

MANISTEE COUNTY MEANS BUSINESS

Manistee, Michigan – If you're looking for a county that means business, look no further.

Manistee County has a bold new county-wide incentive package to lure businesses and new jobs to this northwest Michigan coastal community.

The Manistee Economic Development Office today unveiled a ***“Jobs for Manistee County”*** program that creates significant new incentives for businesses to expand or locate in the county.

“This is the boldest, most highly incentivized program ever to support the development of businesses and jobs in Manistee County,” said Jim Reithel, Operations Manager at Martin Marietta’s Manistee location. “It reflects our new economic development strategy that quality of life and economic well-being go hand-in-hand. This is a great place to do business, raise a family and enjoy all of the great things that northern Michigan has to offer. In addition to these new incentives, our county offers a well-organized Manistee Manufacturer’s Group, a deep water port to move product in and out of the county, a high quality rail line, a commercial airport, roads that are ranked among the highest in northern Michigan and an abundance of natural resources and recreational opportunities.”

The program includes:

- Special new incentives for existing business Renaissance Zones in Manistee and the Village of Kaleva, including greatly reduced pricing on land and big financial rebates applied to the property purchase price for each job created.
- The opportunity for businesses to create up to eight new Renaissance Sub-Zones to receive the same significant tax incentives that apply to existing Renaissance Zones.

Incentives for existing or new Renaissance Zones include:

- Waiver of the following state and local taxes through 2015: state personal income tax; state single business tax; state education tax; local real property tax; local personal property tax; and local utility user tax.
- Assistance with financial support for various levels of environmental site assessments where Brownfield designations apply for new zones.
- Assistance with subsidized employee training and education
- Potential debt financial or other forms of financial support from Manistee’s Industrial Development Corporation

Proposals must describe the nature of the business and new jobs to be created, the anticipated development schedule and other information. Proposal review will be coordinated by the Manistee Economic Development Office.

An important factor in the review process will be the number of new jobs created and the compensation level for those jobs. The Economic Development Office will assist businesses in formulating proposals and providing ongoing business support services.

Copies of the “*Jobs for Manistee County*” program description, including proposal requirements is available on the City of Manistee website in their Documents list or by contacting:

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Partners in the “*Jobs for Manistee County*” program include: City of Manistee, Manistee County, Village of Kaleva, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Michigan Works!, Manistee Manufacturer’s Council, West Shore Community College, Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, Industrial Development Corporation and the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce.

[“Jobs for Manistee County” program](#)