



Logistics and Distribution Stimulus Program
Notice of Funding Available
November 2008

The State of Ohio Department of Development is seeking applications to implement transportation, logistics, and infrastructure projects in Ohio. In accordance with the authority provided the Director of the Ohio Department of Development under Ohio Revised Code §166.25, qualifying applicants will be eligible to apply for financial assistance to cover a portion of the costs of eligible projects. Funds are limited, but qualifying projects will be funded until all funds for this Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) are awarded or this NOFA is withdrawn.

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Section One—Overview

Logistics and Distribution Stimulus Program applications will be accepted beginning November 21, 2008. Applications will be reviewed and evaluated on a rolling basis. Financial assistance will be awarded to those applications determined by the review team to be consistent with the program goals and most meritorious relative to other applications that may then be pending.

Section Two—Eligibility

2.1 Eligible Applicants

Public, private for-profit, and private not-for-profit organizations are eligible for funding. To be funded, a project must make fixed asset investments that will create jobs and improve Ohio's position as a leader in the transportation and logistics industry.

2.2 Eligible Funding Uses

Funds from the Logistics and Distribution Stimulus Program may be used for the following: the purchase of land or buildings, purchase of machinery and equipment, building construction and/or renovation costs, purchase of on-going business' fixed assets and general construction costs. See Section II of the Program Guidelines for a more complete definition of "eligible costs."

Section Three—Application Process, Submission and Inquiries

3.1 Application Process

All prospective applicants must submit a letter of intent prior to submitting a formal application. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. Each letter of intent will be reviewed by members of the Logistics and Distribution Stimulus Review Team, which includes members from Ohio Department of Development, Ohio Department of Transportation, and Ohio Rail Development Commission. Applicants may submit a formal application at any time after the letter of intent has been submitted but are strongly encouraged submit formal applications after receiving feedback from the Logistics and Distribution Stimulus Review Team.



Applications will also be evaluated by the Review Team. After initial review, applicants will be contacted for a meeting with the Logistics and Distribution Stimulus Review Team to personally present the project. Immediately following the meeting, the Review Team will complete its evaluation and make funding recommendations for consideration by the Director of the Ohio Department of Development. In selecting projects, the Director will consider the Review Team's evaluation of the project, regional distribution of Program awards, representation of transportation modes among approved projects, statewide and regional economic impact, and alignment with other Ohio economic development projects. During the selection process, the Director will consult with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation.

3.2 Application Submission

Letters of intent and applications are to be submitted to:

Ohio Department of Development
Logistics and Distribution Stimulus Program
Attn: Nyla Potter, Program Coordinator
77 S. High Street, 28th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

For applications, submit one (1) original, three (3) copies and one electronic copy.

3.3 Communication and Inquiries

Applicants may submit questions to the Logistics and Distribution Stimulus Program to ldsp@development.ohio.gov.