



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY Incentives Summary



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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND FLORIDA INCENTIVES & ASSISTANCE

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QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY (QTI) TAX REFUND

The Qualified Target Industry program provides an incentive for target industries to locate new facilities in Florida or to expand existing facilities in Florida. The program provides tax refunds of \$3,000 per new job created. This is increased to \$6,000 per job if the company locates in an Enterprise Zone. Higher award amounts are available to companies paying very high wages. To qualify for the QTI program, a company must create at least 10 new jobs (or a 10 percent increase for expanding Florida companies), pay an average of at least 115 percent of area wages, have a significant positive impact on the community, and have local support. (STATE)

QUICK RESPONSE TRAINING (QRT)

The Quick Response Training program provides grant funding for customized training to new or expanding businesses. The program is flexible and structured to respond quickly to meet business training objectives. A local training provider – community college, area technical center or university – is selected and available to assist in the application process and program development or delivery. If the business has a training program in place, a state training provider will supervise and manage the training program and serve as the fiscal agent for the grant funds. Reimbursable training expenses include: instructors'/trainers' salaries, curriculum development, textbooks/manuals, and materials/supplies. (STATE)

INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING (IWT) PROGRAM

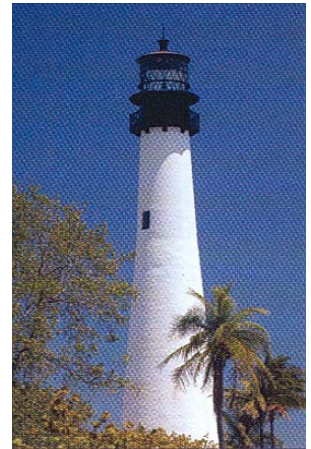
The Incumbent Worker Training program provides employers with funds to train currently employed workers in an effort to keep their firms and workers competitive. The program addresses retraining to meet changing skill requirements caused by new technology, retooling, new product lines, and new organizational structuring. (STATE)

SPECIALIZED INCENTIVES

Your project may qualify for opportunities such as urban tax credits or incentives for Brownfields or Enterprise Zones (see respective sheets for more information).

TARGETED JOB INCENTIVE FUND

The Targeted Job Incentive Fund is a Miami-Dade County program modeled after the State of Florida's QTI program. The TJIF program provides tax refunds to expanding or relocating companies that create full-time equivalent Miami-Dade County jobs. Under this locally funded program, Miami-Dade County may provide the company with a refund of its Countywide Ad Valorem Property taxes. Bonuses are available for green businesses and companies that locate in an Enterprise Zone. A \$3 million capital investment is required to qualify for this incentive. A company must also create at least 10 new jobs and pay a Living Wage, as outlined in the Miami-Dade Living Wage Ordinance. (MIAMI-DADE COUNTY)



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRANSPORTATION FUND

The Economic Development Transportation Fund ("Road Fund") provides up to \$2 million to local governments for the construction or improvement of transportation infrastructure needed to accommodate new or existing industry. (STATE)

EXPEDITED PERMITTING ASSISTANCE

State and local permit streamlining procedures are available to assist businesses in obtaining necessary permits and approvals in a quick, efficient, and predictable manner.

HIGH IMPACT PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE GRANT (HIPI)

The High Impact Performance Incentive is a negotiated grant used to attract and grow major high impact facilities in Florida. Grants are provided to pre-approved applicants in certain high-impact sectors designated by the Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development (OTTED). In order to participate in the program, the project must: operate within designated high-impact portions of the following sectors-- clean energy, biomedical technology, financial services, silicon technology, and transportation equipment manufacturing or be a corporate headquarters facility supporting international, national or regional operations; create at least 100 new full-time equivalent jobs (if a R&D facility, create at least 75 new full-time equivalent jobs) in Florida in a three-year period; and make a cumulative investment in the state of at least \$100 million (if a R&D facility, make a cumulative investment of at least \$75 million) in a three-year period. Once recommended by Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) and approved by OTTED, the high impact business is awarded 50 percent of the eligible grant upon commencement of operations and the balance of the awarded grant once full employment and capital investment goals are met. (STATE)

CAPITAL INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT (CITC)

The Capital Investment Tax Credit is used to attract and grow capital-intensive industries in Florida. It is an annual credit, provided for up to twenty years, against the corporate income tax. Eligible projects are those in designated high-impact portions of the following sectors: clean energy, biomedical technology, financial services, information technology, silicon technology, transportation equipment manufacturing, or be a corporate headquarters facility. Projects must also create a minimum of 100 jobs and invest at least \$25 million in eligible capital costs. Eligible capital costs include all expenses incurred in the acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping of a project from the beginning of construction to the commencement of operations. The level of investment and the project's Florida corporate income tax liability for the 20 years following commencement of operations determines the amount of the annual credit. (STATE)



Florida has a variety of advantages that make it profitable for nearly every type of business to local here. Progressive legislation continues to ensure that Florida will remain a magnet for new and expanding businesses.



- **NO** corporate income tax on limited partnerships
- **NO** corporate income tax on subchapter S-corporations
- **NO** state personal income tax, guaranteed by constitutional provision
- **NO** corporate franchise tax on capital stock
- **NO** state-level property tax assessed
- **NO** property tax on business inventories
- **NO** property tax on goods-in-transit for up 180 days
- **NO** sales and use tax on goods manufactured or produced in Florida for export outside of the state
- **NO** sales tax on purchases of raw materials incorporated in a final product for resale, including non-reusable containers or packaging
- **NO** sales and use tax on boiler fuels
- **NO** sales and use tax on co-generation of electricity

SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTIONS

- Semiconductor, defense, and space technology-based industry transactions involving manufacturing or research and development equipment
- Purchases of machinery and equipment used by a new or expanding Florida business to manufacture, produce, or process tangible personal property for sale
- Labor, parts, and materials used in repair of and incorporated into machinery and equipment that qualify for sales tax exemption upon purchase
- Electricity used in the manufacturing process
- Aircraft parts, modification, maintenance and repair, sale or lease of qualified aircraft
- Commercial space activity — launch vehicles, payloads and fuel, machinery and equipment for production of items used exclusively at Spaceport Florida
- Labor component of research and development expenditures
- Production companies engaged in Florida in the production of motion pictures, made for television motion pictures, television series, commercial advertisements, music videos, or sound recordings

The **Qualified Target Industry (QTI)** Tax Refund is a tool available to Florida communities to encourage quality job growth in targeted high value-added businesses. If approved, the applicant may receive refunds on the taxes it pays. This includes corporate income, sales, ad valorem, intangible personal property, insurance premium, communications services, and certain other taxes. There is a cap of \$7 million per single qualified applicant in all years, and no more than 25 percent of the total refund approved may be taken in any single fiscal year.

