**Federal Facility Program**

*FY 2016 QZAB Application*

**State of Maine**

*Department of Education*

*Division of School Facilities*



Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) Application

#### Applicant Information

School Administrative Unit: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Location of Proposed Academy***

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby certify that the Qualified Zone Academy Bond information submitted is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. The QZAB allocated by the State will be used for eligible expenditures as specified under Federal law.

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Superintendent’s Signature Date

For more information contact: **RETURN HARD COPY BY**

Ann Pinnette (207) 624-6885 **5:00 p.m. OCTOBER 15, 2015 TO:**

 Department of Education

 Division of School Facilities - QZAB

 23 State House Station

 Augusta, ME 04333-0023

*Fax or email submissions will not be accepted.*

**CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES IN EACH SECTION**

##### Section 1 – Proof of Eligibility

The school is eligible to participate in the QZAB program by virtue of:

[ ]  Composition of Student Body. There is a reasonable expectation that, as of the date of issuance of the bonds, at least 35% of the students attending the school will be eligible for free or reduced-cost lunches under the National School Lunch Act.

 **List percentage eligible: \_\_\_\_\_\_.**

##### Section 2 – Assurance of Private Business Contribution

The eligible school must receive a written commitment from one or more private entities for qualified contributions having a value, as of the date of the issuance, of at least 10% of the proceeds of the bond issue. The written assurances should be on the contributor’s letterhead, indicate that the contributions are in support of a QZAB program, indicate the amount and type of contribution, and indicate the anticipated contribution date. The contributions may include:

* Cash
* Equipment for use in the qualified zone academy
* Technical assistance in developing curriculum or training teachers
* Volunteer mentoring
* Internships, field trips or other educational opportunities outside the academy
* Other property or service

**Attach a copy of the signed commitment letter(s)**

[ ]  A copy of the signed commitment letter(s) is attached

##### Section 3 – Program Intent

The 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.

Students in the academy must be subject to the same academic standards and assessments as other students educated by the local school district.

The education plan of the academy must be approved by the local school district.

**Attach a written description of the new academy which will be established** including purpose and goals, target student population, curriculum enhancement and partnership with business.

[ ]  A written description of the academy is attached.

##### Section 4 – Use of Bond Proceeds

The proceeds of the QZABs will be used for (check all that apply):

[ ]  Rehabilitating or repairing the public school facility in which the academy is established

[ ]  Providing equipment for use at the academy

[ ]  Developing course materials

[ ]  Training teachers and other school personnel

**Attach a description of the project, a proposed budget and a project schedule including start and completion dates.**

[ ]  The project description, budget and schedule are attached.

##### Section 5 – Compliance with Expenditure Requirements

QZAB bonds are subject to specific Internal Revenue Service requirements.

The school district reasonably expects (check all that apply):

[ ]  To incur, within 6 months of bond issuance, a binding commitment with a third party to spend at least 10% of the available proceeds

[ ]  To spend 100% of the available proceeds within the 3 year period beginning on the date of issuance

##### Section 6 – Application of Davis Bacon Act of 1931

 “Prevailing wage” requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act will be met by the project financed through QZABs.

[ ]  The school unit assures compliance with the Davis-Bacon provisions.

##### Section 7 – Prohibition on Financial Conflicts of Interest

The issuer must certify that applicable State and local law requirements governing conflicts of interest are satisfied with respect to this issue. The issuer must also certify that if any additional conflict of interest rules are imposed by IRS regulation, such additional rules will be satisfied with respect to the QZAB issue.

[ ]  The school unit assures compliance with the prohibition on financial conflicts of interest.

##### Section 8 – Bond Counsel

Please indicate the name of your bond counsel: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

##### Section 9 – QZAB Request

Amount of QZAB authority requested $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If approved, estimated date of bond issuance \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Project Start Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Project End Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***QZABs must be issued by December 31, 2016.***

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Eligibility requirement: FRL\_\_\_\_\_

Commitment letter\_\_\_\_\_

Academy plan\_\_\_\_\_

Use of proceeds \_\_\_\_\_

Project budget and schedule\_\_\_\_\_

Expenditure requirements\_\_\_\_\_

Davis-Bacon Requirements\_\_\_\_\_

Conflict of Interest Requirements\_\_\_\_\_

Allocation $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date approved \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_