STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending 68 O.S. 2001, Section 3603, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 457, O.S.L. 2004 (68 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 3603), which relates to the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act; modifying definition; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 3603, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 457, O.S.L. 2004 (68 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 3603), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3603. A. As used in Section 3601 et seq. of this title:

1. a. "Basic industry" means:

(1) those manufacturing activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Sector Nos. 31, 32 and 33, Industry Group No. 5111 or Industry No. 11331,

(2) those electric power generation, transmission and distribution activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry Nos. 221111 through 221122, if:

(a) an establishment engaged therein qualifies as an exempt wholesale generator as defined by 15 U.S.C., Section 79z-5a,

(b) the exempt wholesale generator facility consumes from sources located within the state at least ninety percent (90%) of the

total energy used to produce the electrical output which qualifies for the specialized treatment provided by the Energy Policy Act of 1992, P.L. 102-486, 106 Stat. 2776, as amended, and federal regulations adopted pursuant thereto,

(c) the exempt wholesale generator facility sells to purchasers located outside the state for consumption in activities located outside the state at least ninety percent (90%) of the total electrical energy output which qualifies for the specialized treatment provided by the Energy Policy Act of 1992, P.L. 102-486, 106 Stat. 2776, as amended, and federal regulations adopted pursuant thereto, and

(d) the facility is constructed on or after July 1, 1996,

(3) those administrative and facilities support service activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group Nos. 5611 and 5612, Industry Nos. 51821, 52232, 56142 and 54191 or U.S. Industry Nos. 524291 and 551114,

(4) those professional, scientific and technical service activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry Nos. 541710 and 541380,

(5) warehouses which serve as distribution centers for retail or wholesale businesses, if forty percent (40%) of the inventory processed through such warehouse is shipped out-of-state,

(6) those adjustment and collection service activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry No. 561440, if seventy-five percent (75%) of the loans to be serviced were made by out-of-state debtors,

(7) (a) those air transportation activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 4811, if the following facilities are located in this state:

(i) the corporate headquarters of an establishment classified therein, and

(ii) a facility or facilities at which reservations for transportation provided by such an establishment are processed, whether such services are performed by employees of the establishment, by employees of a subsidiary of or other entity affiliated with the establishment or by employees of an entity with whom the establishment has contracted for the performance of such services; provided, this provision shall not disqualify an establishment which uses an out-of-state entity or employees for some reservations services, or

(b) those air transportation activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 4811, if an establishment classified therein has or will have within one (1) year sales of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of its total sales, as

determined by the Incentive Approval Committee pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of this section, to out-of-state customers or buyers, to in-state customers or buyers if the product or service is resold by the purchaser to an out-of-state customer or buyer for ultimate use, or to the federal government,

(8) the following, if an establishment classified therein has or will have within one (1) year sales of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of its total sales, as determined by the Incentive Approval Committee pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of this section, to out-of-state customers or buyers, to in-state customers or buyers if the product or service is resold by the purchaser to an out-of-state customer or buyer for ultimate use, or to the federal government:

(a) those transportation and warehousing activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Subsector No. 493, if not otherwise listed in this paragraph, Industry Subsector No. 484 and Industry Group Nos. 4884 through 4889,

(b) those passenger transportation activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Nos. 561510, 561520 and 561599,

(c) those freight or cargo transportation activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry No. 541614,

(d) those insurance activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 5241,

(e) those mailing, reproduction, commercial art and photography and stenographic service activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry Nos. 541430, 541860, 541922, 561439 and 561492,

(f) those services to dwellings and other buildings, as defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 5617, excluding U.S. Industry No. 561730,

(g) those equipment rental and leasing activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group Nos. 5323 and 5324,

(h) those employment services defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 5613,

(i) those information technology and other computer-related service activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group Nos. 5112, 5182, 5191 and 5415,

(j) those business support service activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry Nos. 561410 through 561439, Industry Group No. 5616 and Industry No. 51911,

