

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION FOR QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BOND DESIGNATION

1. Enter the District name and RCDT number.
2. Enter the name of a person to contact in the event clarification or additional information is needed.
3. Enter the name of the county in which the district is located.
4. Enter the address of the school district.
5. Enter the phone number of the contact person.
6. Enter the Fax number of the contact person.
7. Enter the name and address of the school or program designated as a Qualified Zone Academy by the district board of education and attach a copy of the 'comprehensive educational plan' for the Academy.

To be designated a Qualified Zone Academy:

- a) The school or academic program must be designed in cooperation with business to enhance the academic curriculum, increase graduation and employment rates, and better prepare students for the rigors of college and the increasingly complex workforce.
- b) Students in such public school or program will be subject to the same academic standards and assessments as other students educated by the district
- c) The comprehensive education plan of the school or program is approved by the district.
- d) The school or program is located in an empowerment zone or enterprise community, or there is a reasonable expectation that at least 35% of the students attending the school or program will be eligible for free or reduced-cost lunches under the school lunch program established under the National School Lunch Act.

The comprehensive Educational plan is specific to the Qualified Zone Academy and will describe how the Academy will utilize the QZAB bonding authority to meet the one or more of the following goals:

- Enhance the academic curriculum
- Increase graduation and employment rates
- Prepare students for college and the workforce.

8. Enter the name of the empowerment zone or enterprise community
9. (9a), or the number of academy students expected to be eligible for free or reduced-cost lunches (9b) and the number of students enrolled in the academy.
10. Enter the amount of bonds desired to be designated as Qualified Zone Academy Bonds.
11. Enter the amount of 'private business contributions' secured in support of the above named academy, and attach letters of commitment from private business contributors. NOTE: Private business contributions must equal at least 10% of the amount of bonds to be designated as Qualified Zone Academy Bonds. Qualifying private business contributions means any contribution- of a type and quality acceptable to the eligible local education agency of:
  - a) Equipment for use in the qualified zone academy (including state-of-the-art technology and vocational equipment).

b) Technical assistance in developing curriculum or in training teachers in order to promote appropriate market driven technology in the classroom.

c) Services of employees as volunteer mentors.

d.) Internships, field trips, or other educational opportunities outside the academy for students.

e) Any other property or service specified by the eligible local education agency.

12. Planned use of the QZAB bond proceeds (Please check all that apply)

13. Provide a short description of the project in the area provided. Include supplemental documents with more details of the planned project with the submission of the application to ISBE

14. Enter the name of the Board of Education certifying the application. The Secretary or President of the Board of Education must sign and date the application.

**For further guidance call School business services: 217-785-8779**