

BUSINESS INCENTIVE PROGRAMS NY | NJ

Businesses operating in New York and New Jersey are eligible for a variety of incentive programs through City, State and Federal agencies. As your trusted business advisors, accountants and consultants, we are dedicated to honing in on your business needs and identifying the opportunities in which you may be eligible for tax credits. **Let us take care of the details, so that your resources could be dedicated to focusing strictly on the success of your business.**

New York City

Commercial Revitalization Program (CRP)



CRP is designed to increase commercial tenant occupancy in older buildings in lower Manhattan by encouraging owners to invest in building improvements. The CRP provides tax incentives through a property tax abatement and a Commercial Rent Tax Special Reduction.

You may qualify if:

- You own nonresidential or mixed-use buildings built before 1975.
- Your property is located in a designated abatement zone.
- You make the specific minimum capital improvements to the property.

Commercial Expansion Program (CEP)



CEP is designed to increase tenant occupancy in commercial offices and industrial/manufacturing spaces. CEP offers property tax benefits for new, renewal, and expansion leases for commercial, manufacturing or industrial spaces in order to boost tenant occupancy in these particular abatement areas. Concerning manufacturing industries, the abatement can persist up to ten years determined by the lease.

You may qualify if:

- You have a new, renewal, and expansion lease in commercial offices and industrial/manufacturing spaces built before January 1, 1999.
- Your property is located in a designated abatement zone.
- You reside in specific parts of Manhattan, all areas of the Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn and Staten Island.
- You make the specific minimum capital improvements to the property.

Relocation and Employment Assistance Program (REAP)



REAP provides companies income tax benefits for sending jobs from outside NYC or below 96th Street in Manhattan to certain places above 96th Street in Manhattan or one of the other four boroughs. The tax credit can range from an annual credit of \$1,000 per share for relocating to \$3,000 for twelve years per qualified worker.

You may qualify if:

- You have done business either outside NYC or below 96th Street Manhattan for a minimum of 24 consecutive months right before relocating.
- Your property is non-residential.
- Your property has been upgraded by renovation or construction.
- Expenditures for enhancements to the property are greater than 50 percent of the measured worth for the commercial land or 25 percent of the measured worth for industrial land.

Excelsior Jobs Program



The Excelsior Program provides job creation and investment incentives to businesses in targeted industries such as biotechnology, pharmaceutical, high-tech, clean-technology, green technology, financial services, agriculture and manufacturing. The program encourages firms to relocate and expand in New York and businesses are eligible for four refundable tax benefits, claiming these credits over a period of up to 10 years.

You may qualify if:

- Your project types involve job creation or job retention as well as substantial capital investment.
- Your company/business moves to specific distressed locations and encounters higher employment and investment thresholds.

New Jersey

Grow NJ



Grow NJ is a powerful job creation and retention incentive program that strengthens New Jersey's competitive edge against tax incentive programs in surrounding states. The program allows companies who are crafting or retaining jobs in New Jersey to qualify for tax credits from \$500 to \$5,000 per job each year. Bonus benefits can range from \$250 to \$3,000 per job each year.

Sale of NOL Program



The Technology Business Tax Certificate Transfer (NOL) Program allows technology companies with net operating loss to sell their carryover and R&D tax credits for a minimum of 80% of their worth to a corporate taxpayer in NJ that is not associated with a business. Since 1999, over 500 technology and biotechnology corporations have been awarded significant tax credits, acting as a lifeline for many eligible corporations in the state.

Angel Investor Program



The Angel Investor Program grants a 10% refundable tax credit to investors who invest in a qualifying NJ emerging technology business. They can receive up to a maximum credit of \$500,000 for each eligible investment. Nonetheless, investors need to file NJ taxes to receive the credit.

Research and Development (R&D)



R&D is an activity-based occupation credit prepared by the Protecting Americans from Tax Hike Act (PATH) of 2015. Recently made permanent, the incentive permits businesses to claim the credit against the Alternative Minimum Tax and firm's federal payroll tax for years commencing on January 1, 2016. The benefits from the act include significant cash back, permanent tax savings and financial statement benefits, boosted market value, and lower tax rates.

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You may qualify if:

- The project is within a qualified province, defined in the Urban Transit Hub Municipality, Distressed Municipality, Garden State Growth Zones, priority locations, and certain places in the Aviation District.
- You establish that the tax benefit is a "material factor" in the corporation's conclusion to craft or maintain the minimum amount of full-time jobs.

You may qualify if:

- You cannot present positive net operating income in the two prior years of operations, set on financial statements.
- Your business has fewer than 225 employees.
- You cannot be owned or controlled (50% or more) by another firm that has positive net operating income in the past two years of being in business.
- You have pending or issued intellectual property that is directly related to the business.
- You have financial statements from the prior two years of operations, cleared by a CPA firm.

You may qualify if:

- Your business employs less than 225 full-time employees, with at least 75% of whom work in New Jersey.
- You do business, employ, own capital or property, or maintain an office in New Jersey.
- You conduct specific business activities in the State of New Jersey as defined by the Program.
- You commercialize as your primary business an eligible technology.
- Your investment meets the qualified investments criteria.

Federal

You may qualify if:

- You are considered a "small business" earning \$50m or less in gross receipts.
- You have a corporation with workers evolving or refining products, processes, techniques, formulas, inventions or software in the U.S.
- Your corporation is involved in specific activities as defined by the R&D tax credit.