Pre-approved applicants who create jobs in Florida receive tax refunds of \$3,000 per net new full-time equivalent Florida job created; \$6,000 if in an enterprise zone. For businesses paying 150 percent of the average annual wage, add \$1,000 per job; for businesses paying 200 percent of the average annual salary, add \$2,000 per job. Additional bonuses include; \$1,000 per job for businesses paying at least 150 percent of the prevailing average annual wage or \$2,000 per job for businesses paying at least 200 percent of the prevailing average annual wage; \$2,000 per job if the business falls within a designated high impact sector OR if the business increases exports of its goods through a seaport or airport in the state by at least 10 percent in value or tonnage in each year of receiving a QTI refund; \$2,500 per job if project is located in a designated Brownfield area (Brownfield Bonus); and \$1,000 per job if the local financial support is equal to the base QTI award. Note these are maximum amounts per job and the actual awards could be lower.

ELIGIBILITY

To participate, a company must apply to Enterprise Florida (EFI) **prior** to making a decision to locate or expand in Florida. All final decisions, such as announcements, leasing of space, or hiring of employees, made prior to submission of a complete QTI application, will be grounds for disapproval. Projects that clearly do not require inducement will not be approved. To qualify for consideration under the program, an applicant must:

- Be in a target industry (see attached Target Industries List);
- Submit an application before making a decision to locate or expand in Florida and demonstrate that the tax refund will make a material difference in the company's decision to locate or expand in Florida;
- Create at least 10 net new full-time equivalent Florida jobs and, if an expansion project, increase employment by at least 10 percent (whichever is greater). For a project located in an enterprise zone, the net increase in employment may be waived under special circumstances;
- Pay an average annual wage that is at least 115 percent of the state, metropolitan statistical area (MSA), or the local average wages. For a project located a designated brownfield area, an enterprise zone or a manufacturing project paying at least 100 percent of the prevailing average wage, the wage requirement may be waived in special circumstances;
- Show that the jobs make a significant economic contribution to the area economy and;
- Provide a resolution from the city or county commission recommending the applicant for the incentive and committing Miami-Dade County to provide a local match equaling 20 percent of the tax refund. If located in a designated brownfield area, the business may elect to be exempt from the local match and accept a refund equal to 80 percent of the refund for which they would otherwise qualify.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- To participate, a company must apply through the Beacon Council. Beacon Council staff will shepherd the business through the application process, ensuring that the company understands what is required for a complete and effective application.
- The statewide economic development organization, Enterprise Florida, will report its evaluation of the application and send a recommendation to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), who will make the final decision on the project.

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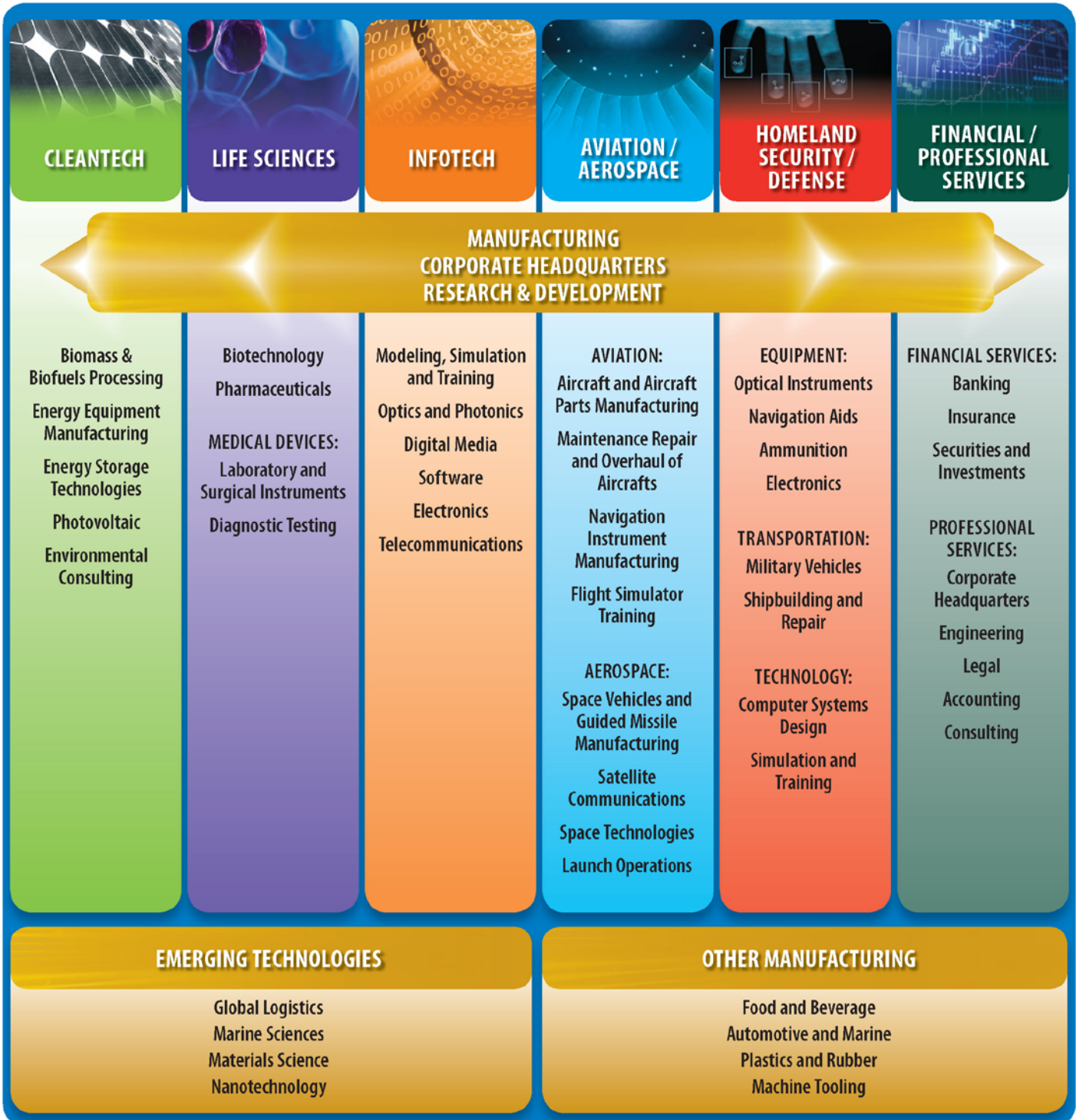
APPROVAL PROCESS

- DEO's approval or disapproval of the application is in the form of a certification letter.
- If the application is approved, the certification letter will indicate the amount and the schedule of tax refunds approved, as well as the number of jobs and average rate for the project as stated in the application.
- Once the QTI application is approved, the business will begin working directly with DEO to finalize the tax refund agreement. Within 120 days of issuance of the certification letter, the QTI business and the Director of DEO must sign a written tax refund agreement.

REFUND PROCESS

- The business submits a claim each year for the scheduled tax refund and Miami-Dade County must pay its local match into the Economic Development Trust Fund.
- If all the terms of the tax refund agreement are met, then DEO pays the refund, including the local match, directly to the business.

QUALIFIED TARGETED INDUSTRIES FOR INCENTIVES



Businesses able to locate in other states and serving multi-state and/or international markets are targeted. Call Centers and Shared Service Centers may qualify for incentives if certain economic criteria are met. Retail activities, utilities, mining and other extraction or processing businesses, and activities regulated by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation are statutorily excluded from consideration. All projects are evaluated on an individual basis and therefore operating in a target industry does not automatically indicate eligibility.

The **Targeted Jobs Incentive Fund (TJIF)** is a Miami-Dade County program modeled after the State of Florida's Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund (QTI) program. The TJIF program provides an incentive based on the capital investment in real (building) and tangible (furniture and equipment) property.

ELIGIBILITY

The TJIF is an inducement program available only to companies from outside the County (with the exception of Palm Beach, Broward, and Monroe Counties) wishing to relocate here, and to Miami-Dade companies which undertake a business expansion and that create jobs as a result of the local expansion. Nevertheless, a Palm Beach, Broward or Monroe County-located Company that is planning to relocate outside South Florida is eligible for this program. The Company must provide verifiable documentation supporting its consideration of other locales. Any business decisions, such as announcements, leasing of space or hiring of employees, made **prior** to the final TJIF approval, will likely be grounds for disapproval unless waived by the Miami-Dade County Manager after a showing of good cause. Projects that do not require inducement will not be approved.

To qualify for consideration under the program, an applicant must:

- Be one of the targeted industries as per the State of Florida QTI Program (see QTI incentive information sheet for Industry List). In addition, Miami-Dade One Community One Goal (OCOG) target industries are also eligible, as are regional offices. They include, but are not limited to, the following:

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| Advanced Manufacturing | Headquarters including regional headquarters (NAICS Code 5511) |
| Aviation/Aerospace | Film and Entertainment |
| Clean Energy, including but no limited to Solar Photovoltaic and Solar Thermal Energy, Biofuels, Smart Grid Technologies, Energy Storage, and Ocean Energy | Creative Industries, including but not limited to Fashion and Life Style |
| Financial Services | Visitor and Tourism |
| Professional Services | International Commerce |
| Homeland Security/Defense | Life Sciences |
| Computers and Information Technology | Global Logistics |
| Telecommunications | |

- Submit an application before making a decision to locate or expand in Miami-Dade County;
- Create at least 10 net new full-time equivalent Miami-Dade jobs;
- Please note that the County Commission, in recognition of its responsibility to set a community standard that permits full-time workers to live above the poverty line, enacted the Living Wage Ordinance, Section 2-8.9 Miami-Dade County Code. The County, through this ordinance, sets an example by providing a living wage to County employees and requires living wages to be paid for County services provided by contractors and similarly by companies receiving incentives for job creation and capital investment through the TJIF program;
- The capital investment by the company must exceed \$3 million in taxable property value. The company may receive an incentive spread out over a period of up to 6 years (or longer as may be determined by the County). The actual amount of the award/benefit will be determined by an Economic Impact Analysis and approval by the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners;
- The base amount of the incentive is calculated using the amount of capital investment in real property (new buildings or improvements of buildings used by the company) and the capital investment in tangible personal property (furniture and equipment used by the company).
- Additional bonus incentive amounts can be awarded when the company capital investment and activities include the following:
 - Being a Green Certified business by Miami-Dade County (this is a self-evaluation process of the business' green activities, such as recycling in the office and using energy-efficient products);
 - Being located in a Designated Priority Area, such as targeted urban areas, brownfield areas and enterprise zones);
 - Being located in is Green Certified building (minimum LEED Silver level);
 - Being classified as having is principal business in the manufacturing, installation, and repair of Solar Thermal and Photovoltaic Energy production or other clean projects.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To participate, a company must apply through the Beacon Council. The Beacon Council will prepare an economic impact analysis for the project, based on the information provided by the Company. Beacon Council staff will then shepherd the business through the application process, ensuring that the company understands what is required for a complete and effective application.



APPROVAL PROCESS

Upon Application and Agreement evaluation by the County, Beacon Council staff will recommend approval or denial to the County Manager and prepare an agenda item for the next available Board of County Commissioners meeting where the TJIF incentive will be considered for approval. The County Manager will recommend Application and Agreement approval or denial to the Board of County Commissioners. Per Miami-Dade County Ordinance No. 00-98 creating this program, the Board of County Commissioners shall have no obligation to approve any Application and Agreement before it.

The Beacon Council staff and a Company representative (when requested) will attend the Board of County Commissioners meeting to be available to answer any questions related to the project and the TJIF.

If the Board of County Commissioners approves the Application and Agreement, the Company and the County Manager will execute said document(s). Upon said approval, the applying Company will be sent a letter by the Beacon Council stipulating the conditions of the approval.

REFUND PROCESS

A Company may not receive award payments of more than 25 percent of the total awards specified in the approved application/agreement in any fiscal year even if all the new jobs are created in one year.

Further, a Company may not receive more than \$1.5 million in awards in any single fiscal year, or more than \$2.5 million in any single fiscal year if the project is located in a Designated Priority Area. A Company may not receive more than \$5 million in award payments in all fiscal years, or more than \$7.5 million (or higher amount as may be determined by the Board for inside or outside a Designated Priority Area) if the project is located in a Designated Priority Area.

Further, the total TJIF award is also dependent on other potential state or local incentives that the company might receive. The company will not be able to receive more than the amount of General Fund taxes generated by the capital investment.

The **Economic Development Transportation Fund**, commonly referred to as the “Road Fund,” is an incentive tool designed to alleviate transportation problems that adversely impact a specific company’s location or expansion decision. The elimination of the problem **must serve as an inducement** for a specific company’s location, retention, or expansion project in Florida and create or retain job opportunities for Floridians.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible projects are those that facilitate economic development by eradicating location-specific transportation problems (e.g., access roads, signalization, road widening, etc.) on behalf of a specific eligible company (e.g., manufacturing, corporate/regional headquarters, and certain other multi-state business services).

Up to \$2,000,000 may be provided to a local government to implement the improvements. The actual amount funded is based on the cost of the necessary improvements and is limited to \$5,000 per job created and/or retained. A waiver of the per-job limit may be granted if the project is located in an area experiencing severe economic distress.



