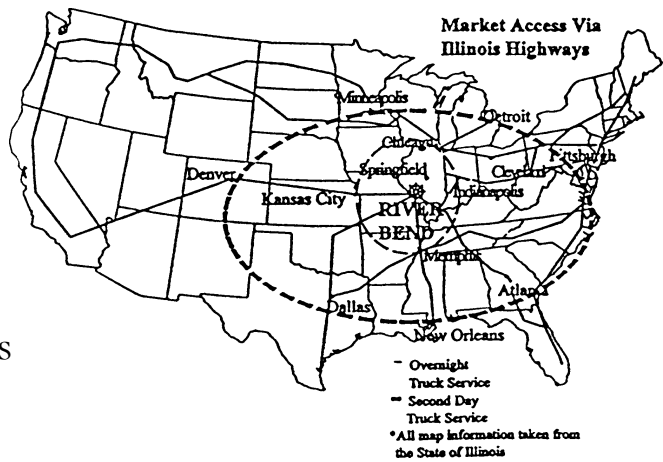


River Bend **ENTERPRISE ZONE**

An investment opportunity for businesses in Alton, Bethalto, East Alton, Hartford, Roxana, South Roxana and Wood River.



The River Bend Enterprise Zone offers outstanding investment opportunities for companies seeking a full range of location or expansion incentives. Start-up costs and long-term operating costs can be significantly reduced through a combination of state and local tax incentives, low-cost financing, and employee training programs. It is simple to take advantage of zone incentives and a network of development professionals stand ready to assist. The communities of Alton, Bethalto, East Alton, Hartford, Roxana, South Roxana and Wood River invite you to seize the opportunity offered by the River Bend Enterprise Zone.

RIVER BEND ENTERPRISE ZONE INCENTIVES

- ♦ Property tax abatement on increased assessed valuation due to new construction or renovation for four years
- ♦ 6.5% sales tax exemption on building materials purchased locally
- ♦ 1% investment tax credits on machinery, equipment and buildings
- ♦ 0.5% investment tax credit for firms that increase their employment in Illinois by 1%
- ♦ \$500 jobs tax credit for each eligible new employee (minimum five eligible new hires in one year)
- ♦ Deductions from state income tax on dividends paid by corporations doing substantial business within the zone
- ♦ Low interest business financing program
- ♦ Employment training assistance programs

ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES AVAILABLE FOR THOSE BUSINESSES CREATING OR RETAINING A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF JOBS

- ♦ State utility tax exemptions on gas, electricity and the Illinois Commerce Commission's 0.1% administrative charge (requires creation of 200 full time jobs or retention of 1,000 jobs)
- ♦ 6.25% state sales tax pollution control facilities exemption on machinery, equipment, supplies, etc.
- ♦ 6.25% sales tax exemption on tangible personal property used in the manufacturing or assembly process which includes:
 - Repair or replacement parts for equipment used in manufacturing goods
 - Equipment
 - Manufacturing fuels
 - Materials to operate, repair and maintain equipment(requires creation of 200 full-time jobs or retention of 2,000 jobs)

HOW THE RIVER BEND ENTERPRISE ZONE CAN BENEFIT YOU

PROJECT COSTS

WHOLE DOLLARS

Land	\$ 100,000
New Construction, Renovation or Rehabilitation	\$ 1,000,000
Equipment Purchase	\$ 2,900,000
TOTAL PROJECT	\$ 4,000,000

PROJECT SAVINGS

Property Tax Abatement	\$ 23,333
Based on equalized assessed valuation (EAV) of \$333,333 representing 1/3 of market value of improvements. Tax rate is a combination of county, township, city and school rates figured at an average of \$7 per \$100 EAV. The \$23,333 figure represents per year savings	
Sales Tax Exemption	\$ 26,000
Exempts 6.5% sales tax on building materials purchased locally at a cost of \$400,000 (assuming cost of materials at 40% of total construction cost)	
EZ Investment Tax Credit	\$ 19,500
Figured as 0.5% of \$3,900,000	
Statewide Investment Tax Credit	\$ 19,500
Figured as 0.5% of \$3,900,000	
Jobs Tax Credit	\$ 10,000
Based on \$500 credit per eligible employee (example assumes 60% of eligibility)	
FIRST YEAR TOTAL SAVINGS	\$ 98,333
Additional incentives may be available on specific projects	
Savings over three additional years	\$ 69,999
FOUR YEAR TOTAL SAVINGS	\$ 168,332

Additional incentives may be available on specific projects:

- ♦ Deductions from State Income Tax on Dividends paid by EZ firms
- ♦ Low interest Business Financing Programs
- ♦ Employment Training Assistance Programs
- ♦ State Utility Tax Exemption
- ♦ 6.25% Sales Tax Pollution Control Facilities Exemption
- ♦ 6.25% State Sales Tax Machinery and Equipment Exemption

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