



**State of New York
Empire Zones Program**

APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY OF A REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT PROJECT

The purpose of this preliminary application is to request a company be deemed eligible as a regionally significant project (RSP) within an Empire Zone in an area that is outside of the distinct and separate contiguous areas as identified and approved by the Empire Zone Designation Board pursuant to §957(d) of the general municipal law. This application should be completed and signed by an authorized representative of the company and reviewed and signed by the Chair of the local zone administrative board. *NOTE: If the project is deemed eligible, there will be a formal application for designation of the proposed location as an Empire Zone that must be submitted by the local zone within 180 days of being deemed eligible for review and approval by the Empire Zone Designation Board. If the proposed location is designated for a company, the company must then complete an EZ-1 Application for Joint Certification as an Empire Zone Enterprise.*

Name of Zone:	
Company Name: _____ NAICS: _____ FEIN: _____	
Proposed Location / Address where RSP will take place: _____	
Has the company shifted, or will the company be shifting some, or some portions thereof, of its employment and/or operations from an area within New York State not designated as an empire zone to the location of this regionally significant project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Has the company recently acquired, or will the company be acquiring (stock or asset purchase) an existing business at the proposed location of this regionally significant project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes, please provide:</i>	
Name of Company Acquired: _____ FEIN: _____	
Company Contact / Address: _____	ZAB Chair / Address: Thomas R. Suozzi Nassau County Executive 1550 Franklin Avenue Mineola, NY 11501
Company Telephone #: _____	
Is there a predecessor company? (Any entity that within the past five years was engaged in work substantially similar to the applicant prior to the establishment of the applicant as a business entity where there is a substantial continuity of ownership and/or operation between that entity and the applicant. Substantial continuity of operation includes, but is not limited to, such considerations as some of the same officers or shareholders, or access and use of the same equipment and facilities.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes, please provide:</i>	
Name of Company: _____ FEIN: _____ NAICS: _____	
Address of Company: _____	
Type of business: <input type="checkbox"/> agri-business <input type="checkbox"/> financial <input type="checkbox"/> high-tech <input type="checkbox"/> insurance services <input type="checkbox"/> bio-tech <input type="checkbox"/> distribution center	Total <u>net new jobs</u> to be created at proposed location/address within 3 years (if applicable): <input type="text"/> Yr 1 <input type="text"/> Yr 2 <input type="text"/> Yr 3 Total Jobs Retained at proposed location / address (if applicable): <input type="text"/> Will at least 60% of the jobs to be created or retained pay 135% of the minimum wage plus benefits? ____ Yes ____ No If no, what % of jobs will meet this criteria? _____%

Project Description: : (use space below)

Explain what the project involves in terms of type of goods or services that will be provided and a specific breakdown of the types of jobs that will be created (e.g. production, sales, administrative, research, maintenance, etc.), at the proposed location / address, if this RSP is approved.

Reference the factors that are driving growth and expansion of the business and explain why the company is making new investments and creating new jobs.

Describe whether the investment (where applicable) involves the purchase of a new building, renovations to an existing building, purchase of new production or operating equipment, property purchase, etc.

Provide a thorough explanation that will establish the basis for determining the feasibility of the job creation projections. For example, the company may have recently landed a new five-year contract with a major customer that will increase sales and require significant capital investments. As a result, the company must double existing production capacity, increase production line workers and create administrative jobs to support the increased production.

Eligibility as Export Business:

To be eligible as a regionally significant project, a business must export a substantial portion of its products or services outside of the State AND at least sixty percent of the business' product/service is, or will be, sold, delivered or provided to customers/clients that are outside of the metropolitan statistical area (if the project would be located in a community that is within a metropolitan statistical area), or outside of the county (if the project would be located in a community that is not part of a metropolitan statistical area).

Please indicate below the percentage of the revenue of the business' operation at the proposed location that is/would be derived from goods that are physically shipped to customers, or provided to clients who are outside NYS, outside MSA and outside the County.

_____ Outside NYS % _____ % Outside MSA _____ % Outside County

Total Investment:

Business acquisition:	\$ _____	Renovations:	\$ _____
New construction:	\$ _____	Production Equipment:	\$ _____
Real property acquisition:	\$ _____	Office Equipment:	\$ _____
Other (explain):	\$ _____	Total	\$ _____

Provide further findings as to why such project cannot be accommodated within the distinct and separate contiguous areas of the Zone. [Pursuant to GML §957 (d)] (Use additional pages if necessary). Such findings shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. There is insufficient un-developed land within the distinct and separate contiguous areas to construct the project; and any land acquisition, site remediation, demolition or infrastructure improvements would be too costly and/or time consuming relative to project start-up schedule and/or the ability of the company to raise financing for the project;
 - b. There are no existing structures or buildings within the distinct and separate contiguous areas that provide the requisite specifications, including but not limited to, ceiling heights, loading facilities, utility infrastructure, and other key structural characteristics,; and, any site remediation or structural renovations to upgrade or retrofit the existing buildings and structures would be too costly and/or time consuming relative to the project start-up schedule and/or the ability of the company to raise financing for the project.
 - c. There is insufficient access to major transportation modes within the distinct and separate contiguous areas to economically move materials and goods in and out of such areas.
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As an authorized officer of this company, I give consent to the Commissioner of Labor to disclose to employees of the NYS Departments of Economic Development and Labor, the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code(s) assigned to this business by the Department of Labor, Division of Research and Statistics and all records filed by the company and any predecessor company in making Unemployment Insurance (U.I.) reports and contributions required by State Labor and Tax Law, including, but not limited to, all information contained in or relating to the quarterly combined withholding, wage reporting and U.I. returns, the registration for U.I., the New Hire file, and all records of U.I. delinquencies. In addition, this authorization shall include all information contained in any survey reports requested by the Department of Labor on behalf of the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics including, but not limited to, the Current Employment, Occupational Employment, multiple worksite, and annual refiling surveys. The use of information and records released pursuant to this authorization shall be limited to government purposes concerning the designation of lands pursuant to this application and our request for Regionally Significant Project status and Empire Zone benefits and incentives under General Municipal law Article 18B for this company and any predecessor company.

Company Representative signature: _____ **Date:** _____

State of New York)
) ss:
County of _____)

On the _____ day of _____ (month) 20____ (year), before me personally appeared (name) _____ to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he/she resides at (address) _____ that he/she is the (title) _____ of (business entity) _____, the business entity described herein which executed the foregoing instrument; and that he/she signed his/her name thereto by the authority granted by such business entity.

Notary Signature

NOTARY PUBLIC (Please sign above and affix stamp here)

ZAB Chair signature: _____ **Date:** _____