APPLICATION PROCESS

- The unit of government who will own and be responsible for maintenance of the transportation improvement must apply to Enterprise Florida and have approval of funds for its transportation project **PRIOR** to the final decision of the company on whose behalf the application was made.
- For the application to be considered, the company must estimate and disclose:
 - The capital investment it intends to make in the facility;
 - The number of permanent full-time jobs to be created and/or retained at the facility; and
 - The average hourly wage, excluding benefits, for the new and/or retained permanent full-time jobs.
- Beacon Council staff will work closely with the county and the company to ensure that the needs of the company are met and that the application accurately reflects the transportation problem.

APPROVAL PROCESS

- Upon receipt of an application, staff from Enterprise Florida will determine whether it is complete and meets program requirements. Eligible projects will be presented to OTTED for funding consideration.
- Funding recommendations are based on:
 - The amount of funds requested;
 - The number of permanent full-time jobs created and/or retained;
 - The economic and demographic conditions of the community; and
 - The degree of inducement for the project's location/expansion/retention decision.

*The **Quick Response Training (QRT)** Program is customer-driven and designed as an inducement to secure new value-added business to Florida as well as to provide existing businesses with the necessary training for expansion. Through this incentive, Florida is able to effectively retain, expand, and attract employers offering high-quality jobs. The program is flexible and structured to respond quickly to meet the business' training objectives. Workforce Florida, Inc., the state's public-private partnership created to coordinate job-training efforts, administers the program.*

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible projects are new or expanding/existing Florida businesses that produce exportable goods or services, create new permanent full-time jobs, and employ Florida workers who require customized entry-level skills training.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Training can be conducted at the business' own facility, at the training provider's facility, or at a combination of sites that best meets the needs of the business;
- Program instructors can be either full or part-time educators, vendors, subject matter experts or professional trainers from the business;
- A local or state educational entity – community college, area vocational-technical center or university – is selected by the business to serve as the fiscal agent for the grant funds and is available to assist in the application process, program development and delivery. Training is limited to 24 months or less;
- The company is required to post all job openings associated with the QRT project through the local regional workforce development board's one-stop center. The one-stop center is available to provide assistance in recruiting potential trainees for initial screening, testing, and other services free of charge to the company. The criteria (such as education and skill levels) and the selection of trainees is the responsibility of the business.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- An application and guidelines may be downloaded from www.workforceflorida.com or provided to you by Beacon Council staff.
- Businesses requesting training submit a completed application to:

Debbie McMullian

Workforce Florida, Inc.
Quick Response Training Program
1974 Commonwealth Lane
Tallahassee, FL 32303
T: 850.921.1119
F: 850.921.1101

- Special consideration will be given to businesses that create high skill/high wage jobs; are in one of Florida's targeted industries; locate in a distressed urban or rural area, Enterprise Zone, or Brownfield area; have the greatest potential for economic impact; and contribute in-kind or cash matches.

APPROVAL PROCESS

- The Quick Response Training Program staff will communicate to the applicant within three working days from receipt of an application as to whether or not the application is complete. Applications will be approved or denied within ten working days.
- Once an application has been approved, an agreement to complete the training project as negotiated is signed by the business requesting training, the fiscal agent, and Workforce Florida, Inc. Approved training costs (instructors' salaries, curriculum development, textbooks or manuals) are disbursed monthly on a cost reimbursement and performance method of payment.

The **Incumbent Worker Training Program (IWT)** is funded by the Federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and is administered by Workforce Florida, Inc., the state's public-private partnership created to coordinate job-training efforts. Through this program, Florida is able to provide training to currently employed workers to keep Florida's workforce competitive in a global economy and to retain existing businesses.

ELIGIBILITY

The IWT program is open to all **for-profit** Florida businesses that have been in operation for a minimum of one year prior to the application date and that require training for existing employees.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Business must have at least one full-time employee;
- Business must demonstrate financial viability and be current on all state tax obligations;
- Training can be conducted at the business' own facility, at the training provider's facility, or at a combination of sites that best meets the needs of the business;
- Program instructors can be either full or part-time educators, vendors, subject matter experts, or professional trainers from the business;
- A local or state educational entity – community college, area vocational-technical center or university – is selected by the business to serve as the fiscal agent for the grant funds and is available to assist in the application process, program development and delivery. Training is limited to 12 months or less;
- Businesses must provide a matching contribution to the training project;
- Can only be considered for an award every other program year.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- An application and guidelines may be downloaded from www.workforceflorida.com or provided to you by Beacon Council staff.
- Businesses requesting training submit a completed application to:

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- Funding priority will be given to businesses with 25 employees or less; are in one of Florida's targeted industries; locate in a distressed urban or rural area, Enterprise Zone, or Brownfield area; businesses whose grant proposals represent a significant layoff avoidance strategy; or businesses whose grant proposals represent a significant upgrade in employee skills.

APPROVAL PROCESS

- Applications will be approved or denied within ten working days of receipt of a complete application. If approved, an agreement to complete the training project as proposed in the application is signed between the business and the grant administrator.

REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS

- Businesses submit monthly or quarterly reimbursement requests to the grant administrator for approval.
- Direct training costs eligible for reimbursement include tuition, instructors'/trainers' salaries, curriculum development, textbooks, resource material and training supplies.
- Reimbursement will be performance-based with specific measurable outcomes. Final payment will be withheld until performances have been met and required documentation received by the grant administrator.

The **Capital Investment Tax Credit** is used to attract and grow capital-intensive industries in Florida. It is an annual credit, provided for up to twenty years, against the corporate income tax. The amount of the annual credit is based on the eligible capital costs associated with a qualifying project. Eligible capital costs include all expenses incurred in the acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping of a project from the beginning of construction to the commencement of operations.

ELIGIBILITY

To participate in the program, a company must apply to Enterprise Florida and be certified by the Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development (OTTED) **prior to the commencement of operations**. To qualify for consideration under the program, and applicant must:

- Operate within designated high impact portions of the following sectors: Life Sciences, Financial Services, Information Technology, Transportation Equipment Manufacturing, and Semiconductors;
- Create at least 100 new jobs in Florida in connection with the project; and
- Make a cumulative capital investment of at least \$25 million in connection with the project during the period from the beginning of construction to the commencement of operations.



AMOUNT OF CREDIT

The amount of the annual credit is up to five percent of the eligible capital costs generated by a qualifying project, for up to 20 years. The annual credit may not exceed a specified percentage of the annual corporate income tax liability generated by the project. Those percentages are:

- One hundred percent for a project with a cumulative capital investment of at least \$100 million;
- Seventy-five percent for a project with a cumulative capital investment of at least \$50 million but less than \$100 million; and
- Fifty percent for a project with a cumulative capital investment of at least \$25 million but less than \$50 million.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Beacon Council staff will shepherd the business through the application process, ensuring that the company understands what is required for a complete and effective application.
- At the state level, Enterprise Florida, will report its evaluation of the application and recommendation to the Director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development (OTTED) who will make the final decision on the project.

