



## **State of Illinois ENTERPRISE ZONE Program Summary**

**COMMON NAME:** Enterprise Zone (“EZ”)

**LEGAL NAME:** Enterprise Zone Act

**STATUTORY CITATION:** 65 ILCS 5/8-11-1, 35 ILCS 120/1, 35 ILCS 115/1

**PROGRAM TYPE:** Redevelopment

**AUTHORIZED DATE:** December 7, 1982

**TYPE OF BENEFITS:** The Enterprise Zone Program is designed to stimulate economic growth and neighborhood revitalization in economically depressed areas in Illinois.

**DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS:** Businesses located (or those that choose to locate) in a designated enterprise zone can become eligible to obtain special state and local tax incentives, regulatory relief, and improved governmental services, thus providing an economic stimulus to an area that might otherwise be neglected.

**ELIGIBLE BUSINESS TYPES:** All

**BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Businesses located or expanding in an Illinois enterprise zone may be eligible for the following incentives: an exemption on the retailers’ occupation tax paid on building materials, an investment tax credit of .5 percent of qualified property, and an enterprise zone jobs tax credit for each job created in the zone for which a certified dislocated worker or economically disadvantaged individual is hired. Additional exemptions, such as an expanded state sales tax exemption on purchases of personal property used or consumed in the manufacturing process or in the operation of a pollution control facility and an exemption on the state utility tax for electricity, natural gas and the Illinois Commerce Commission’s administrative charge and telecommunication excise tax are available for companies that make the minimum statutory investment that either creates or retains the necessary number of jobs. These exemptions require a business to make application to, and be certified by the DCEO.



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**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** In addition to the state incentives, each zone offers distinctive local incentives to enhance business development projects. Each enterprise zone has a designated zone administrator who is responsible for zone compliance and is available to answer questions regarding the zone. To receive a Certificate of Eligibility for Sales Tax Exemption, you must contact the local zone administrator of the zone into which the purchased building material will be incorporated.

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