

Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) Tax Credit Programs

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Qualified Zone Academy Bond

- QZABs are tax credits for school modernization, renovation, and repair of school facilities
- Any public school that is an Education Zone Academy qualifies under the program
- The Qualified Zone Academy Bond has been reauthorized for:
 - \$44,364,000 in 2008
 - \$155,275,000 for 2009
 - Total authorization for 2010 is \$1.4 billion California will be notified of the authorization for 2010 at a later date
- Federal guidance can be found at <u>http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=206044,00.html</u>



Qualified Zone Academy Bond

- The application are available as of June 1, 2009. <u>http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa/qz/</u>
- Stakeholder Meeting May 7, 2009
- Maximum bond authorization for each academy is \$5 million
- District cap for authorization is \$30 million
- Davis Bacon Act prevailing wage rules apply to all projects



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- The bond proceeds must be spent within three years
- 15 days after issuance, IRS form 8038 submitted to CDE
- At conclusion of project, completion report submitted to CDE (Completion report will be developed by CDE)



Qualified School Construction Bond (QCSB) Overview

- A new form of tax-credit bonds created by ARRA
- QSCB defined as:
 - 100 percent of proceeds used for
 - Construction, renovation or repair of public school facility
 - Acquisition of land and purchase of equipment for facility to be constructed by QCSB
 - Issued by state or local government
 - States may directly issue bonds on behalf of local eligible schools
- US Department of Treasury issued initial guidance and allocations on April 3, 2009
- US Department of Education issued letter on May 29, 2009



Qualified School Construction Bond Tax-Credit Authorization

Total national authorization for 2009 and 2010
is \$22 billion

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- 2009 authorization for California is \$1,355,491,000
- 40% or \$581,966,000 has been allocated to eleven large California school districts

Bakersfield City Elem. Compton Unified Fresno Unified Long Beach Unified Los Angeles Unified Oakland Unified Sacramento City Unified San Bernardino City Unified San Diego City Unified Santa Ana Unified Stockton City Unified TOTAL

\$15,720,000 \$18,559,000 \$41,398,000 \$37,905,000 \$318,816,000 \$26,\$26,000

\$27,790,000

\$19,269,000 \$1**\$5,65,59,66,0**000

• The remaining 60% or \$773,525,000 will be authorized through the State of California, Department of Education



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Stakeholder Meeting Parameters Discussed Include:

- Set aside for State Treasurer's Office
- Proposed State Allocation Method
- Caps Per LEA
- Application Period
- Top 11 District Status for Program
- Timeline for Applying
- Returned / Lapsed Credits
- Accountability
 - IRS 8038
 - Completion Report



Next Steps

- Governmental agencies to meet week of June 22, 2009
- Program parameters to be posted
- Accept Applications beginning July 15, 2009



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