(k) those medical and diagnostic laboratory activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 6215,

(l) those professional, scientific and technical service activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group Nos. 5412, 5414, 5415, 5416 and 5417 and Industry Nos. 54131, 54133, 54136, 54137 and 54182, if not otherwise listed in this paragraph,

(m) those communication service activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Nos. 51741 and 51791,

(n) those refuse systems activities defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 5622, provided that the establishment is primarily engaged in the capture and distribution of methane gas produced within a landfill,

(o) general wholesale distribution of groceries, defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group Nos. 4244 and 4245, ~~and~~

(p) those activities relating to processing of insurance claims, defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under U.S. Industry Nos. 524210 and 524292; provided, activities described in U.S. Industry Nos. 524210 and 524292 in the NAICS Manual other than processing of insurance claims shall not be included for purposes of this subdivision,

(q) those activities relating to educational services, defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Sector No. 61, and

(r) those activities relating to ambulatory health care services, hospitals and nursing and residential care facilities, defined or

classified in the NAICS Manual under Subsector Nos. 621, 622 and 623, or

(9) those activities related to extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry Group No. 2111, subject to the limitations provided in paragraph 2 of this subsection and paragraph 3 of subsection B of this section.

b. An establishment described in subparagraph a of this paragraph shall not be considered to be engaged in a basic industry unless it offers, or will offer within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date it receives the first incentive payment pursuant to the provisions of Section 3601 et seq. of this title, a basic health benefits plan to the individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state which is determined by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to consist of the following elements or elements substantially equivalent thereto:

(1) not less than fifty percent (50%) of the premium shall be paid by the employer,

(2) coverage for basic hospital care,

(3) coverage for physician care,

(4) coverage for mental health care,

(5) coverage for substance abuse treatment,

(6) coverage for prescription drugs, and

(7) coverage for prenatal care;

2. "New direct job" means full-time-equivalent employment in this state in an establishment which has qualified to receive an incentive payment pursuant to the provisions of Section 3601 et seq. of this title which employment did not exist in this state prior to the date of approval by the Department of the application of the

establishment pursuant to the provisions of Section 3604 of this title. "New direct job" shall include full-time-equivalent employment in this state of employees who are employed by an employment agency or similar entity other than the establishment which has qualified to receive an incentive payment and who are leased or otherwise provided under contract to the qualified establishment, if such job did not exist in this state prior to the date of approval by the Department of the application of the establishment. A job shall be deemed to exist in this state prior to approval of an application if the activities and functions for which the particular job exists have been ongoing at any time within six (6) months prior to such approval. With respect to establishments defined in division (9) of subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of this subsection, new direct jobs shall be limited to those jobs directly comprising the corporate headquarters of or directly relating to administrative, financial, engineering, surveying, geological or geophysical services performed by the establishment. Under no circumstances shall employment relating to drilling or field services be considered new direct jobs;

3. "Estimated direct state benefits" means the tax revenues projected by the Department to accrue to the state as a result of new direct jobs;

4. "Estimated direct state costs" means the costs projected by the Department to accrue to the state as a result of new direct jobs. Such costs shall include, but not be limited to:

a. the costs of education of new state resident children,

b. the costs of public health, public safety and transportation services to be provided to new state residents,

c. the costs of other state services to be provided to new state residents, and

d. the costs of other state services;

5. "Estimated net direct state benefits" means the estimated direct state benefits less the estimated direct state costs;

6. "Net benefit rate" means the estimated net direct state benefits computed as a percentage of gross payroll; provided:

a. except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the net benefit rate may be variable and shall not exceed five percent (5%),

b. the net benefit rate shall not exceed six percent (6%) in connection with an establishment which is owned and operated by an entity which has been awarded a United States Department of Defense contract for which:

(1) bids were solicited and accepted by the United States Department of Defense from facilities located outside this state,

