

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
Department Of Economic And Community Development
Preliminary Questionnaire To Determine Eligibility
Urban Jobs Program (UJ) Incentives

The responses to the following items are intended to provide the State with basic information concerning your business and the proposed activity to confirm if you may qualify for tax incentives as provided under Sec. 12-81(59), 12-81(60) and 12-217(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes. Upon receipt and review of a completed questionnaire, a staff member will contact you to discuss the program further.

Please be advised that the completion of this form does not constitute formal application for a CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY, which requires more detailed information; it is intended only to allow the Department to make an initial determination concerning your proposal at the least cost in time and effort to you.

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO:

Ms. Anne Karas
Enterprise Zone Coordinator
Department of Economic and Community Development
505 Hudson Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

If you have any questions, or need assistance in completing this questionnaire, please call Ms. Anne Karas at 860-270-8143.

Thanks for your cooperation.

[1] LEGAL NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF THE BUSINESS:

FEDERAL EMPLOYER I.D. # _____ SIC/NAICS# _____

[2] NAME, TITLE AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CONTACT PERSON:

[3] ADDRESS AND SIZE (FT²) OF THE FACILITY, OR PORTION THEREOF, TO BE OCCUPIED:

- [4] ACTUAL OR ANTICIPATED DATE OF OCCUPANCY OF THE FACILITY LISTED ABOVE: _____
- [5] NAME, MAILING ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE OWNER OF THE FACILITY: _____

(See Notes 1 & 2 Below)

- [6] THE FACILITY WILL BE (please check each that is applicable):
 Constructed Expanded Purchased
 If Acquired by Purchase or Lease after having been idle for at least one year (Notarized proof of idleness by the Municipality will be required).
 If the facility is being leased or purchased please provide the current assessed value of the space to be acquired _____
 Substantially Renovated
 If the facility is being renovated please provide (1) the estimated cost of renovation (\$ _____), and (2) the current assessed valuation of the facility (prior to renovation)(\$ _____).

- [7] Briefly describe the activity or activities in which the firm noted in this questionnaire will be engaged at the location to be occupied. If the facility is to be used for the distribution of manufactured products, describe the geographic area to be served by this facility.
- _____
- _____

- [8] Estimated number and type of new, permanent full-time employment positions to be created at the facility over the next 24 months:
- _____

Current pre-project employment _____ Projected new full-time positions in the
 1st year _____ 2nd year _____

 Signature of Applicant or Preparer

 Date

- NOTES 1. Renovation should be of a nature requiring the issuance of a building permit and involve capital expenditures of at least 50% of the assessed value of the facility, or portion thereof, prior to its renovation.
2. A contract for lease must be for an initial minimum term of five years with an option to renew for an additional five years or the option to purchase the facility at any time after the initial five-year or both. The term of the lease as well as the idleness as well as the idle requirement may vary for facilities that are located in an Enterprise Zone.

To: Department of Economic & Community Development

This letter is to certify that the following location in _____
(Municipality)

has been idle, vacant or underutilized for one year:

Sincerely,

Name and Title of Authorized Coordinator

Notary

Connecticut Urban Enterprise Zones & Enterprise Corridor Zones

Enterprise Zones were created to encourage the reuse of established industrial areas of the state. Businesses can take advantage of a complete package of state and local incentives, electric utility economic development rates, and the generally more affordable rents in these older industrial areas.

The Connecticut Department of Economic Development, in partnership with participating local communities, provides companies with a Certificate of Eligibility for Enterprise Zone benefits.

The following benefits are available to assist the growth of sound business and residential development to firms that move to or expand within an Enterprise Zone.

Benefits

Manufacturing & Service Businesses

- A five-year 80% abatement of local property taxes on real estate improvements and personal property acquisitions.
- A ten-year 50% corporate business tax credit, and a grant up to \$1,500 per position, when at least 30% of new employees are either residents of the zone or eligible for federal job training subsidies. The maximum grant is \$75,000.
- Exemption from state real estate conveyance taxes and sales taxes on manufacturing replacement parts.
- Job training and placement assistance.

Commercial & Residential Building Owners

- Minimum seven-year graduated tax deferral of increased taxes resulting from real property improvements. The income of occupants of residential properties must not exceed 200% of the median incomes of the municipalities.
- Exemption from state real estate conveyance taxes.
- Additional local abatements may apply, but must be negotiated up front.

Electric Utility Rates

- Special Economic Development Rates and Riders may apply to businesses locating within Enterprise Zones. Businesses that qualify are eligible for discounts on electric rates.

Eligibility

Businesses

■ Manufacturers — SIC code numbers from 2000-3999.

■ Service Industries — Companies providing direct service to the public are not eligible.

■ Businesses in the Enterprise Zone making significant investment in facility renovation or expansion.

Buildings

■ Must be either newly constructed or substantially renovated or expanded, or facility must be acquired by new owners after being idle for a minimum period of time, generally one year.

■ May be acquired by purchase, or by lease for a certain minimum term.

■ Should the company decide to move within that term, the existing Certificate of Eligibility stays with the building if new occupants move in within 90 days.

Urban Jobs Program

■ Available to eligible companies that operate in Targeted Investment Communities (any community with an Enterprise Zone), but are not located within the Enterprise Zone.

■ A ten-year 25% corporate business tax credit. Also provides many of the incentives offered by an Enterprise Zone location.

Application Process

■ Application criteria are the same for the Enterprise Zone or Urban Jobs Program.

■ Applicants contact Department of Economic Development, where they are qualified and receive preliminary application.

■ Final application must be completed prior to project completion, so Certificate of Eligibility can be issued and exemptions can be claimed.

Targeted Investment Communities With Enterprise Zones

Bridgeport	New Haven
Bristol	New London
Groton	Norwalk
Hamden	Norwich
Hartford	Stamford
Meriden	Waterbury
Middletown	Windham
New Britain	

Enterprise Corridor Zones

Along Interstate 395:

Griswold	Putnam
Killingly	Sprague
Lisbon	Sterling
Plainfield	Thompson

Along CT Route 8:

Ansonia	Seymour
Derby	

For More Assistance

Connecticut Department of Economic Development Regional Managers are on call to assist companies contemplating Enterprise Zone applications, or who need assistance or information on other state programs.

Just call the Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Inc. at 1-800-392-2122.

Connecticut Department of Economic Development

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1-800-392-2122

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