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Today's buzz: Government. If you're a startup seeking capital, resources, research grants, education, mentoring, and more, you may have turned to various levels of government for support. Which governments are helping and which are hindering entrepreneurial communities today? The experts speak. Greg Trahan, Louisiana Economic Development: "Government and communities can help build the architecture, provide support and resources, and shape policy and climate, but they can't create startups unless they start acting like one." Tom Suder, MobileGov: "The Pentagon, the world's largest offic

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Greg Trahan

Greg Trahan is a Director of Business Development at Louisiana Economic Development, where he helps drive the state's outreach strategy around software development and technology. He began his career at then-startup Legacy.com, now one of the most trafficked sites in the U.S. His work has received a Webby Award nomination, and his experience includes web design and development, analytics, implementation, and business development. A graduate of Louisiana State University with a B.S. in Biochemistry, Greg resides in Baton Rouge. <http://www.opportunitylouisiana.com>.

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