APPROVAL PROCESS

The business will receive written notification of the Director's approval or disapproval of the application for certification. If the application is approved, the certification will be returned to the applicant and should be attached to the applicant's tax return for filing with DOR.

BUSINESS & DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SIGN AGREEMENT

Upon receipt of the certification, the DOR enters into an agreement with the qualifying business.

CLAIMING THE CREDIT

- Prior to receiving tax credits, the qualifying business must achieve the minimum employment goals beginning with the commencement of operations of a qualifying project. The qualifying business will also demonstrate achievement of the employment goal to OTTED by providing the requested documentation prior to the time the corporate income tax would otherwise be due.
- At the time the corporate income tax would otherwise be due, the company will submit an income statement that identifies income generated by or arising out of the qualifying project along with its tax return. The completed tax return must also indicate the amount of corporate income tax credit claimed, based upon the accompanying statement.
- Each year thereafter during which tax credits are available, the qualifying business must demonstrate to OTTED that it had maintained the job creation and capital investment levels required which are subject to audit by DOR. Credits granted may not be carried forward or backward with respect to a subsequent or prior year.

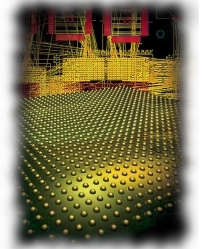
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Once recommended by Enterprise Florida's Inc. (EFI) and approved by OTTED, the high impact business is awarded 50 percent of the eligible grant upon commencement of operations and the balance of the awarded grant once full employment and capital investment goals are met.

ELIGIBILITY

To participate in the program, a company must apply to Enterprise Florida **prior to making a decision** to locate or expand in Florida. To qualify for consideration under the program, an applicant must:

- Operate within designated high impact portions of the following sectors: Life Sciences, Financial Services, Information Technology, Transportation Equipment Manufacturing, and Semiconductors;
- Create at least 50 new jobs (25 for Research and Development) in Florida in connection with the project in a 3-year period; and
- Make a cumulative capital investment of at least \$50 million in a 3-year period, or if a research and development facility, make a cumulative investment of at least \$25 million in a 3-year period.



APPLICATION PROCESS

- Beacon Council staff will shepherd the business through the application process, ensuring that the company understands what is required for a complete and effective application.
- At the state level, Enterprise Florida, will report its evaluation of the application and recommendation to the Director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development (OTTED) who will make the final decision on the project.

APPROVAL PROCESS

- OTTED's approval or disapproval of the application is in the form of a "final order." If the application is approved, the final order will specify the total amount of the performance grant, the performance conditions that must be met to obtain the award (including the employment, average salary, investment, the methodology for determining if the conditions have been met) and the schedule of performance grant payments.
- OTTED normally reviews and makes its decision within five (5) working days.
- Once an application is approved, the qualified high-impact business and the Director of OTTED sign a written grant refund agreement.

ACCESSING GRANT FUNDS

- When the business certifies "commencement of operations" (as defined in the agreement) to OTTED and the terms of the agreement are met, the high impact business is awarded 50 percent of its grant.
- When the business certifies its achievement of "full investment and employment goals" (as defined in the agreement) and the terms of the agreement have been met, the high impact business is awarded the balance of the grant.

FLORIDA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EQUIPMENT SALES TAX EXEMPTION

Incentive Information Sheet

The Sales and Use Tax Exemption on Machinery and Equipment Used for Research and Development is available to help foster innovation throughout the state. Under this exemption, effective July 1, 2006, machinery and equipment used predominantly* for research and development are exempt from sales and use tax. (*Section 212.08 (18), Florida Statutes*)

ELIGIBILITY

“Machinery and equipment” includes, but is not limited to, molds, dies, machine tooling, other appurtenances or accessories to machinery and equipment, testing and measuring equipment, test beds, computers, and software, whether purchased or self-fabricated, and, if self-fabricated, includes materials and labor for design, fabrication, and assembly.

“Research and development” means research that has one of the following as its ultimate goal:

- basic research in a scientific field of endeavor;
- advancing knowledge or technology in a scientific or technical field of endeavor;
- the development of a new product, whether or not the new product is offered for sale;
- the improvement of an existing product, whether or not the improved product is offered for sale;
- the development of new uses of an existing product, whether or not a new use is offered as a rationale to purchase the product; or
- the design and development of prototypes, whether or not a resulting product is offered for sale.

EXCLUSIONS

The term “research and development” does not include ordinary testing or inspection of materials or products used for quality control, market research, efficiency surveys, consumer surveys, advertising and promotions, management studies, or research in connection with literary, historical, social science, psychological, or other similar non-technical activities.

CLAIMING EXEMPTION

To purchase or lease qualifying machinery and equipment for use in research and development tax-exempt, the purchaser or lessee must present an exemption certificate or direct pay permit to the selling dealer. A suggested format of an exemption certificate is attached.

* “Predominantly” means at least 50 percent of the time.

FLORIDA MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT SALES TAX EXEMPTION

Incentive Information Sheet

Machinery and Equipment purchased by new and expanding businesses that use such equipment at a fixed location to manufacture, process, compound, or produce tangible personal property for sale, or for exclusive use in spaceport activities, is tax exempt. (Section 212.08(5)(b), Florida Statutes)

ELIGIBILITY

• New Manufacturers

In order to qualify for the new business exemption, the machinery and equipment must have been purchased, or a purchase agreement made, prior to the date the business first begins to produce a product for inventory or immediate sale. If purchase agreement was made prior to the beginning of production, such machinery and equipment must be received within twelve months of the date that production began.

• Expanding Manufacturers

Industrial machinery and equipment is exempt from tax when purchased by an expanding business for the purpose of increasing "productive output" by not less than ten percent.

• Mining Activities

Those businesses engaged in mining activities may now qualify for the exemption. Mining businesses must also demonstrate the creation of new Florida jobs in addition to the other exemption criteria that are applicable to non-mining businesses.

EXCLUSIONS

The exemption statute specifically excludes electric utility companies, communications companies, oil or gas exploration or production operations, publishing firms that do not export at least 50 percent of their finished product out of the state, and any firm subject to regulation by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business Regulation.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To access this exemption the following process is required:

- Register for sales and use tax purposes with the Florida Department of Revenue (Form DR-1) and obtain a certificate of registration for each business location conducting business in Florida.
- Submit an Application for Temporary Tax Exemption Permit (Form DR-1214). Businesses are encouraged to file this form as early as possible in advance of making their machinery and equipment purchases.

CLAIMING THE EXEMPTION

Upon approval by the Department of Revenue, a Temporary Tax Exemption Permit will be issued to the qualifying business or instructions will be given on how to obtain a refund of previously paid taxes. A business may extend a copy of its Temporary Tax Exemption Permit to its vendors or to its authorized contractor(s) for the purpose of purchasing qualifying machinery and equipment for the new or expanding business. The authorized contractor(s) may, likewise, extend the Temporary Tax Exemption Permit to its vendor(s) for use in purchasing qualifying machinery and equipment tax exempt.

