The Database of Economic Incentives (the Database) is published by Empire State Development (ESD), the State of New York's chief economic development agency, and provides a dynamic, user-friendly, searchable database of economic development projects that receive ESD assistance. The Database modernizes the information available on ESD-supported projects, as well as increases transparency into the State's economic development efforts.

The Database adds to ESD's robust online library of publicly available reports, and consolidates project information into one accessible format. The Database includes information for ESD projects that have an Approval Date on or after January 1, 2018, and are still "Active." Active projects include those that are still ongoing and have not fully disbursed all project funds.

After its initial launch, it is anticipated that the Database will be updated quarterly. As projects are completed, they will be migrated from the active Database to a corresponding historical archive as a companion dataset.

Using the Database of Economic Incentives

The Database is intended to provide the public with additional insight and increase the user experience of engaging with ESD's portfolio of projects. Below are several resources that ESD is providing to help users understand and interpret this data:

- Data Dictionary: Projects are compiled across various ESD programs, and as such, there are program-by-program nuances in the data to remain mindful of when engaging with the data. There are oftentimes programmatic, and sometimes statutorily required differences in certain data definitions from one program to another. To highlight these nuances, ESD provides a Data Dictionary, which articulates definitions across various programs. For example, please see the Data Dictionary for details related to how the term "job" has different definitions across programs.
- Data Snapshot: To provide summary statistics for frequently asked data points, ESD also provides the Database of Economic Incentives Data Snapshot. Please refer to this summary for the latest official accounting of the summary statistics of projects in the Database.
- FAQ: Please see ESD's Database FAQ for additional detail on the most commonly asked questions regarding the Database.
- Metadata Summary: A Metadata Summary is available to help explain nuances underpinning the project-by-project data housed within the Database.
- Webinar: For additional context on the projects in the Database, please review the Database of Economic Incentives Introduction and User Orientation Webinar.

About Empire State Development

Empire State Development (ESD) is the State of New York's chief economic development agency. The mission of ESD is to promote a vigorous and growing state economy, encourage business investment and job creation, and support diverse, prosperous local economies across New York State through the efficient use of loans, grants, tax credits, real estate development, marketing, and other forms of assistance.