NEW MEXICO BUSINESS INCENTIVES OVERVIEW

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SECTION A: MAJOR INCENTIVES

Example: Assume a company invests $25,000,000 in Albuquerque: $10,000,000 in land and building, and $15,000,000 in equipment purchased out of state:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Assessed Value</th>
<th>Mill Levy Rate</th>
<th>Community Abatement %</th>
<th>Estimated Tax Abatement</th>
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<tr>
<td>Land and Building (Year 1)</td>
<td>$10,000,000</td>
<td>$3,333,333</td>
<td>0.047985</td>
<td>95%</td>
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<td>Equipment (Year 1)</td>
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<td>$5,000,000</td>
<td>0.047985</td>
<td>95%</td>
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<td>Estimated Tax Savings over 7 Years</td>
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<td>$3,950,765</td>
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Compensating Tax Exemption

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<th>Property</th>
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<th>Compensating Tax Rate</th>
<th>Estimated Tax Exemption</th>
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<tr>
<td>Equipment</td>
<td>$15,000,000</td>
<td>5.125%</td>
<td>$768,750</td>
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Out-of-state purchases subject to a compensating tax rate of 5.125 percent are exempted. Property tax is assessed at 1/3 of value then multiplied by the mill levy rate. Mill levy rate will be based on actual location of facility. Updated mill levy rates are published each fall. Actual percentage abatements and IRB terms may be less.
The New Mexico Job Training Incentive Program is a highly flexible state program that provides on-the-job training. Customized training may be provided by post-secondary educational institutions, company trainers, or outside trainers.

The State may reimburse:
- Up to 50 percent of trainees’ wages up to 1,040 hours for companies located in urban areas and up to 65 percent of trainees’ wages for up to 1,040 hours for companies located in rural areas.
- Companies may receive an additional wage reimbursement of 5 percent for an eligible high-wage job.
- Companies may receive an additional 5 percent wage reimbursement for one of the three following conditions:
  - Trainee is a U.S. veteran.
  - Trainee has graduated within the past twelve months from a post-secondary training or academic program at a New Mexico institute of higher education.
  - Trainee has taken the WorkKeys® assessment as a part of the hiring process (expires 6-30-2019).
- Classroom training costs provided by New Mexico post-secondary educational institutions, $35/hr for instructors’ time capped at $1,000 per employee.

Conditions:
- Must be a new or expanding company in New Mexico that manufactures a product or a non-retail service company that generates more than 50 percent of its revenue from outside the state.
  - Corporate, international, national, regional and divisional headquarters located in New Mexico may qualify provided at least 50 percent of revenues are derived from operations outside New Mexico.
  - Manufacturers that perform R&D and engineering functions for their own products in New Mexico, but manufacture elsewhere may qualify; e-training does not qualify for assistance.
  - Start-ups and early-stage manufacturing companies may be eligible if the company is adequately capitalized to reach first production and/or able to deliver service per procedures and criteria as set forth by and at the discretion of the JTIP Board.
  - Contract customer service centers must provide evidence of a minimum 5-year lease or purchase of a facility in New Mexico, and offer employees and their dependants health insurance coverage and contribute at least 50 percent of the premium.
  - Maximum wage reimbursement is tied to hours required to learn the job and the hourly wage.
  - “Hands-on” or production jobs qualify; technical jobs such as first-line supervisors and engineering generally qualify; support, administrative and sales positions are limited to 20 percent of total number of positions that qualify for funding; e-training does not qualify for assistance.
  - Companies can apply for subsequent assistance if they have maintained hiring levels that exceed the peak employment as based on the employment average from two previous years or the present employment level, whichever is higher.
  - For customer service centers that peak employment eligibility is based on the employment average over the past four years or the present employment level, whichever is higher.
  - In urban areas, companies hiring more than 20 people must offer health insurance and subsidize at least 50 percent of the premium for employees who elect coverage.
  - Temporary to permanent positions qualify, provided trainees becomes full-time employees of the company prior to the end of the JTIP contract period, and trainees working through temp agency receive comparable medical, dental and vision benefits as full-time employees of the company.
  - Positions must be filled within 6 months of JTIP application approval.
  - Eligible employees (new hires) must be New Mexico residents for at least one year during their lifetimes.
  - For eligible high-wage jobs filled by employees who do not meet the residency requirement, the position may be eligible for a reduced flat rate reimbursement of 30 percent in urban areas and 45 percent in rural areas.
  - Reimbursement is subject to availability of funds and approval by the JTIP Board.