(2) the term is or is renewable for not less than twenty (20) years, and

(3) the average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Oklahoma income taxes, for new direct jobs created as a direct result of the awarding of the contract is projected by the Department of Commerce to equal or exceed Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000.00) within three (3) years of the date of the first incentive payment,

c. except as otherwise provided in subparagraph d of this paragraph, in no event shall incentive payments, cumulatively, exceed the estimated net direct state benefits, and

d. the net benefit rate shall be five percent (5%) for an establishment locating:

(1) in an opportunity zone located in a high-employment county, as such terms are defined in subsection G of Section 3604 of this title, or

(2) in a county in which:

(a) the per capita personal income, as determined by the Department, is eighty percent (80%) or less of the statewide average per capita personal income,

(b) the population has decreased over the previous ten (10) years, as determined by the State Data Center based on the most recent U.S. Department of Commerce data, or

(c) the unemployment rate exceeds the lesser of five percent (5%) or two percentage points above the state average unemployment rate as certified by the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission;

7. "Gross payroll" means wages, as defined in Section 2385.1 of this title for new direct jobs;

8. a. "Establishment" means any business or governmental entity, no matter what legal form, including, but not limited to, a sole proprietorship; partnership; limited liability company; corporation or combination of corporations which have a central parent corporation which makes corporate management decisions such as those involving consolidation, acquisition, merger or expansion; federal agency; political subdivision of the State of Oklahoma; or trust authority; provided, distinct, identifiable subunits of such entities may be determined to be an establishment, for all purposes of Section 3601 et seq. of this title, by the Department subject to the following conditions:

(1) the entity must have a minimum payroll of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars

($2,500,000.00) and the subunit must also have or will have a minimum payroll of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($2,500,000.00),

(2) the subunit is engaged in an activity or service or produces a product which is demonstratively independent and separate from the entity's other activities, services or products and could be conducted or produced in the absence of any other activity, service or production of the entity,

(3) has an accounting system capable of tracking or facilitating an audit of the subunit's payroll, expenses, revenue and production. Limited interunit overlap of administrative and purchasing functions shall not disqualify a subunit from consideration as an establishment by the Department,

(4) the entity has not previously had a subunit determined to be an establishment pursuant to this section; provided, the restriction set forth in this division shall not apply to subunits which qualify pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph b of paragraph 6 of this subsection, and

(5) it is determined by the Department that the entity will have a probable net gain in total employment within the incentive period.

b. The Department may promulgate rules to further limit the circumstances under which a subunit may be considered an establishment. The Department shall promulgate rules to determine whether a subunit of an entity achieves a net gain in total employment. The Department shall establish criteria for determining

the period of time within which such gain must be demonstrated and a method for determining net gain in total employment;

9. "NAICS Manual" means any manual, book or other publication containing the North American Industry Classification System, United States, 1997, promulgated by the Office of Management and Budget of the United States of America, or the latest revised edition;

10. "SIC Manual" means the 1987 revision to the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, promulgated by the Office of Management and Budget of the United States of America; and

11. "Start date" means the date on which an establishment may begin accruing benefits for the creation of new direct jobs, which date shall be determined by the Department.

B. The Incentive Approval Committee is hereby created and shall consist of the Director of State Finance, the Director of the Department and one member of the Oklahoma Tax Commission appointed by the Tax Commission. It shall be the duty of the Committee to determine:

1. Upon initial application on a form approved by the Committee, if an establishment is engaged in a basic industry as defined in subdivision (b) of division (7) or in subdivisions (a) through (p) of division (8) of subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section or as otherwise provided by subsection C of this section;

2. If an establishment would have been defined as a "basic industry" prior to the amendments to this section to convert from SIC Codes to NAICS Codes. If the Committee so determines, the establishment shall be considered as a "basic industry" for purposes of the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act; and

3. If employees of an establishment as defined in division (9) of subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section

meet the requirements to be considered employed in new direct jobs as specified in paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section.

C. For an establishment defined as a "basic industry" pursuant to division (4) of subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section, the Incentive Approval Committee shall consist of the members provided by subsection B of this section and the President of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

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