

701—501.14(15E) Enterprise zone tax credits. For tax years ending after July 1, 1997, for programs approved after July 1, 1997, but before July 1, 2014, a business which qualifies under the enterprise zone program is eligible to receive tax credits. The enterprise zone program was repealed on July 1, 2014. Any tax credits earned by businesses approved under the enterprise zone program prior to July 1, 2014, remain valid and can be claimed on tax returns filed after July 1, 2014. An eligible business under the enterprise zone program must be approved by the economic development authority and meet the requirements of 2014 Iowa Code section 15E.193. The administrative rules for the enterprise zone program for the economic development authority may be found at 261—Chapter 59.

501.14(1) Supplemental new jobs credit from withholding. An eligible business approved under the enterprise zone program is allowed the supplemental new jobs credit from withholding as provided in 701—subrule 46.9(1).

501.14(2) Investment tax credit. An eligible business approved under the enterprise zone program is allowed an investment tax credit of up to 10 percent of the new investment which is directly related to new jobs created by the location or expansion of the eligible business.

The provisions under the new jobs and income program for the investment tax credit described in rule 701—501.10(15) are applicable to the enterprise zone program with the following exceptions:

a. The corporate tax credit for certain sales taxes paid by a developer described in subrule 52.10(5) does not apply for the enterprise zone program.

b. For projects approved on or after July 1, 2005, under the enterprise zone program, the investment tax credit will be amortized over a five-year period, as described in subrule 501.28(2).

c. For tax years ending on or after July 1, 2005, an eligible business approved under the enterprise zone program whose project primarily involves biotechnology-related processes may elect to receive a refund for all or a portion of an unused investment credit as described in subrule 501.10(4).

501.14(3) Research activities credit. An eligible business approved under the enterprise zone program is eligible for an additional research activities credit as described in subrules 501.7(5) and 501.7(6).

a. *Tax years ending on or after July 1, 2005, but before July 1, 2009.* For eligible businesses approved under the enterprise zone program, research activities allowable for the Iowa research activities credit include expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components manufactured or assembled in Iowa; such expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components are not eligible for the federal credit for increasing research activities. For purposes of this subrule, innovative renewable energy generation components do not include components with more than 200 megawatts in installed effective nameplate capacity. The research activities credit related to renewable energy generation components under the enterprise zone program and the high quality job creation program described in subrule 501.28(1) shall not exceed \$1 million in the aggregate.

These expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components are applicable only to the additional research activities credit set forth in subrule 501.7(5) for businesses in enterprise zones and the additional research activities credit set forth in subrule 501.28(1) for businesses approved under the high quality job creation program, and are not applicable to the research activities credit set forth in subrule 501.7(3).

b. *Tax years ending on or after July 1, 2009.* For eligible businesses approved under the enterprise zone program, research activities allowable for the Iowa research activities credit include expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components manufactured or assembled in Iowa; such expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components are not eligible for the federal credit for increasing research activities.

(1) For purposes of this paragraph, innovative renewable energy generation components do not include components with more than 200 megawatts in installed effective nameplate capacity.

(2) The research activities credit related to renewable energy generation components under the enterprise zone program and the high quality jobs program described in subrule 501.28(1) shall not exceed \$2 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and \$1 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

(3) These expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components are applicable only to the additional research activities credit set forth in subrule

501.7(5) for businesses in enterprise zones and the additional research activities credit set forth in subrule 501.40(1) for businesses approved under the high quality jobs program, and are not applicable to the research activities credit set forth in subrule 501.7(3).

501.14(4) *Repayment of incentives.* Effective July 1, 2003, eligible businesses in an enterprise zone may be required to repay all or a portion of the tax incentives received on Iowa returns if the eligible business experiences a layoff of employees in Iowa or closes any of its facilities in Iowa. Irrespective of the fact that the statute of limitations to assess the taxpayer for repayment of the tax credits may have expired, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives forfeited by failure to maintain the requirements of the enterprise zone program because this is a recovery of an incentive, rather than an adjustment to the taxpayer's tax liability. Details on the calculation of the repayment can be found in 261—subrule 187.5(4) of the administrative rules of the economic development authority. If the business is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust where the income of the taxpayer is taxed to the individual owner(s) of the business, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives against the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries to whom the tax incentives were passed through. See Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in *Damien & Colette Trebilcock, et al.*, Docket No. 11DORF 042-044, June 11, 2012.

This rule is intended to implement 2014 Iowa Code sections 15E.193 and 15E.196.

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