Example:
Assume a company is hiring 150 employees for a new manufacturing operation in Albuquerque.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Job Title</th>
<th>Eligible Employees</th>
<th>Hourly Wage</th>
<th>Est. Allowable Training Hours*</th>
<th>Reimbursement Rate**</th>
<th>Value Per Employee</th>
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<tr>
<td>Assemblers</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>$12.50</td>
<td>480</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>$3,000</td>
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<td>Technicians</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>$16.50</td>
<td>800</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>$6,600</td>
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<td>First-Line Supervisors</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>$22.60</td>
<td>960</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<td>Engineers</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>$33.65</td>
<td>1,040</td>
<td>55%</td>
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<td>1,040</td>
<td>55%</td>
<td>$16,502</td>
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<tr>
<td>GA 2</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>$33.65</td>
<td>1,040</td>
<td>55%</td>
<td>$19,248</td>
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<td>Plant Manager</td>
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<td>$62.19</td>
<td>1,040</td>
<td>55%</td>
<td>$35,573</td>
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<td>Total Eligible Employees</td>
<td>150</td>
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<td>$1,038,941</td>
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*The Job Training Incentive Program Board uses “O-Net” to determine allowable training hours. Proof of actual training hours will be required. **Reimbursement may be up to 55 percent for jobs that meet the high wage requirement. An additional 5 percent is available when companies meet certain qualifying conditions. The reimbursement percentages may be adjusted at the discretion of the board based on availability of funds and/or sufficient appropriations. Minimum wage eligibility for JTIP is $11.00/hour in Urban areas. Example assumes all employees hired meet NM resident requirement. Note: Positions shaded in gray qualify for JTIP through 20 percent rule.

Clawback Provision
Should the facility that received JTIP funds close or layoff JTIP trainees within one year of the completion of training and have received funds in excess of $100,000, then the facility will be required to repay JTIP funds.

![Image](image_url)
The High Wage Jobs Tax Credit provides businesses with a tax credit equal to 8.5 percent of the value of salaries for each net new job paying a net taxable wage of at least $60,000 per year in communities with a population of 40,000 or more. Companies located in communities with a population less than 40,000 are eligible for the same tax credit for each net new job paying a net taxable wage of at least $40,000. The credit is capped at $12,750 per job per year. The credit is set to sunset on June 30, 2026.

Qualified employers can take the credit for four years. The refundable credit can be applied against the modified combined tax liability of the taxpayer, including the state portion of the gross receipts tax, compensating tax and withholding tax. Excludes the local portion of the gross receipts tax.

Conditions:
• Net taxable wages, without company paid benefits, must equal at least $50,000 in an urban community or $40,000 in a rural area to qualify as a high wage job.
• Net taxable wages include: hourly wage, bonus, salary, vacation, sick/holiday time.
• Company must be eligible for the Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP), as defined in the JTIP 2019 Policy and Procedures Manual.
• Employer must be growing in eligible high wage jobs greater than the year before.
• Eligible employees cannot be relatives of the qualified employer or own more than 50 percent of the company.
• Jobs must be occupied by an eligible employee for 44 weeks of a qualifying period.
• Any taxpayer that ceases operations in New Mexico must wait at least 2 calendar years before submitting a new application for the credit.

Example

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>No. of Employees</th>
<th>Hourly Wage</th>
<th>Annual Value of Salary Per Employee</th>
<th>Annual Tax Credit = 8.5% of Wages</th>
<th>Value of Credit Over 4 Years</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>25</td>
<td>$28.85</td>
<td>$60,008</td>
<td>$5,100</td>
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<td>20</td>
<td>$30.00</td>
<td>$62,400</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>$35.00</td>
<td>$72,800</td>
<td>$6,188</td>
<td>$247,520</td>
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Estimated High Wage Jobs Tax Credit Value $1,181,908

Basic Credit
Qualified New Mexico facilities may take a credit equal to 5 percent (10 percent in rural areas) of qualified research expenditures related to payroll, land, buildings, equipment, computer software and upgrades, consultants and contractors performing work in New Mexico, technical books, manuals and test materials. The credit may be taken against compensating tax, gross receipts tax (excluding the local options portion of the gross receipts tax), and withholding tax. The credit may be carried forward for up to three years.

