

ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION PROCESS UPDATES

#1 Use 2013-2014 Free/Reduced Lunch Data when completing test #3

TO: All First Round Enterprise Zone Applicants for Dec. 31, 2014

FROM: Allen Mayer, Deputy General Counsel

RE: Test # 3 – Federal Free/Reduced Lunch

DATE: November 10, 2014

Dear Applicant(s):

In light of the recent 2013-2014 Department of Education (DOE) Report Card data which was released last week, we ask that you use this data when calculating eligibility of the POVERTY TEST #3 – *“50% or more of the children in the LLMA are eligible to participate in the federal free or reduced-price meals program..”*.

NIU is working on getting that data uploaded onto the DCEO Data Assistance Website, and should have that information available within the next several weeks. If you have already run your report using the 2012-2013, please re-run your report using the most recent 2013-2014 data by using the DCEO Data Assistance program, once updated, or by obtaining the data directly from DOE at the following link http://www.isbe.net/assessment/report_card.htm.

We apologize for any inconvenience but want to make sure applicants get credit if they meet or exceed the test.

#2 In addition to the mandatory “paper” copy of the Enterprise Zone Designation Application, please send a copy electronically to:
CEO.EnterpriseZone@illinois.gov

#3 MEMO concerning EAV and submission of electronic copy of application

TO: All First Round Enterprise Zone Applicants for Dec. 31, 2014

FROM: Allen Mayer, Deputy General Counsel

RE: Test #10 Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) and Submission of electronic copy of application

DATE: December 3, 2014

Dear Applicant(s):

TEST #10 EAV

For this test, we are asking that all applicants submit the required data in the following format:

		Statewide	LLMA Total
2008	Commercial	\$92,255,590,000	
	Industrial	\$33,596,562,000	
	Commercial + Industrial	\$125,852,152,000	
2009	Commercial	\$91,147,981,000	
	Industrial	\$32,008,103,000	
	Commercial + Industrial	\$123,156,083,000	
2010	Commercial	\$85,754,226,000	
	Industrial	\$31,143,883,000	
	Commercial + Industrial	\$116,898,109,000	
2011	Commercial	\$77,237,324,000	
	Industrial	\$29,858,748,000	
	Commercial + Industrial	\$107,096,072,000	
2012	Commercial	\$72,900,605,000	
	Industrial	\$28,276,446,000	
	Commercial + Industrial	\$101,177,051,000	

DCEO will calculate the averages based upon the provided data for each year, therefore, Test #10 on the application will utilize a consistent methodology for scoring purposes. After DCEO receives the application with the table detailing the total dollar amount of EAV per year for each category, we will then calculate the applicable averages according to the corresponding state figures. You may create the above table yourself or find one available at the NIU Data Assistance website <http://www.enterprisezonesillinois.com/>.

Submission of Electronic Copy

In addition to the submission of the hard copy of your application, DCEO is requesting that each applicant submits an electronic copy. The electronic copy does not take the place of the hard copy, as hard copies are due in DCEO's office by 5 p.m. on December 31, 2014 to be given consideration. The electronic copy can be a scanned version of all hard pages submitted, including the map. Due to the volume of the electronic material being submitted, you must submit your electronic copy of the application to CEO.EnterpriseZone@illinois.gov using the following file transfer site: <https://filet.illinois.gov/filet/pimupload.asp>.