IDAHO INCENTIVES AT A GLANCE

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IT'S NO WONDER IDAHO IS SUCH AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE TO DO BUSINESS. IDAHO OFFERS LOW OPERATING COSTS, PREDICTABLE TAX STRUCTURE, AND A FISCALLY-RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

Businesses may be eligible for the following enhanced incentives:

Idaho Business Advantage

Businesses that invest at least $500,000 in new facilities and create at least 10 new jobs paying $40,000 annually plus benefits, with additional jobs paying an average of $15.50 per hour during project period, may qualify for the following:

- An enhanced investment tax credit of 3.75% up to $750,000 or 62.5% of corporate income tax liability in any one year.
- A new jobs tax credit from $1,500-$3,000 for new jobs paying $24.04 per hour or more.
- A 2.5% real property improvement corporate income tax credit up to $125,000 in any one year along with a 25% rebate on sales tax paid on construction materials for the new facilities.
- Upon request of the business, the local county commissioners may also authorize a partial or full property tax exemption for up to 5 years.

Tax Reimbursement Incentive(TRI)

If your business is adding or bringing high-paying jobs to Idaho, you may be eligible for the Idaho Tax Reimbursement Incentive. This post-performance incentive awards a maximum credit of 30% on income, payroll withholdings, and sales taxes for up to 15 years.

ALL BUSINESSES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR:

- 3% investment tax credit on all new tangible personal property (machinery and equipment) with a carryover of 14 years OR a two year exemption from all taxes on personal property on the qualified investment (can offset up to 50% of income tax liability)
- Personal property tax exemption on the first $100,000 of personal property, such as equipment and furnishings
- 5% tax credit on qualified research expenses
- Energy Conservation rebates through efficient energy use up to $100,000 per year per site

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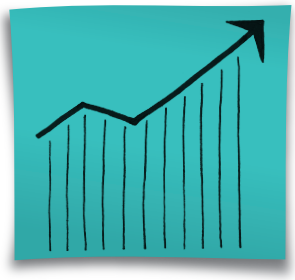

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Capital Investment Property Tax Exemption

Businesses that invest at least $3 million in new manufacturing facilities may receive a partial or full property tax exemption for up to 5 years from local county commissioners.

100% Sales Tax Exemption

Production Sales Tax Exemption - Tax exemption on equipment and raw materials used directly in manufacturing, processing, mining, fabrication or logging operations; for clean rooms and semiconductor equipment manufacturing; and for equipment or material used in research activities. Processing materials, substances, or commodities for use as fuel for the production of energy are also exempt.

Utility and Industrial Fuels Sales Tax Exemption – Tax exemption on utilities and industrial fuels such as power, water, natural gas and telephone.

Idaho Opportunity Fund

The Idaho Opportunity Fund serves as a "deal closing fund" to strengthen Idaho's competitive ability to support expansion of existing Idaho businesses and recruit new companies to the state, ultimately creating new jobs and economic growth in Idaho. Funds can be used for public infrastructure improvements to a new or existing facility. This fund is awarded at the discretion of the Director of Idaho Commerce.

Infrastructure Grants

Community Development Block Grants – Local cities with a population of 50,000 or less may receive up to $500,000 in grants to help finance public infrastructure improvements that support business development.

Rural Community Block Grants – Local cities with a population of 25,000 or less may receive up to $350,000 in grants to help finance public infrastructure improvements that support business development.

Gem Grants – Local cities with a population of 10,000 or less may receive up to $50,000 in grants to help finance public infrastructure improvements that support business development. Communities must provide a minimum of 20% matching funds of either cash or in-kind donation.

STEP Grant-Export Assistance

The State Trade and Export Promotion Grant Program (STEP) supports Idaho businesses looking to expand into international markets through exports. Funding can help companies participate in a Governor led trade or other foreign trade/sales mission and international trade shows.

New Markets Tax Credit

New Markets Tax Credits (NMTC) are designed to spur economic development in economically disadvantage communities by offering tax credits to individuals or corporations that invest and work in these communities. For more information visit www.mtcdc.org/loans/new-markets-tax-credit

Customized Recruiting & Workforce Training Services

Idaho Department of Labor offers employers recruitment services that include online jobs posting, applicant screening, hiring fairs, online skills testing of applicants and temporary office space. Additionally, they offer the Workforce Development Training Fund (WDTF) which can reimburse businesses for employee training costs. The Department of Labor has 25 offices located across the state to assist new and existing businesses.

COST OF LIVING INDEX 2015

SOURCE: MERIC

	Average Composite Index*
Idaho	88.2
Arizona	96.3
California	138.2
Colorado	102.2
Montana	102.1
Nevada	105.4
New Mexico	Not available
Oregon	128.5
Utah	92.5
Washington	104.1

*National average is 100

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