Additional Credit
An additional 5 percent (10 percent in rural areas) may be applied against corporate income tax or personal income tax if base payroll expenses increased by at least $75,000 per $1,000,000 of expenditures claimed. The credit may be carried forward for up to three years.

Definitions
Research - Qualified research is that which is undertaken for the purpose of discovering information that is:
• Technological in nature; and
• Intended to be useful in the development of a new or improved business component; and
• Related to a new or improved function, performance, reliability or quality, but not related to style, taste or cosmetic or seasonal design factors.

Rural Area - A qualified rural area is any area in the state other than the state fairgrounds, an incorporated municipality with a population of 30,000 or more, or an area within three miles of the external boundaries of an incorporated municipality of a population of 30,000 or more.

Small Business - A research and development small business is defined as:
1. Employs no more than 50 employees;
2. Has total qualified expenditures of no more than $5 million dollars in the taxable year that the credit is claimed;
3. Does not have more than 50 percent of its voting securities or other equity interest owned directly or indirectly by another business.

If a research & development small business is approved for an amount that exceeds the taxpayer’s income tax liability or corporate tax liability, then excess credit shall be refunded to the tax payer in the following manner:
• If the taxpayer’s total qualified expenditures is less than $3 million, then 100 percent of the excess additional credit shall be refunded.
• If the taxpayer’s total qualified expenditures is greater than or equal to $3 million dollars and less than $4 million dollars, then two-thirds of the excess additional credit shall be refunded.
• If the taxpayer’s total qualified expenditures is greater than or equal to $4 million dollars, then one-third of the excess additional credit shall be refunded.

Credits are not available for:
• Investments in real property owned by the city or the county in conjunction with an Industrial Revenue Bond.
• Investments in personal property that have been given a credit under the Investment Credit Act.
• National Laboratories.
• Property owned by the tax payer or an affiliate prior to July 3, 2000.
• Contract Research & Development.
New Mexico tax law provides for a credit equal to 5.125 percent of the value of qualified equipment and other property used directly and exclusively in a manufacturing operation. The credit can be applied against compensating tax, gross receipts tax and withholding tax. Gross receipts tax acts very much like a sales tax; the Albuquerque rate is 7.875 percent. Compensating (or use) tax applies to purchases made out of state and is 5.125 percent.

The credit is limited to 85 percent of the sum of the taxpayer’s compensating tax, gross receipts tax and withholding tax due for the reporting period. Any remaining available credit may be claimed in subsequent operating periods. The credit may be claimed for equipment acquired under an IRB. This is a double benefit since no gross receipts or compensating tax was paid on the purchase or importation of the equipment.

Criteria

For Claims

| $0 - $30,000,000 | $500,000 in qualified equipment |
| Over $30,000,000 | $1 million in qualified equipment |

The credit at above levels is available until June 30, 2020. After June 30, 2020, the value of equipment available for the credit is capped at $2 million.

Example

Value of qualified equipment is $15,000,000

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\frac{15,000,000}{500,000} = 30 \text{ jobs required}
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15,000,000 \times 5.125\% = $768,750 \text{ Savings}
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MANUFACTURING INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT

RURAL JOBS TAX CREDIT

Allows for a 6.25 percent credit on the first $16,000 of wages paid for a qualifying job in a rural area.

Criteria

Credit can be taken for:

- 4 years in a Tier 1 community (population 15,000 or less)
- 2 years in a Tier 2 community (population 15,000 – 30,000)

Jobs must be occupied by an eligible employee for forty-eight (48) weeks of a qualifying period:

- Credit can be taken against the state portion of the compensating tax, gross receipts tax, withholding tax or corporate income tax.
- The credit can be carried forward for 3 years or sold.
- Qualifying employers are those who are eligible for the Job Training Incentive Program.

Example

Tier 2 Community: credit available for 2 years
Credit equal to 6.25 percent of first $16,000 of salary/employee

Number of employees earning at least $16,000/year in year one = 139; in year two = 111

Year one: 6.25% of $16,000 = $1,000/employee x 139 = $139,000
Year two: 6.25% of $16,000 = $1,000/employee x 111 = $111,000

Total Credit = $250,000 x 2 years = $500,000
A manufacturer may deduct 100 percent of the gross receipts tax paid on consumables used in the manufacturing process. For purposes of this deduction, “consumable” means tangible personal property that is incorporated into, destroyed, depleted, or transformed in the process of manufacturing a product and includes electricity, fuels, water, supplies, chemicals, gases, repair parts, spares and other tangibles used to manufacture a product, but does not include tools or equipment used to create a product. The deduction excludes the generation of power, processing of natural resources, or preparation of meals for immediate consumption.