Charges for electricity used directly and exclusively at a fixed location to operate machinery, and equipment that is used to manufacture, process, compound, or produce items of tangible personal property for sale, or to operate pollution control equipment, recycling equipment, maintenance equipment, or monitoring or control equipment used in such operations, may be exempt from the sales tax.

ELIGIBILITY

- The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code for the taxpayer claiming the exemption must appear in the attached chart;
- If 75 percent or more of the electricity or steam used at the fixed location is used to operate qualifying machinery or equipment, 100 percent of the sales tax on the charges for electricity or steam used at the fixed location is exempt;
- If less than 75 percent but 50 percent or more of the electricity or steam used at the fixed location is used to operate qualifying machinery or equipment, 50 percent of the sales tax on the charges for electricity or steam used at the fixed location is exempt;
- If less than 50 percent of the electricity/steam used at a facility is for exempt uses there is NO exemption.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- File the attached Purchaser's Exemption Certificate with utility provider to claim the exemption.
- Utility provider will adjust monthly statement to reflect the amended sales tax.



FLORIDA SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON ELECTRICITY & STEAM

Incentive Information Sheet

Standard Industrial Classification Codes Qualifying for the Sales Tax Exemption on Electricity and Steam

| SIC Industrial Major Group Numbers | Short Titles of Major Group Numbers |
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| 10 | Metal Mining |
| 12 | Coal Mining |
| 13 | Oil & Gas Extraction |
| 14 | Mining & Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels |
| 20 | Food & Kindred Products |
| 212 | Cigar Production |
| 22 | Textile Mill Products |
| 23 | Apparel & Other Finished Products Made From Fabrics & Similar Materials |
| 24 | Lumber & Wood Products |
| 25 | Furniture & Fixtures |
| 26 | Paper & Allied Products |
| 27 | Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries |
| 28 | Chemicals & Allied Products |
| 29 | Petroleum Refining & Related Industries |
| 30 | Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products |
| 31 | Leather & Leather Products |
| 32 | Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Products |
| 33 | Primary Metal Industries |
| 34 | Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery & Transportation Equipment |
| 35 | Industrial & Commercial Machinery & Computer Equipment |
| 36 | Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment & Components, Except Computer Equipment |
| 37 | Transportation Equipment |
| 38 | Measuring, Analyzing, & Controlling Instruments; Photographic, Medical & Optical Goods; Watches & Clocks |
| 39 | Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries |

“SIC” means those classifications contained in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1987, as published by the Office of Management & Budget, Executive Office of the President.



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SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON
ELECTRICITY & STEAM**
Incentive Information Sheet



Purchaser's Exemption Certificate Electricity or Steam Used to Manufacture Items for Sale or Use On or After July 1, 2000

_____ (Purchaser's Name) certifies that the electricity or steam purchased on or after _____ under the following account number(s) is exempt from sales tax, because such electricity or steam will be used at a fixed location to operate machinery and equipment that is used to manufacture, process, compound, produce, or prepare for shipment items of tangible personal property for sale, or to operate pollution control equipment, recycling equipment, maintenance equipment, or monitoring or control equipment used in such operations.

_____ (Purchaser's Name) further certifies that:

- a) its four-digit SIC Industry Number is listed below, and that this number is classified under SIC Industry Major Group Number 10, 12, 13, 14, , 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, or 39, or under Industry Group Number 212 as contained in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1987, as published by the Office of Management & Budget, Executive Office of the President; and
- b) Seventy-five percent or more of the electricity or steam used at a fixed location is used to operate machinery and equipment as described above, and the location qualifies for 100 percent exemption, or
- c) More than 50 percent but less than 75 percent of the electricity or steam used at a fixed location is used to operate machinery and equipment as described above, and the location qualifies for a 50 percent exemption.

SIC INDUSTRY NUMBER _____

| Address of Exempt Locations | Utility or Steam Account Numbers | Amount of Exemption Claimed (Circle One) |
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| | | 100% 50% |
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| | | 100% 50% |

The undersigned understands that if such purchases of electricity or steam do not qualify for exemption, the undersigned will be subject to sales and use tax, interest, and penalties. Purchaser further understands that when any person shall fraudulently, for the purpose of evading tax, issue to a vendor or to any agent of the state, a certificate or statement in writing in which he or she is claims exemption from the sales tax, such person, in addition to being liable for payment of the tax plus a mandatory penalty of 200 percent of the tax, shall be liable for fine and punishment provided by law for conviction of a misdemeanor of the second degree, as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Purchaser's Name (Print or Type)

Date

Signature & Title

Florida Sales Tax Number

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEI) or SS #

Telephone Number

*****File this Purchaser's Exemption Certificate with your utility provider to claim the exemption. Your utility provider will adjust your monthly statement to reflect the amended sales tax.**

The **Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus** is available to encourage redevelopment and job creation within designated brownfield areas. A pre-approved applicant may receive a tax refund equal to 20 percent of the average annual wage of new jobs created in a designated brownfield area, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per new job created. Refunds are based upon taxes paid by the business, including: corporate income, sales, ad valorem, intangible personal property, insurance premium, and certain other taxes. No more than 25 percent of the total refund approved may be paid in any single fiscal year.

The Brownfield Development Bonus may be awarded in addition to the Qualified Target Industry (QTI) Tax Refund. (Please refer to the QTI Tax Refund information sheet for additional information.)

KEY DEFINITIONS

“Brownfield sites” mean sites that are generally abandoned, idled, or underused industrial and commercial properties where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by actual or perceived environmental contamination.

“Brownfield area” means a contiguous area of one or more brownfield sites, some of which may not be contaminated, and which has been designated so by the local government through resolution. Such areas may include all or portions of community redevelopment areas, enterprise zones, empowerment zones, other such designated economically deprived communities and areas, and Environmental-Protection-Agency-designated brownfield pilot projects.

