

City of Tampa and Hillsborough County Enterprise Zone Survey

The City of Tampa Enterprise Zone and the Hillsborough County Area Enterprise Zone are requesting your assistance by participating in a short survey. You have been selected because you are located within an enterprise zone, which is an area that has been deemed to be in need of economic development. Businesses that chose to locate, or are already located, within these zones and hire residents who live there, are potentially eligible for certain tax incentives. Included with the survey is a brochure that describes the tax incentives offered in both zones and their geographical boundaries.

The purpose of this survey is to collect data to help us better understand what types of businesses are located within the two enterprise zones. Additionally, it will help us determine if the current incentives offered are sufficient to help promote economic development, and what barriers may be preventing businesses from hiring and expanding their operations. The information collected will be analyzed and provided to State Legislators when they address economic development issues during the next Legislative Session.

Please fill out the survey below in its entirety and return it in the enclosed, prepaid envelope. Also, please feel free to include any additional comments at the end of the survey. Thank you for assisting the Enterprise Zone Program.

For further information about the Enterprise Zone Program, please visit www.TampaGov.net/Enterprise_Zone and www.FloridaEnterpriseZones.com. The City of Tampa website has a link that can help you determine if you are located in an enterprise zone.

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Name: _____ Name of Business: _____

How would you like to be contacted?

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

1. Have you heard of the Enterprise Zone (EZ) before receiving this survey? Yes No

2. Are you familiar with any of these programs offered to businesses located in the Enterprise Zones (*Check all that apply*)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jobs Tax Credit (Sales Tax) | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Materials Sales Tax Refund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jobs Tax Credit (Corporate Income Tax) | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Credit (Corporate Income Tax) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Equipment Sales Tax Refund | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Contribution Tax Credit Program |

3. If you checked any of the programs above, were they applicable to your business? Yes No

4. If you checked "yes," which programs did you use for your business?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jobs Tax Credit (Sales Tax) | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Materials Sales Tax Refund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jobs Tax Credit (Corporate Income Tax) | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Credit (Corporate Income Tax) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Equipment Sales Tax Refund | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Contribution Tax Credit Program |

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5. If you checked "no," was it because the program:

- Had too high a minimum threshold for participation (i.e. \$5,000 minimum investment in a single piece of equipment)
- Required too many jobs be created
- Required new employees to live in the EZ and couldn't find those skills in the surrounding area
- Applied to real property and no benefit for tangible personal property
- Our corporate headquarters is not in the EZ
- Can only claim the Building Materials credit once in the lifetime of the property
- Other: _____

6. Is this a new business? (New is defined as less than a year old) Yes No

7. Type of business (Check all that apply)

- Retail Service Wholesale Manufacturing
- Financial Construction Agribusiness

8. How many employees does your business currently employ?

Total _____ Owners _____ Full-Time _____ Part-Time _____

9. How many employees have you hired in the past year?

Total _____ Full-Time _____ Part-Time _____

10. Do you plan on hiring any additional employees within the next year? Yes No If "yes," how many? _____

11. If you are a small business, what other programs will assist in your business growth?

12. Would you be willing to attend a workshop explaining these tax incentives

offered to companies like yours that are located in the City of Tampa Enterprise Zone? Yes No

13. Which of the following do you consider to be the greatest barriers to hiring new employees and expanding your operations? (Check all that apply)

- Access to financial capital Access to skilled/educated labor Government regulations

Additional comments and/or suggestions:

