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City Council Adopts Advanced Manufacturing Incentive Policy, Opens Applications for Advanced Manufacturing District

EL PASO, Texas—The El Paso City Council has adopted the Advanced Manufacturing Incentive Policy, enabling the City to move forward with development of the Advanced Manufacturing District (AMD) and officially open applications for manufacturers seeking to locate, expand, or compete in aerospace, defense, and advanced manufacturing industries.

“With this action, City Council is putting the structure in place to grow high-quality jobs and strengthen El Paso’s role in advanced manufacturing and defense,” said Mayor Renard U. Johnson. “We are building a clear path for companies to invest here, expand here, and create opportunity for our community.”

With the policy now in place, the City is accepting applications for:

- Leasing and performance-based incentives within the Advanced Manufacturing District (AMD)
- The Defense Industrial Base Business Readiness (DIBBs) Incentive

The policy establishes a performance-based framework to attract private investment, support quality job creation, and ensure measurable economic impact.

“Today’s action allows us to actively build the Advanced Manufacturing District while opening the door for companies ready to grow in El Paso,” said Karina Brasgalla, Director of Economic and International Development. “This initiative strengthens our local supply chain, supports high-quality jobs, and positions El Paso to compete for advanced manufacturing and defense opportunities.”

Moving the Advanced Manufacturing District Forward

Located at El Paso International Airport, the Advanced Manufacturing District is a development-ready industrial area designed to attract manufacturers with strong potential for job creation, capital investment, and participation in aerospace and defense supply chains.

City Council action allows the project to continue moving forward, including construction of the first multi-tenant facility and supporting infrastructure, while the City begins accepting applications from prospective tenants.

Companies will be evaluated using a data-driven process that considers economic impact, wages, job creation, supply chain benefits, and long-term growth potential.

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Supporting Defense Readiness for Local Manufacturers

The City is also opening applications for the DIBBs Incentive, which helps El Paso manufacturers prepare to compete for U.S. Department of Defense contracts by supporting key readiness milestones such as:

- SAM.gov registration and CAGE code
- ISO 9001 or AS9100 certification
- Submission of a defense-related bid

Eligible companies may receive up to \$10,000, with an additional \$2,500 early-adoption bonus available for certifications completed by December 31, 2026.

APPLY TODAY

Advanced Manufacturing District

<https://elpasoeid.com/key-industries/advanced-manufacturing>

DIBBs Readiness Incentive

[\[City of El Paso\] Defense Readiness Incentive Application Form](#)

All incentives are performance-based and subject to funding availability.

For more information, contact the City of El Paso Economic & International Development Department at ED@elpasotexas.gov.

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