Businesses engaged in manufacturing and eligible headquarters operations may elect a single sales factor option for calculating their corporate income tax. This election must be made in writing and must remain in effect for at least three consecutive taxable years containing thirty-six calendar months.

Manufacturing means combining or processing components or materials to increase their value for sale in the ordinary course of business. Does not include:
1. Construction
2. Farming
3. Power generation; except for electricity generated at a facility that does not require a certificate of convenience and necessity and location approved by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
4. Processing of natural resources

Headquarters operation is defined as a center of operations of a business:
1. Where corporate staff employees are physically employed;
2. Where centralized functions are performed, including administrative, planning, managerial, human resources, purchasing, information technology and accounting, but not including operating a call center;
3. The function and purpose of which is to manage and direct most aspects and functions of the business operations within a subdivided area of the United States;
4. From which final authority over regional or subregional offices, operating facilities and any other offices of the business are issued;
5. Including national and regional headquarters if the national headquarters is subordinate only to the ownership of the business or its representatives and the regional headquarters is subordinate to the national headquarters.

An additional definition is the center of operations of a business:
1. The function and purpose of which is to manage and direct most aspects of one or more centralized functions; and
2. From which final authority over one or more centralized functions is issued.
The Alternative Energy Product Manufacturer’s Tax Credit provides a credit equal to 5 percent of the value of qualified equipment and other property used directly and exclusively in a manufacturing operation that makes components or systems for alternative energy products.

The credit can be applied against compensating tax, gross receipts tax or withholding tax. Any remaining credit can be carried forward for up to five years.

**Criteria**
Employer must meet criteria for new jobs added:
- Company must employ one new full-time employee for each $500,000 in qualified equipment up to $30,000,000 to receive the credit.
- Company must employ one new full-time employee for each $1,000,000 in qualified equipment over $30,000,000 to receive the credit.

**Definition**
Alternative Energy Product - An alternative energy vehicle, fuel cell system, renewable energy system or any component of an alternative energy vehicle, fuel cell system or renewable energy system or components for integrated gasification combined cycle coal facilities and equipment related to the sequestration of carbon from integrated gasification combined cycle plants.

**Example**
Value of qualified equipment is $15,000,000

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\frac{15,000,000}{500,000} = 30 \text{ jobs required}
\]

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15,000,000 \times 5.0\% = 750,000 \text{ Savings}
\]
Advanced Energy Tax Credit - A 6 percent tax credit against gross receipts, compensating or withholding taxes, up to $60 million, is available for development and construction costs of solar thermal electric plants, associated energy storage devices, geothermal electric systems, and photovoltaic systems.

Biomass-Related Equipment and Materials Deduction - The value of equipment such as boiler, turbine-generator, storage facility, feedstock processor, interconnection transformer or biomass material used for bio-power, bio-fuels, or bio-based products may be deducted in computing the compensating tax due.

Property Tax Exemption for Solar Systems - Roof-top scale solar energy system installations are exempt from property tax assessments at the time the system is installed. The solar system improvements would not be assessed property taxes until the property is sold.

Agricultural Biomass Income Tax Credit - A dairy or feedlot who transports agricultural biomass to a facility that uses agricultural biomass to generate electricity or make biocrude or other liquid or gaseous fuel for commercial use may apply for a credit at $5 per wet tone of mass transported up to a combined maximum of $5,000,000. The credit has an expiration date of January 1, 2020.

Biodiesel Blending Facility Tax Credit - An operator of a refinery in New Mexico, any person who blends special fuel in New Mexico, or the owner of special fuel stored at a pipeline terminal in New Mexico, who installs biodiesel blending equipment for the purpose of establishing or expanding in a facility to produce blended biodiesel fuel is eligible to claim a credit against gross receipts tax or compensating tax. A certificate of eligibility may be obtained from the Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department to apply for this credit. The credit is equal to 30 percent of the purchase cost of the equipment plus 30 percent of the cost of installing that equipment. The credit cannot exceed $50,000 with respect to equipment installed at any one facility. The credit may be applied against the taxpayer’s gross receipts tax or compensating tax liability. The credit may be carried forward for four years from the date of the certificate of eligibility.

