



EMERGE PROGRAM

Please be advised that legislation was recently enacted that will impact the Emerge Program. NJEDA is currently in the process of reviewing the legislation, and may need to make changes to the program rules, requirements, application, or other materials to incorporate the legislative changes. To access a courtesy copy of the legislation, please [click here](#).

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE EMERGE PROGRAM?

If you are a potential applicant that would like to learn more about the Emerge Program? Please complete this expression of interest form and we will have a member of our team reach out to you.

[EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM](#)

The Emerge Program, created under the Economic Recovery Act (ERA) of 2020, encourages economic development in Governor Murphy's priority sectors and in targeted communities across the New Jersey. The program provides per-job tax credits to projects that invest private capital into the state and create new

good-paying jobs (or retain a large number of good-paying jobs).

ELIGIBILITY

AWARD SIZE

FISCAL AND RESIDENT PROTECTION

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ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for EmERGE support, a project must:

- Create at least 35 new, full-time jobs. In some circumstances, this job creation requirement may be lower if a business is primarily engaged in a targeted industry, or if a business meets the definition of a "small business" as defined in the EmERGE Program rules.
- Be located in an Eligible Incentive location.
- Meet minimum capital investment requirements.
- EmERGE tax credits must yield a minimum net positive economic benefit to the state of 200 percent to 400 percent depending on project location.
- Ensure that at least 80 percent of incented employees' work time is spent in New Jersey and 80 percent of the withholdings of new or retained full-time jobs are subject to the 'New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act'.
- Ensure the Qualified Business Facility can accommodate at least 50 percent of incented jobs.
- Commit to stay at the Qualified Business Facility for 1.5 times the eligibility period.
- Demonstrate that the award of the tax credit is a "material factor" in the decision to create or retain at least the minimum number of full-time jobs.



Eligible Incentive Locations

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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As part of eligibility for the EmERGE Program, a project must be located in an eligible incentive location, which may include: a government-restricted municipality, an enhanced area, distressed municipality, employment/investment corridor, qualified opportunity zone, or other eligible area. The Authority has developed a custom mapping tool to provide more clarity to potential applicants as to which of the aforementioned eligible incentive locations the proposed project falls within.

Please click the link to review eligible incentive areas within EmERGE and determine if your prospective project would be eligible. Additional information relating to bonuses linked to geographies will be added in the coming weeks.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE MAPPING TOOL](#)

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The full statutory text of the EmERGE Program can be found in sections 68-81 of the Economic Recovery Act of 2020.

Eligibility

Targeted Industries include:
(Download the target industry interpretations for full details)

- Advanced transportation and logistics,
- Advanced manufacturing,
- Aviation,
- Autonomous vehicle and zero-emission vehicle research or development,
- Clean energy,
- Life sciences,
- Hemp processing,
- Information and high technology,
- Finance and insurance,
- Professional services,
- Film and digital media,
- Non-retail food and beverage businesses, and
- Other innovative industries that disrupt current technologies or business models.

Minimum Jobs requirements

- **Minimum new jobs**
 - Targeted industry: **25** new full-time jobs
 - Any other business: **35** new full-time jobs
- **Minimum retained jobs only**

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