

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**APPLICATION for
ENTERPRISE ZONE CERTIFICATION**

County

Iowa Department of Economic Development
Division of Business Development
200 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

November 2007

INTENT: The Enterprise Zone Program was established by the Iowa Legislature with the intent of promoting new economic development in economically distressed areas of Iowa by encouraging communities to target resources in ways that attract productive private investment.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. If more than 12 months has elapsed since the date on the front of this application, please contact IDED to see if this version of the application is still current.
2. Before filling out this application form, please read Iowa Code Sections 15E.191 through 15E.196, as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts and the Enterprise Zone administrative rules.
3. Only typed or computer-generated applications will be accepted and reviewed. *(Contact the IDED to have an electronic copy of this application e-mailed to you.)* Any material change to the format, questions or wording of questions presented in this application, will render the application invalid and will not be accepted.
4. Complete the application fully; if any questions are left unanswered or required attachments are not submitted, an explanation must be included.
5. Use clear and concise language. Attachments should only be used when requested or as supporting documentation.
6. Any inaccurate information of a significant nature may disqualify the application from consideration.
7. Send the original copy of the completed application and all required attachments to:

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PUBLIC RECORDS POLICIES

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

County:

Official Representative (Name & Title):

Address:

City, State & Zip Code:

Telephone:

Fax:

E-mail Address:

This application was prepared by:

Name & Title:

Organization:

Address:

City, State & Zip Code:

Telephone:

Fax:

E-mail Address:

CERTIFICATIONS

I, the undersigned, on behalf of the County identified herein, hereby submit the following application under Iowa Code Sections 15E.191 through 15E.196, as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts. I certify that the County has complied with all applicable laws of the State of Iowa with respect to Enterprise Zone certification. Furthermore, all action on the County's part, such as a resolution from the County Board of Supervisors authorizing the execution and delivery of this *Application for Enterprise Zone Certification* and naming the undersigned officer of this County authorized to execute this application, has effectively been taken. I certify that all information, representations, or statements provided to the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) in connection with this application are true and correct in all material aspects. I understand that by submitting and signing this application, I am certifying on behalf of the County that the designated area is under the jurisdiction of my County.

Signature

Print name and title

Date

APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. Please indicate which two eligibility criteria the County has met in order to be eligible to apply for Enterprise Zone Certification.
 - A) The County has an average weekly wage that ranks among the bottom 25 counties in the State.
 - B) The County has a family poverty rate that ranks among the top 25 counties in the State.
 - C) The County has experienced a percentage population loss that ranks among the top 25 counties in the State.
 - D) The County has percentage of persons 65 years of age or older that ranks among the top 25 counties in the State.
 - E) The County qualifies under business closure or permanent layoff criteria.

2. Are you requesting certification for more than one Enterprise Zone in this application? If so, please indicate the number of Enterprise Zones included in this application.

3. What is the total area of the County in acres?

4. How many acres within the County have previously been certified as Enterprise Zones?

5. Please indicate the size (in acres) of the Enterprise Zone for which you are requesting certification. (If this application includes more than one proposed Enterprise Zone, please list each area and its size in acres separately.)

6. Does the proposed Enterprise Zone(s) include any area that qualifies as an Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community, pursuant to Title XIII of the federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993? If so, please indicate the size (in acres) of the area that qualifies as an Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community.

7. Attach a legal description for each proposed Enterprise Zone.

8. Attach a detailed map (no larger than 8" x 14") which shows the boundaries of each proposed Enterprise Zone and which indicates where the proposed Enterprise Zone(s) is located in relation to the nearest incorporated city.

9. Please describe the current land use of the proposed Enterprise Zone(s) and include the names of any existing businesses currently located in the proposed Enterprise Zone(s).

10. Please describe how the proposed Enterprise Zone(s) will be used.

11. If applicable, please describe the local property tax exemption authorized by the County Board of Supervisors for the proposed Enterprise Zone(s). **(Please note that a local property tax exemption is not required.)** If other property tax exemptions or incentives will be used in lieu of an Enterprise Zone property tax exemption, such as Urban Revitalization Areas, Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts, or Industrial Property Exemption authorized under Iowa Code Section 427B, please indicate this.

12. Attach the original copy of the County Board of Supervisors resolution requesting Enterprise Zone certification and designating, if applicable, the property tax exemption for the zone.

ATTACHMENTS

Please make sure the following items are included with this application:

- Legal description for each proposed Enterprise Zone.
- Detailed map (no larger than 8" x 14") which shows the boundaries of each proposed Enterprise Zone and which indicates where the proposed Enterprise Zone(s) is located in relation to the nearest incorporated city.
- Original copy of the County Board of Supervisors resolution requesting Enterprise Zone certification and designating, if applicable, the property tax exemption for the zone.