

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS



*Construction of the New Cass Regional Medical Center*



*City Owned Airport Hanger, Laurence Smith Memorial Airport*

**Eligibility Criteria:** The Enhanced Enterprise Zone Program is a discretionary program offering state tax credits, accompanied by local real property tax abatement, to Enhanced Business Enterprises. Tax credits may be provided each year for up to five tax years after the project commences operations. To receive tax credits for any of the years, the facility must create and maintain the minimum:

- New or expanded business facility – 2 new employees and \$100,000 new investment;
- Replacement business facility – 2 new employees and \$1,000,000 new investment
- Health insurance at all times, of which at least 50% is paid by the employer.

Eligible investment expenditures include the original cost of machinery, equipment, furniture, fixtures, land and building, and/or eight times the annual rental rate paid for the same. Inventory is not eligible.

**Eligible Applicants:** An eligible business must be located in a Missouri Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ). Individual business eligibility will be determined by the zone, based on creation of sustainable jobs in a targeted industry or demonstrated impact on local industry cluster development. Service industries can be eligible if a majority of their annual revenues will be derived from services provided out of the state. Headquarters or administrative offices of an otherwise excluded business may qualify if the offices serve a multi-state territory. The company cannot have been announced or construction started prior to the approval process.

**Program Benefits/Eligible Uses:** This tax credit can be applied to Chapter 143, income tax, excluding withholding tax. Tax credits can only be applied to tax liability for the year in which they were earned. The tax credits are refundable; or may be transferred, sold or assigned. The sale price cannot be less than 75% of the par value of such tax credits.

**Annual Application for Tax Credits:** The facility must file the Annual Application for Tax Credits and supporting documents each year for calculation of the facility's state tax benefits. The deadline for submitting the Annual Application for Tax Credits is during the tax period immediately after the tax period for which the credits are being requested.

**SB 1099 Reporting:** The "Tax Credit Accountability Act" reporting form must be submitted to DED by June 30 each year for three years following the year of the first issuance of tax credits.

**Application Procedure:** DED must first offer program benefits to the business in the form of a formal proposal. The company must return the accepted proposal within 90 days of the proposal date.

The company must submit the Notice of Intent (NOI), (Application & guidelines, pages 7-9), and receive the Approval Letter before the start of construction, and/or purchase of machinery and equipment. NOIs will be accepted by DED at any time of the year and will be approved on an individual, case-by-case basis, based on compliance with all program criteria.