

Mass Leads Act Boosts Massachusetts' Economic Leadership

Details of New Legislation

On November 20, 2024, Governor Healey signed the Mass Leads Act (H.5100), a comprehensive economic development bill authorizing nearly \$4 billion in spending, including the introduction of new tax incentives. These new and enhanced incentives are intended to position Massachusetts as a leader in both established and emerging industries, such as life sciences, climatetech, and artificial intelligence.

Life Sciences Initiative

- Reauthorizes \$500M to MA Life Sciences Center to promote multi-institution, cross-sector collaboration for health equity, research & development, and capital initiatives.
- Raises the Life Sciences Tax Incentive cap from \$30M to \$50M and extends it to 2033.
- Allocates \$150M for workforce training, internships, grants, early-stage company loans; and expands the Pathmaker program for in-demand job training, with \$10M included in the FY25 budget.

Climatetech Initiative

- Allocates \$400 million to MassCEC over 10 years, with \$200 million for the Clean Energy Investments Fund to support climatetech R&D, innovation, manufacturing, and \$200 million to advance offshore wind development.
- Authorizes \$300 million for new tax incentives, including a Climatetech Tax Incentive Program with a \$30 million cap as well as extending the \$35 million per year Offshore Wind Tax Credit.
- Allocates \$300 million for annual operating support over 10 years, funding workforce development, internships, strategic partnerships, and complementary initiatives.

Other Initiatives

- \$100M for the Applied AI Hub: Grants to integrate AI across the state, guided by the AI Strategic Task Force.
- \$25M for the Business Builds Capital Program: Grants to support business improvements such as energy efficiency through the Business Front Door initiative.

Economic Development Incentive Program (EDIP) Updates

- Eliminates the \$5 million annual cap on refundable credits, removes the cap on the percentage of a company's tax liability for the EDIP credit, and reduces reporting requirements for recipients.

Recommended Action

The Mass Leads Act offers powerful economic incentives that can significantly benefit businesses across Massachusetts. With expanded tax credits, capital investments, and support for key sectors, this Legislation opens new opportunities for companies looking to grow and innovate.

The incentives experts at Atlas Insight are here to help determine if your project might qualify for these incentives.

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