

ECIDA
EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION
PROGRAM

Introduction

The ECIDA hereby adopts a written protocol for determining employee compensation including eligibility criteria for bonus compensation. The compensation program includes employee base compensation, COLA, bonus, and related fringe benefit costs (collectively, the “Employee Compensation Program”).

Employee Compensation Program Procedures

A preliminary budget for employee compensation, including base compensation and any recommended salary adjustments, together with fringe benefits, COLA and bonus compensation shall be established annually by the Management Team or CEO, as applicable. Base compensation and salary adjustments shall be determined after taking into consideration the existing compensation ranges and fringe benefit programs and appropriate economic, geographic, and competitive salary ranges and fringe benefits for comparable positions in the region and with respect to New York State IDA’s in particular. The Management Team or CEO, as applicable, will also consider the experience of the individual, the ECIDA’s budget constraints, and other appropriate discretionary factors in establishing the individual base compensation will be considered.

The preliminary budget shall then be submitted to the Audit Committee and Board of Directors for approval in advance of each calendar year. This procedure is consistent with past practice and will continue to be followed.

Performance Evaluation for Bonus Award

The ECIDA has adopted Performance Evaluation procedures for each position with certain benchmarks for performance. Eligibility for bonus compensation will be determined on the basis of meeting a minimum threshold rating set forth below based on the specific Performance Evaluation Benchmarks designed for the particular position or employee’s measurable objectives for strategic goals. The Performance Evaluation Benchmarks for each employee’s position will be established in advance of each year.

Performance Evaluation Ratings:



If an employee of the ECIDA achieves an overall rating in the range of “Unacceptable” or “Needs Improvement” then the employee will not be eligible for any bonus compensation.

If an employee of the ECIDA achieves an overall rating of “Fully Satisfactory” then the employee will be eligible for bonus compensation up to 3% of that employee’s base salary.

If an employee of the ECIDA achieves an overall rating of “Excellent” then the employee will be eligible for bonus compensation up to 6% of that employee’s base salary.

If an employee of the ECIDA achieves an overall rating of “Outstanding” then the employee will be eligible for bonus compensation up to 9% of that employee’s base salary.

Bonus Award Determination

An award of bonus compensation is subject to an overall determination by the Management Team or CEO, as applicable, of determining that a minimum eligibility rating has been achieved and, in consultation with the Chair of the ECIDA Board of Directors, determining whether the overall profitability and economics of the ECIDA are at appropriate levels for expending the additional compensation earned, together with the ECIDA achieving its overall performance goals.

As an inducement to continued and faithful service to the ECIDA, only an employee who has been employed for the entire Plan Year will be eligible for the bonus award earned. At the discretion of the Management Team or CEO, as applicable, an employee who has not completed a full Plan Year may be eligible for a pro rated bonus based on the employee’s hire date. An employee must be an active employee as of the date of the award’s approval and distribution to receive the bonus.

Effective Date

The effective date for the Employee Compensation Program is the date of its adoption by the ECIDA Board of Directors. The first Plan year will be based on the period June 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007, and each succeeding calendar year thereafter (the “Plan Year”).

Amendment

This Plan may be modified or terminated as the Board of Directors may determine.