Making the Case: Best Practices for Cost-Benefit Analysis

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Cost-Benefit Analysis

Do the fiscal benefits of a project outweigh the incentives being offered?

Project Costs

- Net property tax loss (if applicable)
- Sales tax exemption
- Mortgage recording tax exemption

Project Benefits

- Net property tax benefit (if applicable)
- New sales tax revenue
- New jobs/employee wages



Cost-Benefit Analysis

Benefit to Cost Ratio

Estimated Public Costs of Project	
Property Tax Exemption (otherwise applicable taxes)	\$80,000,000
Sales Tax Exemption	\$25,000,000
Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption	\$5,000,000
Total Costs	\$110,000,000
Estimated Public Benefits of Project	
PILOT Revenue	\$90,000,000
New Sales Tax Revenue	\$30,000,000
New Income Tax Revenue	\$30,000,000
Total Benefits	\$150,000,000
Ratio	1.4



Additional Metrics for Decision Making



New jobs created



Alignment with community plans



Housing: units built, affordable units



Revitalization: downtown corridors, distressed areas



Equity



Best Practices for a Cost-Benefit Analysis

Ask the right questions in your applications

Define and measure "net new" activity

Clearly communicate results

Follow a standardized process



Cost-benefit analyses can also be used to measure the:







Cumulative impact of all projects

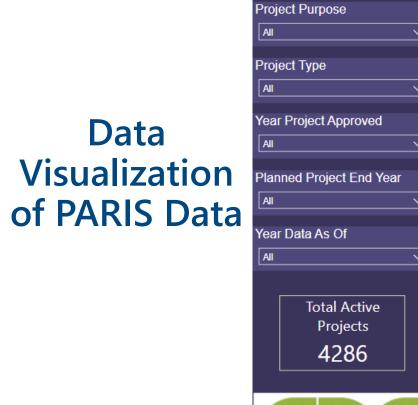
Impact of an industry

Impact of a program



New York State Economic Development Council IDA Impact Dashboard





Region

All

IDA

All



Economic Benefits of

NEWYORKSTATE

Economic Development Counci

Powered by data from the Office of the

New York State Comptroller.

10 National (Intercounty)

10 River Street, LLC

100 Pike Plaza

\$41.1K 229K Estimated Jobs Retained Avg. Salary of Jobs Retained **Projects** \$64.4K 281K

Estimated Jobs Created

FTE Construction Jobs Created

35K

Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency

Port Jervis Industrial Development Agency

Avg. Salary of Jobs Created

Troy Industrial Development Authority

\$105.5bn

Straight Lease

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Wholesale Trade

Construction

Retail Trade

Total Project Amount

\$1.34bn New Revenue for Local Governments Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption \$26,665,908

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Friday, June 16, 2017

Saturday, March 1, 2014

Sales Tax Exemption \$169,525,103

Property Tax Exemption

\$1,256,902,928

Thank You!

