

Massachusetts Office of Business Development

Economic Development Incentive Program (EDIP)



- \$30 million total annual budget - \$20 million annual budget for EDIP tax credits – DHCD has \$10 million annual budget for HDIP tax credits.
- No longer any caps, no categories, no longer an investment tax credit (just a state tax credit), local support not statutorily required, can be anywhere in the state, refundable credits no longer restricted, however fewer to award annually.
- Regulations will be a “framework”; EACC Board polices will define the projects Board wants to incent determine size of tax credits awarded.
- Looking for a “but for” – but for these incentives a project would not occur.
- Program will become more competitive; tax credits are not an entitlement. Some perfectly good projects will not receive state tax credits in the future.
- Board identified the following criteria to consider when determining tax credit awards:
 - Number of jobs to be created
 - Timing of job creation
 - Size of capital investment
 - Wages and categories of proposed jobs including whether there are healthcare options available and/or some type of pension/401K/IRA
 - Industry of the applicant
 - Profile of the community where it will be located
 - Whether or not there is local municipal support
 - Level of out-of-state sales
 - Competitiveness of the situation
 - Is it a MA headquarters?
 - Commitment to local procurement
- STA or Special Tax Assessments statutory exemption schedule has changed to: 50%-25%-25%-5%-5%
- More accountability; decertification may result in a proportionate loss of tax credits awarded.
- Transfers of ownership and related issues governed by contract.
- Project may be certified if it retains at least 50 jobs in a Gateway City.
- Credits claimed by a company in a given year may not reduce state tax liability by more than 50%
- EDIPC credits may not be carried forward per EACC Policy.
- The EACC must also approve all local TIF and STA agreements and amendments whether or not the project is seeking state incentives.

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