

# ACCELERATED SALES TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM



**THE ACCELERATED SALES TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM (A-STEP)** supports businesses that are essential to the City's economic vitality — offering tax exemptions on a variety of costs to invest in improvements that encourage their long-term success and sustainability. Through A-STEP, eligible companies may apply for City and State sales tax exemption of up to \$100,000 per company on the purchase, installation, and maintenance of construction materials, and other equipment and furnishings for projects.

## PROGRAM PARAMETERS

Applications will be accepted between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

Businesses that are encouraged to apply include:

- Industrial and manufacturing businesses citywide
- Commercial businesses located within highly distressed areas of innovation corridors and emerging neighborhood development areas<sup>1</sup>
- Grocery and other retailers located in highly distressed areas citywide<sup>2</sup>

Priority will be given to projects that strive to create or retain quality jobs. Scope of renovations may range from in-store renovations or expansions, equipment purchases or upgrades and façade improvements.

Companies seeking benefits must sign a sales tax benefit agreement with the NYCIDA prior to making any eligible program expenditures. All NYCIDA benefits are discretionary. Companies (including affiliated companies) that have received other NYCIDA benefits within five years prior to application are not eligible.

Improvements must begin within one year signing a sales tax exemption benefit agreement with NYCIDA, and the sales tax exemption will expire no later than two years from the date of the agreement.

## WHAT IS NYCIDA?

Administered by the New York City Economic Development Corporation, NYCIDA is a public benefit corporation created to help industrial and manufacturing companies gain a competitive edge. Since 1990, the economic benefits provided by NYCIDA have catalyzed over \$28 billion in private investment throughout the City.

<sup>1</sup> As currently identified by an officer of the Agency, including North Brooklyn Waterfront, Long Island City, Sunset Park, North Shore of Staten Island, East Side Life Sciences, East New York, Jerome Avenue, East Harlem, Flushing West, Bay Street Corridor, Inwood Sherman Creek, Downtown Far Rockaway, Southwest Bronx/Lower Concourse

<sup>2</sup> As defined by NYS General Municipal Law Article 18-A

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information, please visit [www.nycedc.com/A-STEP](http://www.nycedc.com/A-STEP), or contact [A-STEP@edc.nyc](mailto:A-STEP@edc.nyc).