

LOUISIANA INCENTIVE SNAPSHOT

Economic Incentives for Businesses of All Sizes

Program Name	Benefit	Eligibility (not comprehensive)
Enterprise Zone	Tax credit program: provides a one-time \$2,500 tax credit per certified net new job, and either a 4% sales/use tax rebate on capital expenditures or an investment tax credit equal to 1.5% of qualifying expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must increase employment within specified time frame • Must hire 35% of new workers from one of four targeted groups
Quality Jobs	Cash rebate: provides 5% or 6% rebate on annual payroll expenses for up to 10 years, and either a 4% sales/use tax rebate on capital expenditures or an investment tax credit equal to 1.5% of qualifying expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must fall within one of the state's target industries or • Have total annual out-of-state sales of at least 50%
Restoration Tax Abatement	Property tax abatement: provides five-year 100% abatement for the rehabilitation of an existing structure based on assessed valuation of property prior to beginning of improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be located in a qualifying district and approved by local governing authority • Does not exempt the acquisition cost of the structure
Industrial Tax Exemption	Property tax abatement: provides a 100% property tax abatement for up to 10 years on manufacturer's qualifying capital investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies only to capital investments by Louisiana manufacturers • Property must remain on the site at all times
Research & Development Tax Credit	Tax credit program: provides up to a 40% tax credit for Louisiana businesses (based on employment) that conduct research and development activities in Louisiana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have incurred federal research and development expenses and/or received SBIR/STTR grant(s)
Sound Recording Investor Tax Credit	Tax credit program: provides a 25% refundable tax credit on qualified expenditures for sound recording productions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must spend at least \$15,000 in Louisiana
Digital Media Incentive	Tax credit program: provides a 25% tax credit on qualified production expenditures and a 35% tax credit for Louisiana resident labor expenditures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a digital interactive media production in Louisiana • Excludes largely static Internet sites and products regulated under the Louisiana Gaming Control Law
Motion Picture Investor Tax Credit	Tax credit program: provides a tax credit of 30% on qualified production expenditures and an additional 5% tax credit for Louisiana resident labor expenditures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must spend at least \$300,000 on motion picture production in Louisiana
Live Performance Tax Credit	Tax credit program: provides a tax credit of up to 25% on qualified production or infrastructure development expenditures; additional credits available for payroll and transportation expenditures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must spend at least \$100,000 on live performance production or infrastructure projects in Louisiana
Louisiana FastStart™	Workforce development program: provides workforce recruitment, screening and training to new and expanding Louisiana companies at no cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any manufacturing, digital media, corporate headquarters, warehouse and distribution, research and development or other strategic facility must commit to creating at least 15 jobs • Service providers must commit to creating at least 50 jobs
Economic Development Award Program	Loan/grant program: provides funding for publicly owned infrastructure in support of business development projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a public or quasi-public state entity requesting a minimum of \$50,000 • Must create or retain at least 10 permanent jobs in Louisiana
Technology Commercialization Credit and Jobs Program	Tax credit program: provides 40% refundable tax credit on costs related to the commercialization of Louisiana technology and a 6% payroll rebate for the creation of new direct jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must commercialize a technology developed in Louisiana • Must partner with a Louisiana higher education institute or be a governmental research institution
Modernization Tax Credit	Tax credit program: Provides a 5% refundable state tax credit for manufacturers modernizing or upgrading existing facilities in Louisiana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must improve entire facility's or specific unit's efficiency by 10% or more or • Facility must be in competition for capital expenditures within a company's established capital expenditure budget plan

Special Incentives for Small Businesses

Program Name	Benefit	Eligibility (not comprehensive)
Small Business Loan Program	Loan assistance program: provides up to 75% loan guarantees or state direct loan participations up to 40% to facilitate capital accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a Louisiana small business (as defined by SBA) • Must have a business plan and a bank willing to fund the loan
Micro Loan Program	Loan assistance program: provides up to 80% loan guarantee and state direct loan participations up to 50% for banks that fund loans of \$5,000 to \$50,000 to small businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a Louisiana small business (as defined by SBA)
Bonding Assistance Program	Loan assistance program: provides up to 25% loan guarantee for qualifying small contractors bidding on private or public jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be certified in Small and Emerging Business Development Program • Must complete Louisiana Contractors Accreditation Institute or have LED waiver
Veteran Initiative	Provides veteran-owned and disabled, service-oriented veteran-owned small businesses with greater potential for access to state procurement and public contract opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a veteran or disabled, service-oriented veteran • Must be certified by LED, a Louisiana resident and have fewer than 50 full-time employees
Mentor-Protégé Tax Credit	Tax credit program: provides up to \$50,000 in tax credits per year for participating large construction firms that provide technical assistance to protégé construction firms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be certified active in SEBD program or registered in the state's Hudson Initiative Program (protégé firm)

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