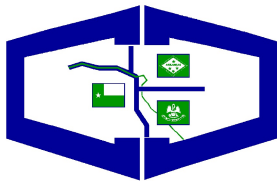


Greenwood, Louisiana Business Resource Guide



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TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Note: A number of these programs require an Advanced Notification form and fee to be submitted to Louisiana Economic Development (LED) prior to any construction, renovations, purchases, hiring of employees, etc. If you fail to submit the Advanced Notification, you will not be eligible to participate in the program(s). Application may be completed online at <https://fastlane.louisianaeconomicdevelopment.com/>

Enterprise Zone

(Advanced Notification to the state required) Louisiana's Enterprise Zone Program provides tax credits and sales and use tax refunds to businesses that hire at least 35% of their new employees from one of four targeted groups. Businesses and their contractors receiving State tax rebates or credits under the EZ program are encouraged to give consideration to Louisiana manufacturers, suppliers, contractors, and labor for their project. A one-time \$2,500 tax credit is generated for each certified net new job created. An additional \$2,500 tax credit may be generated in the second year of employment if the new employee is certified as receiving assistance through the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP). (Participation in this program excludes the use of the Quality Jobs Program), (225) 342-5382, www.opportunitylouisiana.com/page/enterprise-zone

Louisiana Quality Jobs Program

(Advanced Notification to the state required) Louisiana's Quality Jobs Program provides an annual rebate for up to 10-years of 5% of gross annual payroll for minimum hourly wage rates of \$14.50, or 6% of gross annual payroll for minimum hourly wage rates of \$19.10. The employer must provide a basic health care plan to the individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state which shall be determined by LED to have a value of at least one dollar and twenty-five cents per hour. The program also provides a rebate of state sales/use tax on materials for building materials, machinery, and equipment purchased during the construction period and used exclusively on site. (Participation in this program excludes the use of the Enterprise Zone Program.), (225) 342-5402, www.opportunitylouisiana.com/page/quality-jobs

Industrial Tax Exemption

(Advanced Notification to the state required)

New and expanding manufacturers are eligible to receive five-year property tax exemptions, renewable for an additional five years on new capitalized purchases. The exemption may include buildings, machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures for new, expanded, or renovated facilities. As with other business incentives provided by the State of Louisiana, in considering applications for property tax exemptions, the Board of Commerce and Industry requests that the business and its contractors give preference to Louisiana manufacturers, suppliers, contractors, and labor, (225) 342-6442, www.opportunitylouisiana.com/page/industrial-tax-exemption

LDR Sales/Use Tax Exclusion for Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment. Eligible manufacturers may qualify for an exclusion from sales/use tax on the purchase, importation, and lease/rental of qualified manufacturing machinery or equipment. This eliminates the state's 4% sales/use tax for manufacturing equipment. A manufacturer must have a LA Workforce Commission-assigned NAILS code in one of the following sectors: 11, 113310, 22111, 31-33, 3211-3222, 327213, 3361, 423930, or 511110. Form for applying for the exemption may be accessed at [http://revenue.louisiana.gov/forms/taxforms/1070\(1_11\)F.pdf](http://revenue.louisiana.gov/forms/taxforms/1070(1_11)F.pdf).

Research and Development Tax Credit Program

(Requires Advance Registration with LED) This is a refundable tax credit incentive open to companies who have incurred research and development expenditures in Louisiana and who meet certain requirements. LED is responsible to receive and evaluate applications for these credits and, if approved, to notify the company and the LA Department of Revenue. (225) 342-5340, www.opportunitylouisiana.com/page/research-and-development-tax-credit.

TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Technology Commercialization Tax Credit and Jobs Program

The Technology Commercialization Tax Credit provides a 40% refundable tax credit for companies that invest in the commercialization of Louisiana technology and a 6% payroll rebate for the creation of new, direct jobs, (225) 342-5341, www.opportunitylouisiana.com/page/research-and-development-tax-credit

Angel Investor Tax Credit

(Requires Advance Registration with LED) This program rewards accredited investors for investing in early stage, wealth-creating businesses by providing a tax credit of up to 35% of the money invested in a business certified by Louisiana Economic Development as a Louisiana Entrepreneurial Business.

Program cap is \$5 million annually, (225) 342-1940, www.opportunitylouisiana.com/page/angel-investor-tax-credit

Digital Interactive Media and Software Development Tax Credit

Louisiana's 35% Digital Interactive Media and Software Development refundable tax credit – helps traditional and digital companies of all sizes gain a competitive edge by providing a 35% tax credit on payroll for in-state labor and offering a 25% tax credit for qualified production expenses made in Louisiana. No cap and no minimum requirement. (225) 342-3571,

www.opportunitylouisiana.com/page/digital-interactive-media-and-software-development-incentive

Motion Picture Industry Development Tax Credit

The Motion Picture Industry Development Tax Credit provides a 30% transferable tax credit on qualified motion picture expenditures with no project or program caps. Payroll expenditures for Louisiana residents qualify for an additional 5% tax credit (35% effective total credit rate), (225) 342-5403,

www.opportunitylouisiana.com/page/motion-picture-investor-tax-credit

Musical and Theatrical Production Tax Credit

The Musical and Theatrical Production Tax Credit program offers a tax credit of up to 35% on qualified expenditures for musical and theatrical productions and qualified infrastructure projects, (225) 342-5521,

www.opportunitylouisiana.com/page/musical-and-theatrical-production-tax-incentive

Sound Recording Investor Tax Credit

The Sound Recording Investor Tax Credit provides a 25% tax credit rebate for sound recording projects made in the State of Louisiana. Program is subject to a cap of \$3 million in tax credits per calendar year, (225) 342-5521, <http://www.opportunitylouisiana.com/page/sound-recording-investor-tax-credit>

Freeport Law

Louisiana's Freeport Law exempts goods and commodities in public or private storage from property taxes while moving through Louisiana in interstate commerce to a final destination outside the state. Goods must remain in the original containers. Goods imported into Louisiana from outside the United States are likewise exempted from property taxes so long as they remain in their original containers.

Contact your local Tax Assessor, www.louisianaassessors.org/Assessors/Assessors.htm

Inventory Tax Credit

Manufacturers, distributors, and retailers are allowed a 100% credit against state corporate income and franchise taxes in the amount of local inventory taxes they pay. When the amount of the inventory tax exceeds the aggregate state corporate tax liability, a refund is made by the state in the amount of the excess. Contact the Louisiana Department of Revenue, Shreveport Office, (318) 676-7501,

<http://revenue.louisiana.gov/forms/lawspolicies/RIB06036.pdf>