Solar Market Development Tax Credit - The Solar GRT Deduction is available for vendors who sell or install solar energy systems that provide hot water, electricity, or space heat to the property on which it is installed may be deducted from gross receipts before the tax is calculated.

Gross Receipts Tax Deduction for Wind and Solar Systems - New Mexico provides a gross receipts tax deduction for eligible renewable (Solar Thermal Electric, Photovoltaic, and Wind) and other applicable technologies sold to federal, state, or local government entities.
Aircraft Manufacturing Tax Credit - Receipts of an aircraft manufacturer or affiliate from selling aircraft or aircraft parts; services performed on aircraft or aircraft components; and aircraft flight support, pilot training or maintenance training services, may be deducted from gross receipts.

Aircraft Maintenance or Remodeling Tax Credit - Receipts from maintaining, refurbishing, remodeling or otherwise modifying a commercial or military carrier over 10,000 lbs gross landing weight may be deducted from gross receipts.

Military Acquisition Program Tax Deduction - Receipts from transformational acquisition programs performing research and development, testing, and evaluation at New Mexico major range and test facility bases pursuant to contracts entered into with the U. S. Department of Defense may be deducted from gross receipts.

Space Gross Receipts Tax Deduction - Businesses may deduct receipts from launching, operating, preparing, recovering space vehicles or payloads from a spaceport in New Mexico and also from the provision of research and development, testing and evaluation services for the U.S. Air Force operationally responsive space program. Tax credits are also available for research and development services sold or for resale to the U.S. Air Force.

Directed Energy Systems Gross Receipts Tax Deduction - Contractors, other than a national laboratory, that provide qualified research and development services for directed energy and satellite-related inputs to the United States department of defense, may deduct their receipts derived from such inputs and services. This deduction only applies to contracts with the department of defense entered into on or after January 1, 2016. This credit sunsets January 1, 2031.

Child Care Tax Credit - New Mexico tax law provides for a corporate income tax credit of up to 30 percent of eligible expenses, net of reimbursements for child care services incurred and paid by the taxpayer in the taxable year for dependent children of their employees. A taxpayer that operates a child care facility used primarily by the dependent children of the taxpayer’s employees may also claim a corporate income tax credit of up to 30 percent of the net cost of operating a child care facility. The credit may not exceed $30,000 in any taxable year and unused credits can be carried forward for three consecutive years.

Out-of-State Tuition Waiver and Lottery Funded Scholarships
UNM and CNM will make in-state resident tuition rates available to relocating employees and their families who qualify for admission.

The New Mexico Lottery Funded Scholarship pays for students to attend a state college at a significantly reduced rate. All resident New Mexican high school students with at least a 2.5 GPA are eligible for a New Mexico Lottery Scholarship, which pays for eight semesters of tuition at a rate set by the New Mexico Higher Education Department, beginning with the student’s second semester. Since the program’s inception, over 61,000 students have attended college through the New Mexico lottery funded scholarship. The scholarship is funded by a New Mexico Lottery Program in which 100 percent of lottery net proceeds go to the Lottery Fund.

Access to Local & State Government
This type of “incentive” is difficult to place a value on. However, many New Mexico companies explain that access to the governor of New Mexico and the Legislature is common and very valuable. This extends to local government as well as to the state’s congressional delegation.
Albuquerque Economic Development, Inc. (AED), is a private, nonprofit, membership-based organization that is focused on the recruitment of new industry into the Albuquerque metropolitan area. AED also assists with the retention and expansion of existing industry. AED has served the Albuquerque area since 1960, recruiting more than 250 companies. AED actively recruits those companies that will export goods or services from New Mexico, thereby bringing new investment dollars to the state. These economic base jobs contribute to the area’s economic growth, development and diversification, thereby improving the standard of living and opportunities within the Albuquerque area.

Albuquerque Economic Development, Inc. is eager to provide assistance specific to your company’s location or expansion needs, in complete confidence. Our team of economic development professionals is organized to help you obtain the facts you need to thoroughly evaluate the Albuquerque metro area. We can save you countless hours of research and analysis by providing a full complement of services, all at no cost or obligation to you.

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