



What is an Enterprise Zone?

With an increased awareness of the benefits of revitalization of areas of economic distress and/or economic development of strategic areas, over 35 states have targeted tax credit programs designed to encourage job creation and capital investment to these designated areas (commonly referred to as Enterprise Zones). These targeted tax credits are location based and provide communities with an economic development tool to offer state and local incentives and program priority to new and expanding business in these designated areas.

The objective of an Enterprise Zone program is to encourage business development and expansion which creates new employment within the designated Zone areas. Substantial incentives are available to businesses of all sizes. Some reductions are also provided to businesses already operating in most Enterprise Zones.

Generally, each State's enterprise zone statutes is a collaboration of local and State economic development tools (tax credits, non-tax incentives, etc.) that allow communities to partner with the State to offer a package of local and state tax and regulatory benefits to new or expanding businesses in economically distressed areas.

The reduction in the cost of doing business can be substantial for operations within designated enterprise zone. Benefits to operations within a designated enterprise zone may include:

- Property Tax Abatements
- Refund of Impacted Fees
- Property Tax Credits
- Refunds of State Employer withholding taxes
- Sales & Use Tax Refunds
- Jobs Tax Credits
- Investment Tax Credits
- Tax Increment Financing
- Streamlined Permitting Process
- Reduced Utility Rates
- Industrial Revenue Bond Financing, and
- Job Training Grants.



States and communities modify enterprise zone boundaries quite frequently based on multiple factors such as recent census surveys, inclusion of new business development, and targeted development of surrounding areas. For large corporations (retail, distribution, manufacturing, service) with locations spread across the United States, the ability to monitor and track enterprise zone designations is cumbersome and complicated.

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Please feel free to contact the members of the incentis group, LLC to determine if your site is within the boundaries of a designated federal, state or local enterprise zone.

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