

# Louisiana Incentive Snapshot

## Economic Incentives for Businesses of All Sizes

PROGRAM NAME	BENEFIT	ELIGIBILITY (NOT COMPREHENSIVE)
<b>ENTERPRISE ZONE</b>	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"> <li>• Must increase employment within specified time frame</li> <li>• Must hire 35% of new workers from one of four targeted groups</li> </ul>
<b>QUALITY JOBS</b>	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"> <li>• Must fall within one of the state's target industries or</li> <li>• Have total annual out-of-state sales of at least 50%</li> </ul>
<b>RESTORATION TAX ABATEMENT</b>	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"> <li>• Must be located in a qualifying district and approved by local governing authority</li> <li>• Does not exempt the acquisition cost of the structure</li> </ul>
<b>INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION</b>	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"> <li>• Applies only to capital investments by Louisiana manufacturers</li> <li>• Property must remain on the site at all times</li> </ul>
<b>RESEARCH &amp; DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT</b>	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"> <li>• Must have incurred federal research and development expenses and/or received SBIR/STTR grant(s)</li> </ul>
<b>SOUND RECORDING INVESTOR TAX CREDIT</b>	Tax credit program: provides a 25% refundable tax credit on qualified expenditures for sound recording productions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must spend at least \$15,000 in Louisiana</li> </ul>
<b>DIGITAL MEDIA AND SOFTWARE INCENTIVE</b>	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"> <li>• Must be a digital interactive media production in Louisiana</li> <li>• Excludes largely static Internet sites and products regulated under the Louisiana Gaming Control Law</li> </ul>
<b>MOTION PICTURE INVESTOR TAX CREDIT</b>	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"> <li>• Must spend at least \$300,000 on motion picture production in Louisiana</li> </ul>
<b>LIVE PERFORMANCE TAX CREDIT</b>	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"> <li>• Must spend at least \$100,000 on live performance production or infrastructure projects in Louisiana</li> </ul>
<b>LOUISIANA FASTSTART™</b>	Workforce development program: provides workforce recruitment, screening and training to new and expanding Louisiana companies at no cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any manufacturing, digital media, corporate headquarters, warehouse and distribution, research and development or other strategic facility must commit to creating at least 15 jobs</li> <li>• Service providers must commit to creating at least 50 jobs</li> </ul>
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD PROGRAM</b>	Loan/grant program: provides funding for publicly owned infrastructure in support of business development projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a public or quasi-public state entity requesting a minimum of \$50,000</li> <li>• Must create or retain at least 10 permanent jobs in Louisiana</li> </ul>
<b>TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION CREDIT AND JOBS PROGRAM</b>	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"> <li>• Must commercialize a technology developed in Louisiana</li> <li>• Must partner with a Louisiana higher education institute or be a governmental research institution</li> </ul>
<b>MODERNIZATION TAX CREDIT</b>	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"> <li>• Must improve entire facility's or specific unit's efficiency by 10% or more or</li> <li>• Facility must be in competition for capital expenditures within a company's established capital expenditure budget plan</li> </ul>

  

Special Incentives for Small Businesses		
<b>SMALL BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM</b>	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"> <li>• Must be a Louisiana small business (as defined by SBA)</li> <li>• Must have a business plan and a bank willing to fund the loan</li> </ul>
<b>MICRO LOAN PROGRAM</b>	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"> <li>• Must be a Louisiana small business (as defined by SBA)</li> </ul>
<b>BONDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM</b>	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"> <li>• Must be certified in Small and Emerging Business Development Program</li> <li>• Must complete Louisiana Contractors Accreditation Institute or have LED waiver</li> </ul>
<b>VETERAN INITIATIVE</b>	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"> <li>• Must be a veteran or disabled, service-oriented veteran</li> <li>• Must be certified by LED, a Louisiana resident and have fewer than 50 full-time employees</li> </ul>
<b>ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT</b>	Tax credit program: provides credit up to 35% for individual investors when they invest in early stage, wealth-creating businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have principal business operations in Louisiana</li> <li>• Must have Louisiana tax identification number</li> </ul>