

<p>Program Summary</p>	<p>The Linked Deposit Program (LDP) is an interest rate subsidy program that was developed in 1993 to encourage and assist eligible businesses within the state to make investments and undertake projects that will contribute to improving their performance and competitiveness, leading to a stronger economic climate for New York State. LDP is a very successful economic development tool. In 2011 LDP processed 302 applications and approved 261 loans totaling \$79.7 million. LDP maintains its 5-day turnaround on applications. NYS has \$560 million committed to this program. As of December 31, 2011, there is over \$241 million available to fund new projects.</p>
<p>Recent Legislative Changes</p>	<p>Effective April 2012: Agricultural Firms (as defined in subdivision two, section 301, Ag & Markets Law) that employ 500 or fewer full-time, NYS-based employees, now qualify for the 3% rate reduction if they are undertaking projects that will expand or improve agricultural operations and create or retain full-time permanent jobs within New York State.</p> <p>Effective April 2011: (1) The LDP lifetime maximum allowance per eligible business increased from \$1 million to <u>\$2 million</u>. (2) Borrowers can now apply for a <u>four-year renewal/extension</u> on an existing LDP loan, thereby increasing the total term of assistance on certain loans to eight years. For questions or to obtain a renewal form, contact Dolores O'Connor at 518-292-5261.</p>
<p><u>NEW</u></p> <p>LDP PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS</p>	<p>Attention: ESD is proud to announce enhancements to LDP's Policy Limits – Effective immediately, an eligible business can now have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An unlimited number of LDP loans outstanding (prior limit was three loans). ▪ A total amount of \$1.5 million in outstanding deposits (prior limit was \$1 million). ▪ Each single deposit cannot exceed \$1 million (increase from the previous limit of \$500K). There is no minimum deposit amount. <p>The total lifetime assistance (including renewals and prior deposits) cannot exceed the legislated lifetime maximum of \$2 million.</p>
<p>Application Eligibility</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Borrower must be an existing NYS business (manufacturer employing 500 or fewer or service company employing 100 or fewer) and must be undertaking an expansion project that will improve its competitiveness. LDP cannot assist startups or companies that are not currently headquartered in NYS. 2. Professional and personal service businesses and retail companies are not eligible for LDP assistance UNLESS they employ 100 or fewer

	<p>AND are located in a highly distressed census tract, federal empowerment zone, or enterprise or renewal community, OR they are a zone-certified business employing 100 or fewer and undertaking a project that will create/retain jobs at a certified Empire Zone location.</p> <p>3. A Borrower cannot already be fully committed to the project prior to applying for and receiving LDP approval.</p> <p>4. The Borrower must demonstrate a need for LDP assistance.</p>
<p>Information Online</p>	<p>LDP materials are available online:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LDP application ▪ Q&A paper ▪ List of Participating Lenders ▪ LDP Annual Report. ▪ To download or print these documents insert the following in your browser: <p>http://www.esd.ny.gov/BusinessPrograms/LinkedDeposit.html</p>
<p>Contact Information</p>	<p>Dolores O'Connor (518) 292-5261 linkeddeposit@esd.ny.gov</p>

This is an overview of the program, and does not include all requirements and details.