



State of Missouri ENHANCED ENTERPRISE ZONE Program Summary

COMMON NAME: Enhanced Enterprise Zone

LEGAL NAME: Missouri Enhanced Enterprise Zone Act

STATUTORY CITATION: §§ 135.950-135.973 RSMO

PROGRAM TYPE: Business Recruitment and Expansion

FUNDING LIMITS: Tax credits issued under this program are limited to \$14,000,000 annually, effective 12/3/07.

TYPE OF BENEFITS: Tax Credits and real property tax abatement.

DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS: Tax credits and real property tax abatement of at least 50% for ten years.

ALLOWED USES OF BENEFITS: Tax credits may be transferred, sold or assigned. The sale price cannot be less than 75% of the par value of such tax credits.

ELIGIBLE GEOGRAPHIC AREA: Enhanced Enterprise Zones are specified geographic area designated by local governments and certified by the Department of Economic Development (DED).

ELIGIBLE BUSINESS TYPES: An eligible business must be located in a Missouri Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ). Based on creation of sustainable jobs in a targeted industry or demonstrated impact on local industry cluster development. Service industries can be eligible if a majority of their annual revenues will be derived from services provided out of the state. Headquarters or administrative offices of an otherwise excluded business may qualify if the offices serve a multi-state territory. The company cannot have been announced or construction started prior to the approval process. See application for complete information.

BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: To receive tax credits for any of the five years, the facility must create and maintain the minimum:

- New or expanded business facility – 2 new employees and \$100,000 new investment;



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- Replacement business facility – 2 new employees and \$1,000,000 new investment

Eligible investment expenditures include the original cost of machinery, equipment, furniture, fixtures, land and building, and/or eight times the annual rental rate paid for the same. Inventory is not eligible.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: The company must submit the Notice of Intent (NOI) and receive the Approval Letter before the start of construction, and/or purchase of machinery and equipment. NOIs will be accepted by DED at any time of the year and will be approved on an individual, case-by-case, based on compliance with all program criteria.

NOTES: Annual application for Tax Credits. The deadline for submitting the Annual Application for Tax Credits is during the tax period immediately after the tax period for which the credits are being requested.

INTERNET LINKS:

Statutes: <http://www.moga.mo.gov/STATUTES/STATUTES.HTM>

Missouri Department of Economic Development: www.MissouriDevelopment.org

Missouri Development Finance Board: www.mdfb.org

SOURCES: “Enhanced Enterprise Zone Program” Missouri Department of Economic Development