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Business & Incentives Update:

Michigan

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Michigan may Shake up Job Creation Qualifications

Fiscal Year 2016 for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) saw economic development agreements spur private investment of just over \$4 billion while supporting the creation of up to 12,195 jobs across the state. Additionally, the MEDC incentivized jobs paid a higher wage than non-incentivized jobs in 7 of the 10 Michigan regions. For example, the Detroit Metro regional wage was \$27.07, while the MEDC wage for that region was 19.3 percent higher, at \$32.30.

Looking to 2017, the MEDC vision is to push Michigan into the top 10 list for low unemployment, GDP growth, per capita income, and talent retention and growth. Michigan Legislators are looking to craft an economic boost to help achieve those goals. Senate Bill 40 passed the Senate on Feb. 9 by a 24 to 13 vote. Bill 40 would allow out-of-state residents employed by Michigan businesses to count as “qualified new job(s)” as required when entering into an agreement with the MEDC. If passed, what will this mean for hiring and investment in Michigan? Will it truly help the state compete?

Who's Growing in Michigan?

Vickers Engineering Inc.

Vickers Engineering Inc. awarded \$160,000 for expansion project in New Troy. The precision machining and prototyping company will add 53 jobs and invest \$5.1 million in new equipment and facility upgrades.

Cosworth

Cosworth awarded a \$2.1 million incentive package for expansion into Shelby Township.

The company will invest \$30 million and create at least 50 jobs.

Mophie, LLC

Mophie, LLC awarded \$375,000 grant for Kalamazoo project building rehabilitation.

The company will invest up to \$685,000 and create 65 new jobs.

Are You or Your Clients:

- Expanding or hiring?
- Relocating?
- Buying, leasing or building?
- Purchasing equipment?
- Investing in training?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, call or email us today!



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Our Take on Michigan's Incentives

With 2016 in the books, the MEDC is working with businesses and law makers to help improve the Wolverine state's economic footing. With Senate Bill 40 potentially providing an expanded economic development tool, Michigan is looking for ways to set their job creation plan apart from the pack. If you are not considering the financial support the MEDC can bring to your project, then you may be missing out on a significant driver for site selection. For growing companies, understanding the many different available programs in Michigan and beyond and managing the incentive negotiation and site selection processes are all critical to driving value.

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