QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATING
Participate in the program by getting your business certified by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). Your business may qualify for certification if you:

- Agree to expand employment by a minimum of two employees or 10 percent of the current number of employees at the facility, whichever is greater, within three years.
- Have been operating a qualifying business at least one year in a Greater Minnesota city or operating an agricultural processing facility for at least one year in a Greater Minnesota county.
- Pay employees at least 120 percent of the federal poverty level for a family of four, which for 2022 is $33,300/yr or $16.00/hr, and meet prevailing wage guidelines for construction projects.
- Are not primarily engaged in retail sales, lobbying, gambling, entertainment, professional sports, political consulting, leisure, hospitality, professional services or serve as a public utility.

KEY INFORMATION ABOUT PURCHASES AND SALES TAX REFUNDS

- Purchase and use of goods and services at the business’ facility in Greater Minnesota are eligible.
- Purchase and use of construction materials and supplies for real property improvements at the facility in Greater Minnesota are also eligible.
- Businesses will receive sales tax refunds for seven years following the date of certification.
- Only purchases made after certification qualify.
- Participate in a traded sector (sells a significant amount of goods or services in non-local markets)
- Businesses may be eligible for up to $2 million in sales tax refunds per year and up to $10 million over the seven-year certification period.

APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM NOW

Step 1: Submit a certification application.
Step 2: Participate in a Business Subsidy public hearing if the award is $500,000 or more.
Step 3: Enter into a Business Subsidy Agreement with DEED.

The program’s certification application and further details are available at the DEED website: mn.gov/deed/jobex. Sales tax refund claims are processed by the Department of Revenue.