



CATEGORY A — Economic Development Road Projects

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Per P.A. 231 of 1987 As Amended

- 1. The transportation improvement must relate to an immediate and non-speculative economic development project.**
- 2. A particular transportation need must be shown to exist in one of the following categories:** capacity, condition, safety, or accessibility.
- 3. The economic development project must create or retain permanent jobs.**
“Retained” jobs are those that are at risk of layoffs or transfers outside Michigan if the road improvement is not made.
- 4. The economic development project must increase the tax base of the local area if the project applicant is a local unit of government.**
- 5. Negotiations between an appropriate agency and developers shall be in progress regarding a location or retention decision.**
- 6. Non-transportation infrastructure and support services necessary to support the economic development project must be available, currently under way, or have been committed for fire protection, water, sewer, drainage, gas or electric services.**
- 7. The economic development project must relate to one of the following target industries:**
 - a.** *Agriculture or food processing;*
 - b.** *Tourism;*
 - c.** *Forestry;*
 - d.** *High-technology research;*
 - e.** *Manufacturing;*
 - f.** *Mining; or*
 - g.** *Office centers not less than 50,000 square feet with a commitment from tenants for at least 50 percent of the total square footage.*
 - h.** *Medical research or medical tourism facilities of not less than 50,000 square feet.*
- 8. Matching funds of at least 20 percent of the cost of the transportation improvements are required.**

Non-Category A funding for the transportation improvement must account for at least 20 percent of the eligible costs for the transportation investment. Construction costs related to the transportation project are eligible for funding. Engineering costs will be counted toward match requirements. Right-of-way acquisition costs will be considered for match credit only.

For further information, contact the Office of Economic Development at 517-335-1069 or go online to www.michigan.gov/tedf.