



Illinois

Tax Benefits and Incentives for Convenience Services Operators



This state-by-state guide highlights a range of tax credits and incentive programs specifically relevant to the convenience services industry, offering operators clear application instructions and links to find further information. While this report emphasizes programs tailored to the convenience services industry, you know your business and its unique needs.

Opportunities for Convenience Services Operators

Advantage Illinois Participation Loan Program

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

The Illinois Finance Authority assists businesses that create or retain jobs by offering its Participation Loan Product (PLP) in conjunction with lenders.

Eligibility Requirements

Businesses with fewer than 750 full-time employees are eligible.

Additional Information

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[Additional information available from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity.](#)

Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Program (EDGE)

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Illinois' EDGE program provides annual corporate tax credits to qualifying businesses which support job creation, capital investment and improve the standard of living for all Illinois residents.

Eligibility Requirements

For companies with 100 or fewer world-wide employees, the eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. Job Creation: The Lesser of 5% of world-wide employment, or 50 new full time jobs
2. Investment- \$0

For companies with more than 100 world-wide employees, the eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. Job Creation: The Lesser of 10% of world-wide employment, or 50 new full time jobs
2. Investment: \$2,500,000

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Illinois Enterprise Zone Program

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

The Illinois Enterprise Zone Program provides tax exemptions for businesses locating in Enterprise Zones, typically economically distressed areas.

Eligibility Requirements

Businesses must be located in an Enterprise Zone to be eligible.

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Items Exempt from State Tax

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Illinois exempts purchases used to produce downstream items from sales and property taxes.

Items exempt include:

1. Sales of machinery and equipment that will be used primarily in manufacturing or assembling of tangible personal property for wholesale or retail sale or lease, and production agriculture
2. Qualified sales of building materials that will be incorporated into real estate as part of a project for which a Certificate of Eligibility for Sales Tax Exemption has been issued by the enterprise zone administrator
3. Qualifying purchases of tangible personal property used in a manufacturing or assembling process by businesses located in an enterprise zone and certified by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity as qualifying to make these purchases because jobs will be created or retained
4. Sales of tangible personal property to interstate carriers for hire used as rolling stock (i.e. semi-tractor trailers, railroad cars)
5. Property held or used for business or production of income (commonly known as tangible personal property)

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Other Credits, Incentives, and Government Programs

Ag Invest

ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER

Through a commitment to Ag Invest, the Treasurer's Office partners with approved financial institutions to provide qualified farmers, agri-business and agriculture professionals below-market rate loans to start, expand or add value to their farm operations. The loans provided by the financial institution can be used for the purchase of farm equipment, purchase of land, construction-related expenses, provide operating lines of credit or other costs related to conventional or sustainable farming.

Agri-Debt Restructuring Guarantee Program

ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY

The Agri-Debt Restructuring Guarantee Program loan is designed to consolidate and spread out a farmer's existing debt over a longer term at a reduced interest rate.

Agri-Industry Guarantee Program

ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY

The State Guarantee Program for Agri-Industries (SGPAI) is a guarantee program designed to assist and encourage diversification of Illinois agriculture and to promote the value-added processing of Illinois agricultural products.

Angel Investment Tax Credit Program

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

The Angel Investment Tax Credit Program provides a tax credit to businesses investing in qualified new business ventures.

Beginning Farmer Bond Program

ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY

The Beginning Farmer Bond Program provides affordable financing to new, low net worth farmers for financing capital purchases.

Building Materials Exemption

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Among the tax incentives offered to Enterprise Zone, RERZ, and High Impact businesses, is an exemption from sales tax on building materials used in the construction, rehabilitation, or renovation of real estate.

Business Attraction Prime Sites Capital Grant Program

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

The Business Attraction Prime Sites Capital Grant Program assists companies with large-scale capital investment projects that commit to significant job creation for Illinois residents as they relocate or expand operations within Illinois. Prime Sites grants can encompass a wide range of economic development projects that will result in job creation in the state of Illinois.

Business Invest (Community Uplift Program)

ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER

The Community Uplift Program provides financial institutions in development zones with low-rate state investment capital to lend at a lower rate in disadvantaged communities in support of business creation and expansion and job growth.

Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing (C-PACE)

ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY

Under Illinois law, counties and municipalities (each Governmental Uni) may establish Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) programs and create related PACE areas in order to offer for-profit and non-profit owners of commercial, industrial, and multi-family (of 5 or more units) properties long-term, fixed-rate financing or refinancing.

Community Invest Cannabis Banking Services Program

ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER

Community Invest - Cannabis Banking Services Program is a community development program that offers qualified banks and credit unions access to state impact investment capital at a lower rate, in the form of time deposits.

Connect Illinois Broadband Grants

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Rebuild Illinois, the Illinois infrastructure program, includes \$400 million to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a statewide broadband deployment grant program.

Data Center Investment Tax Exemptions and Credits

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

The data centers investment program provides owners and operators with exemptions from a variety of state and local taxes for qualifying Illinois data centers. The program also provides data center owners and operators with a tax credit of 20% of wages paid for construction workers for projects located in underserved areas.

Economic Development Program

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Economic Development Program provides funding for preliminary engineering, construction, construction engineering and contingencies related to roadway improvements that create and retain full time jobs.

