. 14 in Baton Rouge and surrounding areas.

SCHISM Feature film is shooting until Jan. 18 in New Orleans.

SNITCH Exclusive Media Group feature film starring Dwayne Johnson and Susan Sarandon is shooting until Jan. 20 in Shreveport.

TREME (season 3) HBO's television series is shooting until May 17 in New Orleans.

ZOMBIE PLANTATION Huze Media Group's feature film is shooting until Feb. 1 in the St. Amant/Gonzales area.

For more information about the film and television industry in Louisiana please visit us online at www.louisianaentertainment.gov.