

15.331A Sales and use tax refund contractor or subcontractor.

The eligible business or a supporting business shall be entitled to a refund of the sales and use taxes paid under chapter 423 for gas, electricity, water, or sewer utility services, goods, wares, or merchandise, or on services rendered, furnished, or performed to or for a contractor or subcontractor and used in the fulfillment of a written contract relating to the construction or equipping of a facility within the economic development area of the eligible business or a supporting business. Taxes attributable to intangible property and furniture and furnishings shall not be refunded. However, an eligible business shall be entitled to a refund for taxes attributable to racks, shelving, and conveyor equipment to be used in a warehouse or distribution center subject to section 15.331C.

To receive the refund a claim shall be filed by the eligible business or a supporting business with the department of revenue as follows:

1. The contractor or subcontractor shall state under oath, on forms provided by the department, the amount of the sales of goods, wares, or merchandise or services rendered, furnished, or performed including water, sewer, gas, and electric utility services for use in the economic development area upon which sales or use tax has been paid prior to the project completion, and shall file the forms with the eligible business or supporting business before final settlement is made.
2. The eligible business or a supporting business shall, not more than one year after project completion, make application to the department for any refund of the amount of the sales and use taxes paid pursuant to chapter 423 upon any goods, wares, or merchandise, or services rendered, furnished, or performed, including water, sewer, gas, and electric utility services. The application shall be made in the manner and upon forms to be provided by the department, and the department shall audit the claim and, if approved, issue a warrant to the eligible business or supporting business in the amount of the sales or use tax which has been paid to the state of Iowa under a contract. A claim filed by the eligible business or a supporting business in accordance with this section shall not be denied by reason of a limitation provision set forth in chapter 421 or 423.
3. A contractor or subcontractor who willfully makes a false report of tax paid under the provisions of this section is guilty of a simple misdemeanor and in addition is liable for the payment of the tax and any applicable penalty and interest.

96 Acts, ch 1199, §2; 2001 Acts, ch 116, §1; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §286; 2003 Acts, 1st Ex, ch 2, §152, 205; 2004 Acts, ch 1003, §2, 12