

# Calumet Region Enterprise Zone

The Calumet Region Enterprise Zone (CREZ) was created to stimulate development in the Chicago Southland region. The Zone combines State & local incentives to assist businesses in locating and/or expanding in these designated areas.

Calumet City | [www.calumetcity.org](http://www.calumetcity.org)

Dolton | [www.vodolton.org](http://www.vodolton.org)

Lansing | [www.villageoflansing.org](http://www.villageoflansing.org)

Riverdale | [www.villageofriverdale.net](http://www.villageofriverdale.net)

South Holland | [www.southholland.org](http://www.southholland.org)

Thornton | [www.thornton60476.com](http://www.thornton60476.com)

Cook County | [www.cookcountyil.gov](http://www.cookcountyil.gov)

Visit [www.calumetezone.org](http://www.calumetezone.org) to search by address to determine if your location is in the Calumet Region Enterprise Zone.

This valuable economic development tool was awarded through a competitive application process to The Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO). It is in effect until 12/29/2031. ([www.illinois.gov](http://www.illinois.gov))

If your business is in one of these designated areas, you may be eligible for these economic incentives.

Businesses & Contractors who receive Enterprise Zone benefits must report to the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) [www.revenue.state.il.us](http://www.revenue.state.il.us), regarding the savings annually, during the project term.

## Incentives

### SALES TAX ABATEMENT ON BUILDING MATERIALS FOR ZONE PROJECTS WITH VALID IDOR BUILDING MATERIAL SALES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

#### SAMPLE SALES TAX SAVINGS

\$ 250,000 in building materials

X \*8.50% / .085 = \$21,250.00 estimated savings

\*Sales tax can range from 6.25% to 10% depending on where materials are purchased.

8.50% is an average used for illustration purposes.

**50% ABATEMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL PORTION OF REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR 5 YEARS ON THE ADDED TAX VALUE CREATED BY THE PROJECT** Projects in a TIF or receiving other substantial property tax abatements are not eligible for further tax reduction.

**50% DISCOUNT ON LOCAL BUILDING PERMIT FEES** All other fees and inspection procedures follow local ordinances.



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## State of Illinois Incentives

**STATE OF ILLINOIS INCENTIVES** - State incentives are subject to change in legislation. <https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/ExpandRelocate/Incentives/taxassistance/Pages/EnterpriseZone.aspx>

**STATE OF ILLINOIS GAS USE TAX EXEMPTION FOR ZONE BUSINESSES** - Form RG61 to be completed submitted by the business to gas provider. See IDOR natural gas distributors, suppliers & purchasers bulletin

**INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT** - The Illinois Income Tax Act allows a 0.5% credit against the state income tax for investment in a qualified property placed in service in an Enterprise Zone. This credit is in addition to any other investment tax credits allowed under the State of Illinois. (Consult your tax accountant.)

**ENTERPRISE ZONE MANUFACTURING MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT SALES TAX EXEMPTION** - A business that makes an investment in an Enterprise Zone may be eligible for a manufacturing machinery and equipment sales tax exemption. The business must be certified by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

**UTILITY TAX EXEMPTION** - Zone businesses who meet specific criteria may be entitled to a utility / telecommunications tax exemption which provides a 5% state tax exemption on gas, electricity and an exemption of the Illinois Commerce Commission .1% administrative charge and excise taxes on the act or privilege of originating or receiving telecommunications. Contact DCEO for certification.



## Benefits

- Incentives are boundary specific
- No case by case approval
- No callback of incentives
- No minimum investment
- Substantial savings on your project in the zone

ZONE ADMINISTRATION FEE .5%  
OF BUILDING MATERIAL COST  
Maximum \$50,000 fee

**GROWTH ZONES** - Industrial property in an Enterprise Zone in Cook County can apply for assistance gathering critical site information, marketing their site, and apply for grants to cover the cost of environmental assessment and remediation. [www.growthzones.com](http://www.growthzones.com)

## Property Classes

- COMMERCIAL
- INDUSTRIAL
- 12 OR MORE RESIDENTIAL UNITS  
REMAINING UNDER ONE OWNERSHIP

All projects must complete & submit an application to the Calumet Region Enterprise Zone office, before ordering materials, receiving permits, or start of construction to receive full benefits.

Zone office will issue building material exemption certificate (BMEC), notify local building department of the project, and notify Cook County of entitled real estate abatements.

Since the Zone began in 2016 businesses have invested \$ 25 million in construction, remodeling and rehabilitation. 2293 jobs were retained In the Zone and 340 new jobs were created. Several of these projects turned long vacant areas into vibrant thriving business centers. Others helped established businesses expand or modernize at their current location. These investments bring new property tax revenues to the Zone towns, and new sales tax to their home communities.



## Contact Us

For general zone questions and application processing

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