High Impact Business Program (HIB)

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

The High Impact Business Program supports large-scale economic development activities by providing tax incentives (similar to Enterprise Zones) to companies that make substantial capital investments in operations and create or retain an above average number of jobs.

Illinois Brownfields Redevelopment Loan Program

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

The Illinois Brownfields Redevelopment Loan Program offers low interest loans to support efforts by local governments and private parties to clean up brownfields sites that have already been assessed for contamination.

Illinois Film Production Tax Credit

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

The Illinois Film Production Tax Credit Act offers producers a credit of 30% of all qualified expenditures and 30% of Illinois labor expenditures of up to \$100,000 per worker.

Illinois Growth and Innovation Fund

ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER

The Illinois Growth and Innovation Fund (ILGIF) is an evergreen, \$1 billion impact investment fund that will invest in ways to attract, assist and retain quality technology-enabled businesses in Illinois. This is done by making targeted investments with venture capital (VC), growth equity and private venture debt firms with a nexus to the State of Illinois.

Illinois Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Illinois Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program (IL-HTC) provides a state income-tax credit equal to 25% of a project's Qualified Rehabilitation Expenditures (QREs), not to exceed \$3 million, to owners of certified historic structures who undertake certified rehabilitations.

Illinois Works Jobs Program Act

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Illinois Works was intentionally designed to increase equity and opportunity in capital construction jobs with this new capital funding set to pave the way for tens of thousands of jobs over the next decade.

Illinois' State Trade And Export Promotion (ISTEP) Program

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Illinois' State Trade and Export Promotion (ISTEP) program provides Illinois' small businesses with both financial and technical assistance to increase their exports.

Industrial Development Revenue Bond Program

ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY

The Illinois Finance Authority issues tax-exempt Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRB) on behalf of manufacturing companies to finance the acquisition of fixed assets such as land, buildings and equipment. Bond proceeds also may be used for either new construction or renovation and may be used to purchase new equipment.

Live Theatre Production Tax Credit

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

The Illinois Live Theatre Credit provides a tax credit to qualified theatre productions taking place in Illinois.

Manufacturing Illinois Chips for Real Opportunity

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Eligible companies manufacture microchips and semiconductors and associated component parts.

Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bond Program

ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY

The Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bond Program provides long-term, low-cost capital to experienced commercial and 501(c)(3) not-for-profit developers for the acquisition, renovation, rehabilitation or construction of multi-family rental housing for low and moderate income households, including the elderly and disabled.

Participation Loan Product

ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY

IFA assists Illinois businesses that create or retain jobs by offering its Participation Loan Product (PLP") in conjunction with Lenders.

Rail Freight Loan Program

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Rail Freight Loan Program provides low interest loans to finance rail improvements, with grants being considered in special circumstances.

Reimagining Electric Vehicles (REV) Illinois Program

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

REV Illinois offers competitive incentives to expand in or relocate to Illinois for companies that manufacture EVs and EV parts (batteries, cathodes, anodes) as well as EV charging stations. The program defines EVs as vehicles exclusively powered by electricity and permitted to operate on public roadways including cars and motorcycles.

River Edge Redevelopment Zone

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

The River Edge Redevelopment Zone Program (RERZ) helps revive and redevelop environmentally challenged properties adjacent to rivers in Illinois.

Social Equity Cannabis Loan Program

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Through this loan program, DCEO is able to offer low-interest loans to qualified social equity applicants applying for available licenses.

Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bond Program

ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY

The IFA issues tax-exempt Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds on behalf of privately owned solid waste disposal companies that provide services to the general public. Bond proceeds can be used to finance the acquisition of fixed assets such as land, buildings, and equipment as well as building construction or renovation.

Specialized Livestock Guarantee Program

ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY

The Specialized Livestock Guarantee Program (SLP) is a guarantee program that targets specialized family sized livestock operations including but not limited to swine, dairy, and beef cattle operations. The primary purpose of loans under this program is for the construction, purchase, and/or remodeling of facilities, and also for purchases of equipment and breeding livestock.

Tax Certification Program for Livestock Waste Management Facilities

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

The Illinois Environmental Protection agency administers a certification program that reduces the property tax value for many pollution control improvements.

Tax Increment Financing

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

The department distributes state sales tax collections to municipalities that have tax increment financing (TIF) districts for either state sales tax, state utility tax, or both that produced an incremental growth in retail sales, or

gas and electricity consumption. Funds are prorated to each municipality based on its share of the overall TIF net state increment.

Underground Storage Tank Fund

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

The Underground Storage Tank Fund helps tank owners and operators pay for cleaning up leaks from petroleum underground storage tanks.

Wastewater/Stormwater and Drinking Water Loans

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

The Wastewater and Drinking Water loan programs provide low-interest loans through the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The SRF includes two loan programs: the Water Pollution Control Loan Program (WPCLP) which funds both wastewater and storm water projects, and the Public Water Supply Loan Program (PWSLP) for drinking water projects.

Working Capital Guarantee Program

ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY

The Working Capital Guarantee Program (WCG) provides up to 85% guarantee of principal and interest on the loan made to farmers, producers or agri-businesses who are investing in fertilizer, chemicals, feed, seed, fuel, parts, and repairs.

Young Farmer Guarantee Program

ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY

The Young Farmer Guarantee Program (YFG) provides up to 85% guarantee of principal and interest on the loan made to young farmers.