

# EDGE

FOR STARTUPS



Illinois  
Department of Commerce  
& Economic Opportunity  
J.B. Pritzker, Governor

## WHAT IS EDGE?

The Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE) is a tax credit incentive program designed to encourage businesses to invest, create, and retain jobs in Illinois.



### KEY BENEFITS

- A credit for withholding taxes
- New hires: Save 50%\*
- Current staff: Save 25%\*
- A credit for 10% on new employee training costs



### WHO'S ELIGIBLE

- Incorporated 10 years ago or less
- Not yet turning a profit
- Ready to hire and grow



### WHAT'S REQUIRED

- Complete application
- Create new jobs and investment
- One-time audit: validate job & investment goals

## INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?



Schedule an info call with the  
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\*Underserved Areas\* - For underserved areas, save 75% on new hires and 50% on retained jobs. Confirm underserved areas [here](#).