

Missouri BUILD Program

Major projects that meet certain investment and job creation requirements may receive assistance through the Missouri BUILD (Business Use Incentive for Large-scale Development) program. BUILD is a selective and competitive program reserved for use with large projects that bring significant investment and jobs that benefit the community and state economies.

Qualification thresholds are as follows:

- Manufacturing projects: 100 new jobs; \$15 million in new capital investment
- Non-manufacturing (e.g. office) projects: 500 new jobs; \$10 million in new capital investment

The program uses bond financing for public or private infrastructure or new capital improvements of the business at the project location. Companies in the BUILD program realize the benefit of the program through refundable state tax credits issued to

the company that are equal to the amount of annual debt service payments on the bonds, over a period of 10 to 15 years.

Because the company would be buying and owning its own bonds, the company would need to have sufficient capital to make the initial purchase of bonds. Then, the company would receive tax credits equal to the annual debt service payments – which the company is making to itself as the bondholder. These refundable credits would essentially act like a “grant” that the company receives.

The Missouri Development Finance Board must give at least preliminary approval of the BUILD Bond incentive before the Company announces its intent to proceed with the project. The final amount will be subject to the submission of an application. For the purposes of the BUILD program, the base number is established at the number of employees the Company has as of the date of the proposal.

BUILD Flowchart

