SMALL BUSINESS
JOB CREATION
TAX CREDIT

A tool in Governor Quinn’s comprehensive strategy for continuing Illinois’ economic recovery
500,000 small businesses in Illinois

95% of Illinois businesses have 50 or fewer employees
Small Business Economic Confidence Tempered by Slow Recovery According to Administaff Survey
61% anticipate economic rebound in 2011 or later

Slow recovery takes a toll on small businesses
Only 9 percent of small businesses reporting growth, survey shows
August 02, 2010 | By Alejandra Cancino, Tribune reporter
but when you are ready to grow your company by hiring a new position...
Apply for the Small Business Job Creation Tax Credit

$2500 tax credit against withholding taxes
Purpose of Public Act 096-0888

- to assist and encourage small businesses to create local, sustainable, new jobs
- to help speed up the economy to recovery
Tax credits issued first-come, first-served
What businesses are eligible?
50 or fewer FT employees as of June 30, 2010 counting all business locations
Even new start-ups qualify
What positions are eligible?
New position
Must be created between July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011
FT positions hourly or salary
Must pay no less than $13.75 per hour or the equivalent salary ($25,025 annualized)

(The base livable wage does not include benefits)
Must be sustained for at least one year

not necessarily held by the same individual for that year
Withholding tax must go to Illinois hiring Illinois workers
Ineligible Employee Types

- temps or any variation (PEOs or 3PL)
- partners
- independent contractors
- someone previously employed by the company between January 1, 2010 and June 30, 2010.
- any individual who has a direct or indirect ownership interest of at least 5% in the profits, capital or value of the business
Online registration is hassle-free
Register your business as soon as employee starts working
You will have your own log-in to your Jobs Home Page.
One year after the position was created, you will receive an email asking you to log on and confirm/edit your job(s) information.
Print your tax certificate recognized by the Dept of Revenue
Quick Review

1. FT position filled by an eligible employee(s) for at least a year
2. Position pays no less than $13.75 per hour or the equivalent salary, which is at least $25,025 annualized
3. Withholding taxes going to Illinois
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