

## Michael Pennison

Michael Pennison is a Business Consultant and Trainer at Louisiana Small Business Development Center – Greater New Orleans and the River Region. Michael has worked with the Louisiana Small Business Development Center since February 2006. During that time, he assisted small businesses with disaster recovery from Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, Ike, the BP oil spill, the pandemic, and the Louisiana Hurricanes of 2020 and 2021. He works with new and existing businesses.

Michael helps businesses focus on the solutions they offer their customers. His areas of expertise include: business planning, strategy, operations, and financial projections. Michael worked for a Fortune 500 company before starting with the LSBDC. His over 30 years business experience including project management, purchasing contracted services, information technology, engineering, construction, oil & gas, and utility disaster recovery and rebuilding.

Michael is on the board of a local non-profit and assisted three non-profits with their strategic plans. Michael has an MBA from Loyola University and BS in Computer Science from Nicholls State University. Michael has worked in business process teams with McKinsey and Company and Booz Allen Hamilton consultants. Michael is a native of the West Bank. He and his wife Deborah have two adult children. Michael is a proud former US Marine.