




*Illinois'
Growth
is our
business*

Pat Quinn, Governor Warren Ribley, Director

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE	dceo > Business Assistance > Business Development > Tax Assistance	Search
Administration/Director's Office	Tax Assistance	
Office of Accountability		 Print Version
Business Development	Enterprise Zone Program	
Loan Programs	The Illinois Enterprise Zone Program is designed to stimulate economic growth and neighborhood revitalization in economically depressed areas of the state. This is accomplished through state and local tax incentives, regulatory relief, and improved governmental services.	
Grants		
Tax Assistance		
Tax Structure		
Resources and Support		
Why Illinois For Business	The Illinois Enterprise Zone Act was signed into law December 7, 1982. The purpose of the Act is to stimulate economic growth and neighborhood revitalization in economically depressed areas of the state. 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 would otherwise be neglected.	
Contact		
Coal		
Community Development		
Energy & Recycling	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 Department. 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. More information regarding Illinois enterprise zones is available by clicking on the links below.	
Entrepreneurship and Small Business		
Film		
Technology		
Tourism		
Trade		
Workforce Development		
Facts & Figures		
Grantee Support		
LIHEAP and Weatherization		
MAIN MENU		
Workforce Development	Enterprise Zone Administrators	
Community Development	Enterprise Zone Contacts	
Tourism	Illinois Enterprise Zone Map	
Film	EnterpriseZone Tax Questions and Answers	
Facts and Figures	2006 Enterprise Zone Annual Report	
About DCEO	2007 Enterprise Zone Annual Report	
State Links	2008 Enterprise Zone Annual Report	
	2009 Enterprise Zone Annual Report	
	<i>Or for further information please contact:</i> Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Bureau of Business Development 620 East Adams, Springfield, Illinois 62701 Tel 217-785-6193 TDD 800-785-6055	

