

What's New in the Oklahoma Business Incentives and Tax Information Guide for Fiscal Year 2013

Welcome to the Fiscal Year 2013 Oklahoma Business Incentives and Tax Information Guide. The rules, legislation and appropriations related to taxes and incentives are very dynamic, and as changes occur, this Tax Guide will be updated. Please refer to this on-line guide often to get the most current information. Key changes from the previous year's Tax Guide are highlighted here in brief:

Former Indian Lands Tax Credit

This Federal credit allows for businesses located on qualifying Former Indian Lands in Oklahoma to have the opportunity for accelerated depreciation on capitalized items and also an income tax credit on wages paid to Native Americans or their spouses. This provision had been extended to December 31, 2013. Information on this tax credit is found in Section II of this tax guide.

The Oklahoma Opportunity Fund

No new appropriations were given to the Oklahoma Opportunity Fund in the 2013 legislative session. While there are no funds available in this fund for 2010-2013, the program still exists for the possibility of future appropriations.

Oklahoma Quick Action Closing Fund

(62 O.S. §§ 48.1 – 48.2)

The Oklahoma Quick Action Closing Fund was established in the 1st Session of the 53rd Oklahoma Legislature in House Bill 1953. House Bill 1953 was executed by Governor Mary Fallin on May 24, 2011. It became effective November 1, 2012.

The Oklahoma Quick Action Closing Fund can be expended by the Governor for economic development and related infrastructure development to locate a high-impact business project or facility in Oklahoma or retain such a facility in the State.

The business making an application must be engaged in a business activity that is eligible for Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act incentive payments (68 O.S. § 3603) or in a “basic industry” as set forth in the 21st Century Quality Jobs Incentive Act (68 O.S. § 3913).

The Oklahoma Department of Commerce is responsible for the administration of the Oklahoma Quick Action Closing Fund. The application will be made available once funds are appropriated to the Oklahoma Quick Action Closing Fund by the Oklahoma Legislature.

State Small Business Credit Initiative

The State of Oklahoma was awarded \$13,168,350 by the U.S Treasury for the State Small Business Credit Initiative. The award will be used to make capital investment in new and expanding small businesses in Oklahoma. i2E will manage the funds on behalf