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify, an applicant must locate within a brownfield area and:

- Be certified as a QTI business **or**
- Be a business that can demonstrate a fixed capital investment of at least \$2 million in mixed-use business activities in a brownfield area, including multiunit housing, commercial, retail, and industrial;
- Create at least 10 new permanent Florida full-time jobs with benefits (including health insurance at a minimum), excluding construction and site remediation jobs;
- Show that the project will diversify and strengthen the economy of the area surrounding the site;
- Show that the project will promote capital investment in the area beyond that contemplated for the rehabilitation of the site;
- Provide a resolution from the city or county commission recommending the applicant for the incentive and, at the option of the city or county, committing the community to provide a local match equaling 20 percent of the tax refund. If a community elects to be exempt from the local match requirement, the applicant is only eligible for 80 percent of the refund for which they would otherwise qualify. The local match exemption must be requested in a resolution of the governing local authority;
- Submit the Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus application or adopt the Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus local support resolution before the commencement of operations of the project business and;

- Either execute a Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Agreement (BSRA) with the Department of Environmental Protection or demonstrate as many of the following elements as possible:
 - Significant remediation or redevelopment of a site outside the formal BSRA framework and certification (via separate letter) that knowledge of the state brownfields program and benefits played a significant role in the decision to proceed with that remediation or redevelopment;
 - Documented discussion of the availability of the Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus incentive among project contacts and state and local economic development officials prior to proceeding with the project;
 - Submission of a Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus application prior to making a relocation or expansion decision.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To participate, a company must apply through the Beacon Council. Beacon Council staff will shepherd the business through the application process, ensuring that the company understands what is required for a complete and effective application.

Once the local portion is complete the application is sent to the state. There, Enterprise Florida will report its evaluation of the application and recommendation to the Director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development (OTTED) who will make the final decision on the project.

APPROVAL PROCESS

- OTTED's approval or disapproval of the application is in the form of a certification letter.
- If the application is approved, the certification letter will indicate the amount and the schedule of tax refunds approved, as well as the number of jobs and average rate for the project as stated in the application.
- Once the Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus application is approved, the business will begin working directly with OTTED to finalize the tax refund agreement. Within 120 days of issuance of the certification letter, the eligible business and the Director of OTTED must sign a written tax refund agreement.

REFUND PROCESS

- The business submits a claim to OTTED each year for the scheduled tax refund.
- If all the terms of the tax refund agreement are met, OTTED pays the refund.

| | Qualified Target Industry (QTI) | Targeted Jobs Incentive Fund (TJIF) MIAMI-DADE ONLY | Quick Response Training (QRT) | Incumbent Worker Training Program (IWT) | Economic Development Transportation Fund (EDTF) |
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| Type of Incentive | Tax Refund | Tax Refund | Grant | Grant | Grant |
| Award Made to Whom | Business | Business | Training provider on behalf of business | Business | Local government on behalf of Business |
| Wage Requirement | At least 115% of state, county, or Metropolitan Statistical Area wage, whichever is lower; may be waived for enterprise zone or brownfield projects. | The Miami-Dade County Commission, in recognition of its responsibility to set a community standard that permits full-time workers to live above the poverty line, enacted the Living Wage Ordinance. The Ordinance requires living wages to be paid by companies receiving incentives for job creation and capital investment through the TJIF program. | Goal is 115% of county or state wage, whichever is lower; may be waived for enterprise zone or brownfield projects. | Goal is 115% of county or state wage, whichever is lower; may be waived for enterprise zone or brownfield projects. | No requirement but it is a consideration. |
| Number of Jobs Required | At least 10 net new full-time equivalent Florida jobs, and if an expansion, a 10% increase in employment. Expansion requirement may be waived for enterprise zone projects. | Create at least 10 net new full-time equivalent Miami-Dade jobs. | No minimum or maximum. If an expansion, a 10% increase in employment or 100 new full-time jobs, whichever is less. | No minimum or maximum. | No minimum requirement. May be used for new or retained jobs. |
| Available to Expanding Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Available to New Industry | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| Available to Retain Jobs | No | Yes, but only if new jobs are created (see number of jobs required). | As part of an expansion project | Yes | Yes |

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| Amount of Award | \$3,000 per job (\$6,000 in an enterprise zone). Increased per job award for extremely high wages or if located in a brownfield area. | When the capital investment exceeds \$3 million in taxable property value, the company may receive a tax refund on its Countywide Ad Valorem Property taxes. There is also a bonus for companies with a facility that qualifies as "green construction" and additional bonus if a company locates in an Enterprise Zone. | Negotiated with local training provider to meet business needs. | Negotiated with local training provider to meet business needs. | Up to \$2 million based on the cost of the necessary improvements. Limited to \$5,000 (\$7,500 in distressed area) per job created and/or retained. |
| Payout Schedule | Paid out over a minimum of four years. | Up to 6 years (or longer as may be determined by the County). | Reimbursement monthly to a local training provider. | Reimbursement monthly to business. | Paid out to local governmental entity as needed for construction. |
| Specified Use of Funds | None | None | Direct training costs, instructor's wages, curriculum development, resource materials, (cannot be used for trainees' wages or training equipment). | Direct training costs, instructor's wages, curriculum development, resource materials, (cannot be used for trainees' wages or training equipment). | Design and engineering costs, and construction costs of transportation project. |

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| Local Support Required | Yes – 20% of total tax refund | Yes – 100% is County funded | Yes – local training provider serves as fiscal agent for grant funds; endorsement by local economic development organization. | No – however, Regional Workforce Board is copied on “application received” letter to business When application is received from a business in their region. | Yes |
| “But For” Incentive | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes |
| Eligible Industries, Businesses, and Activities | Manufacturing Facilities; Wholesale Trade; Information Industries; Finance & Insurance Services; Professional, Scientific & Technical Services; Management Services; Administrative & Support Services Only businesses serving multi-state and/or international markets are eligible. Business must be able to locate in other states. | Manufacturing Facilities; Wholesale Trade; Information Industries; Finance & Insurance Services; Professional, Scientific & Technical Services; Management Services; Administrative & Support Services Only businesses serving multi-state and/or international markets are eligible. Business must be able to locate in other states. | Manufacturing Facilities; Wholesale Trade; Information Industries; Finance & Insurance Services; Professional, Scientific & Technical Services; Management Services; Administrative & Support Services Only businesses serving multi-state and/or international markets are eligible. Business must be able to locate in other states. | Manufacturing Facilities; Wholesale Trade; Information Industries; Finance & Insurance Services; Professional, Scientific & Technical Services; Management Services; Administrative & Support Services Only businesses serving multi-state and/or international markets are eligible. Business must be able to locate in other states. | Manufacturing Facilities; Wholesale Trade; Information Industries; Finance & Insurance Services; Professional, Scientific & Technical Services; Management Services; Administrative & Support Services Only businesses serving multi-state and/or international markets are eligible. Business must be able to locate in other states. |
| Ineligible Industries, Businesses, and Activities | Any retail activities; electrical utility company; phosphate or sold minerals severance, mining, or processing operation; oil or gas exploration or production operation; or, firms subject to regulation by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of DBPR | Any retail activities; electrical utility company; phosphate or sold minerals severance, mining, or processing operation; oil or gas exploration or production operation; or, firms subject to regulation by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of DBPR | Businesses that are producing local goods, providing a local service or that are retention in nature. Standard training programs that are available locally are ineligible. | None | Any retail activities; electrical utility company; distributors, hotels, convention centers (Some exceptions for Enterprise Zone) |

| | What is the program? | What are the advantages? | What are the limitations? | How do I receive the credit? |
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| ENTERPRISE ZONE JOBS TAX CREDIT (CORPORATE INCOME TAX) *State Level | Allows businesses located in an enterprise zone that pay corporate income tax a corporate income tax credit for the wages paid to new employees (in a new full-time job) who have been employed by the business for at least 3 months and are residents of a Florida enterprise zone. | This incentive provides a credit of 20% of wages paid to new eligible employees who are residents of a Florida enterprise zone. If 20% or more of the permanent, full-time employees are residents of a Florida enterprise zone, the credit is 30%. | Firms must earn more than \$5,000 to take advantage of the credit. The Federal tax burden may increase since state tax liability is reduced. The amount of the credit also must be added back to Florida taxable income. This credit is not available if the Enterprise Zone Tax Credit, against sales tax, is taken. | Form F-1156Z, which requires a list of names and addresses of eligible employees must be certified by an Enterprise Zone Coordinator and be submitted with the business' corporate income tax return. |
| ENTERPRISE ZONE JOBS TAX CREDIT (SALES & USE TAX) *State Level | Allows businesses located in an enterprise zone that collect and pay Florida sales and use tax a monthly credit against their tax due on wages paid to new employees (in a new full-time job) who have been employed by the business for at least 3 months and are residents of a Florida enterprise zone. | This incentive provides a credit of 20% of wages paid to new eligible employees who are residents of a Florida enterprise zone. If 20% or more of the permanent, full-time employees are residents of a Florida enterprise zone, the credit is 30%. | The credit is limited to the amount of tax due on each return. There is no refund or carry-forward for credit in excess of the tax due. This credit is not available if the Enterprise Zone Jobs Tax Credit, against corporate tax, is taken. The credit is limited to 24 months if the employee remains employed for 24 months. | Form DR-15ZC must be submitted to an Enterprise Zone Coordinator and DOR within 6 months after the new employee is hired. Within 10 working days of receiving a completed tax credit application, DOR will notify the business that the application has been approved. |
| SALES TAX REFUND FOR BUSINESS MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT USED IN AN ENTERPRISE ZONE *State Level | A refund is available for sales taxes paid on the purchase of certain business property (e.g., tangible personal property such as office equipment, warehouse equipment, and some industrial machinery and equipment), that is used exclusively in an enterprise zone for at least three years. | This incentive reduces the cost of purchasing new and used qualified tangible personal property that is used in an enterprise zone. | Business equipment must have a sales price of at least \$5,000 per unit. The maximum refund per application will be no more than \$5,000 or 97% of the tax paid. If 20% or more of the permanent, full-time employees of the business are residents of a Florida enterprise zone, the refund will be no more than the lesser of \$10,000 or 97% of the tax paid. | Form DR-26S and Form EZ-E must be certified by an Enterprise Zone Coordinator for the enterprise zone in which the business is located, and must be filed with the Department of Revenue within 6 months of when the business equipment is purchased or when the tax is due. |
| SALES TAX REFUND FOR BUILDING MATERIALS USED IN AN ENTERPRISE ZONE *State Level | A refund is available for Sales taxes paid on the purchase of building materials used to rehabilitate real property located in an enterprise zone. | This incentive reduces the Cost of rehabilitating real property that is located in an enterprise zone. | The total amount of the Sales tax refund must be at least \$500, but no more than the lesser of \$10,000 or 97% of the tax paid per parcel. | Form DR-26S and Form EZ-M must be certified by an Enterprise Zone Coordinator for the enterprise zone in which the business is located, and must be filed with the Department of Revenue within 6 months of when the improvements are certified as being substantially complete or within 90 days after the property is first subject to assessment. |

| | What is the program? | What are the advantages? | What are the limitations? | How do I receive the credit? |
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| ENTERPRISE ZONE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT (Corporate Income Tax) *State Level | <p>New or expanded businesses located in an enterprise zone are allowed a credit equal to 96% of all ad valorem taxes not abated by local government is applies against State corporate incomes taxes.</p> | <p>Any unused portion of the credit may be carried forward for five years. The credit can be claimed for five years, up to a maximum of \$50,000 annually if 20% or more employees are enterprise zone residents, otherwise the credit is limited to \$25,000 annually.</p> | <p>Firms must earn more than \$5,000 to take advantage of the credit.</p> <p>The federal tax burden may increase, since state tax liability is reduced. The amount of the credit must also be added back to Florida taxable income.</p> | <p>Businesses must file Form DR-456 with the county property appraiser before April 1 of the first year in which the new or expanded property is subject to assessment. An Enterprise Zone Coordinator will certify Form F-1158Z and provide copies to the Department of Revenue. Firms must include copies of receipts for applicable ad valorem taxes paid with tax returns and Form F-1158Z</p> |
| COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION TAX CREDIT *State Level | <p>Allows businesses anywhere in Florida a 50% credit on Florida corporate income tax, insurance premium tax, or a sales tax refund for donations to local community development projects. Donations must be made to an eligible sponsor conducting an approved community development project. The annual amount of credit granted is limited to \$200,000 per firm and \$10,000,000 for the state.</p> | <p>For each dollar donated, businesses may receive a 55.5 cent reduction in Florida tax liability (50 cents from the credit, 5.5 cents from the deductibility of the donation). The donation may also be deducted from Federal taxable income.</p> <p>A five-year carry forward provision is available for any unused portion of the corporate income tax credit (sales tax refunds are available for up to three years after the first application).</p> | <p>IRS rules for the valuation of donated goods may require depreciation recapture; therefore, the deduction may be decreased.</p> <p>By reducing the state liability, state taxes deducted from federal income are decreased; therefore, the federal tax burden may increase.</p> | <p>The project sponsor submits a proposal to OTTED for approval and solicits donations from businesses. Businesses file form 8E-17TCA#01 to OTTED.</p> <p>Once the donation has been approved, a copy of the approval letter must be submitted with the state tax return or application for a sales tax refund. Project proposals must be recertified on an annual basis.</p> |
| SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR ELECTRICAL ENERGY USED IN AN ENTERPRISE ZONE *State, by way of Miami-Dade County | <p>A 50% sales tax exemption is available to qualified businesses located in an enterprise zone on the purchase of electrical energy. If 20% or more of the permanent, full-time employees are residents of a Florida enterprise zone, the exemption is 100% of sales tax.</p> | <p>The 50% or 100% exemption of state sales tax on utilities and the 50% abatement of municipal utility tax are available for up to five years.</p> | <p>The tax exemption is limited to municipalities that have passed an ordinance to reduce the municipal utility tax for enterprise zone businesses.</p> | <p>Form DR-15JEZ must be filed with an application certified by an Enterprise Zone Coordinator for the zone in which the business is located.</p> |

