

# Expanding Your Business in Oregon

## State Incentive and Funding Programs

Thank you for considering Oregon in your company's expansion and development plans. Oregon is known for its livability, access to nature and outdoor activities, and strong work-life balance. In Oregon we understand that diversity results in a stronger economy and community. Listed below are some of the state incentive and funding programs that may be available for your project. Oregon incentives are based on jobs created and/or retained as well as wages, benefits, and total project investment. Some programs can be combined to offer a greater benefit to your company.

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### **Semiconductor Funding**

Semiconductor manufacturing is Oregon's largest manufacturing sector in employment, exports, and contribution to state GDP. Its importance to the state's economy cannot be overstated, and it has played an important role in the growth of software and other technology sectors. Oregon's Silicon Forest region is home to a talented semiconductor workforce with access to industry connections and networking, educational, and work force training opportunities. This region includes Hillsboro, Oregon, where Intel employs 22,000 people across four campuses, its largest global concentration of facilities and talent.

### **Enterprise Zone**

Businesses that locate or expand in an enterprise zone receive exemption from local property taxes on new plant and equipment for at least three years in the standard program. This program requires jobs creation or retention, and you must apply and receive approval before breaking ground or making any site improvements.

### **Strategic Investment Program**

The Strategic Investment program offers a 15-year property tax exemption for all investments valued in excess of \$25 million for rural locations and \$100 million for urban locations. The Strategic Investment Program is subject to approval by the County Board of Commissioners and participating tax districts. Participating firms pay an annual community service fee of 25% of the exemption, with an upper limit of \$2,500,000 annually.

## The Oregon Advantage

### INNOVATIVE ECONOMY

**#3** Ranked 3rd in U.S. for innovation

**#4** Ranked 4th in patents per capita

**#9** Ranked 9th in creating the most innovation jobs

### GROWING ECONOMY

**#2** Ranked 2nd in 10-year export growth

**#8** Ranked 8th for in-state migration


**#9** Ranked 9th in 10-year GDP growth

**#12** Ranked 12th in 10-year employment growth

### LOW BUSINESS COST

Oregon has some of the lowest power costs on the west coast

One of the lowest workers compensation rates in the nation



Please contact us with any questions you may have about doing business in Oregon or any of the programs listed.

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### **Workforce Training Resources & Assistance**

Local workforce investment boards may provide funding to support training and labor market needs. Services available include various employee recruitment and training programs, internships, and school-to-work programs.

### **Construction-in-Process**

Unfinished facility improvements may be exempt from local property taxes up to two years with timely filing. In combination with an Enterprise Zone, a business may receive a larger tax abatement.

### **Oregon Investment Advantage**

This income tax exemption program assists businesses setting up new operations or facilities in Oregon with a multi-year income tax holiday, available in qualifying counties. Companies setting up operations in eligible counties can certify up to eight times to annually deduct or subtract taxable income related to those operations. Various eligibility requirements apply.

### **Governor's Strategic Reserve Fund**

This fund is awarded directly to companies that create or retain jobs in Oregon. Business Oregon works with the company to develop the proposal which requires the Governor's signature.

### **No Sales Tax**

Oregon is a Single Sales Factor State, having no sales tax. The Corporate Activity Tax is based on revenue derived from sales in Oregon.

### **Infrastructure Programs**

Business Oregon manages multiple infrastructure programs that can assist a company or a municipal partner in building needed infrastructure. These programs are job creation or retention based and offer grant and forgivable loan options.