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**RESOLUTION NO. 12, 2010**

A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute, Indiana, Designating an Area Within the City of Terre Haute, Indiana, commonly identified as 1800 and 3181 North Fruitridge Avenue, as an Economic Revitalization Area for the Purposes of Real Property Tax Abatement.

WHEREAS, a petition for ten (10) year real property tax abatement has been filed with the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute requesting that the real property described therein on Exhibit A be designated an Economic Revitalization Area for purposes of real property tax abatement; and

WHEREAS, the petitioner, Sony DADC US, Inc., formerly known as Sony Digital Audio Disc Corporation, has submitted a Statement of Benefits and provided all information and documentation necessary for the Common Council to make an informed decision, said information including a description of the real property which is commonly known as 1800 and 3181 North Fruitridge Avenue, and more particularly described as follows:

(See attached Exhibit "A")

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute is authorized under the provisions of I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-1 et seq., to designate areas of the City as Economic Revitalization Areas for the purpose of tax abatement; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute has considered the Petition and Statement of Benefits and has conducted a complete and proper investigation of the subject property and neighborhood to determine that the area qualifies as an Economic Revitalization Area under Indiana statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has found the subject property to be an area which is within the corporate limits of the City of Terre Haute which has become undesirable for, or impossible of, normal development and occupancy because of a lack of development, cessation of growth, deterioration of improvements or character of occupancy, age, obsolescence, substandard buildings, or other factors which have impaired values or prevent a normal development of property or use of property; and

WHEREAS, the petitioner estimates the investment to be made on the subject site will continue to provide the opportunity to retain 1200 jobs with an annual payroll of \$56,846,658, and have an estimated value of \$700,000 for internal remodeling of current buildings for Blu-Ray product line to meet market demand.

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute has found the request for the Real Property Tax Abatement to satisfy the requirements of Special Ordinance 11, 1997, as amended by Special Ordinance 43, 2000.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS FOUND, DETERMINED AND RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute that:

1. The petitioner's estimate of the number of individuals who will be retained can reasonably be expected to continue from the proposed renovation.
2. The totality of the benefits of the proposed renovation is sufficient to justify a ten year real property tax deduction from assessed valuation to result therefrom under Indiana statutes, and each such deduction should be, and is hereby, allowed.
3. The real property is located within an Economic Development Target Area as required pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1-3 and 6-1.1-12.1-7.
4. That the petition for designating the subject property as an Economic Revitalization Area for the purposes of ten year real property tax abatement and the Statement of Benefits are hereby approved, and the property is hereby designated as an Economic Revitalization Area pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-1 et seq.

Presented by:



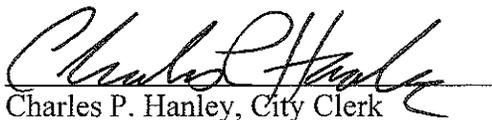
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Passed in open Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.



Neil Garrison, President  
Common Council of Terre  
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ATTEST:

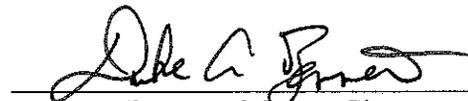


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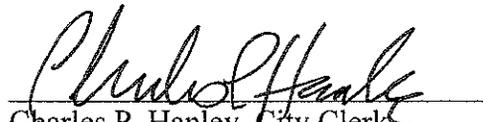
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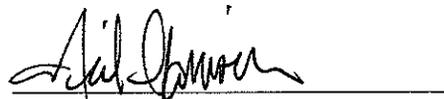
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of Terre Haute

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PUBLIC HEARING held this 15 day of April, 2010.

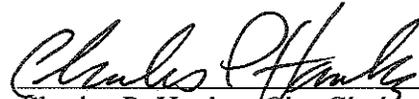
  
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This instrument was prepared by Richard J. Shagley, WRIGHT, SHAGLEY & LOWERY, P.C.,  
500 Ohio Street, Terre Haute, IN 47807, (812) 232-3388.

ATTEST:

  
Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor this 14<sup>th</sup> day of a May, 2010.

  
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**EXHIBIT A**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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**FINAL ACTION BY COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA REGARDING  
RESOLUTION NO. 12, 2010**

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute, adopted Resolution No. 12, 2010 on the 15th day of April, 2010, and pursuant to Indiana Law has published notice of the adoption and substance of said Resolution, including a description of the effected area and notice that a description of the effected area is available for inspection in the office of the County Assessor and further stating a date which the Common Council would receive and hear remonstrances and objections; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has conducted the hearing as required by law and has received no remonstrances or objections to designation of the effected area as an Economic Revitalization Area or to approval of the Statement of Benefits; and

WHEREAS, said matter is before the Common Council for final action pursuant to Indiana law; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has received and examined, prior to said hearing, (i) a statement of benefits on the form prescribed by the State Board of Tax Commissioners and proper application for designation; (ii) an Agreement with the Board of Public Works for the City of Terre Haute; and (iii) has heard all appropriate evidence concerning the proposed project and is found and does find:

1. That the area has become undesirable for, or impossible of, normal development and occupancy because of a lack of development, cessation of growth, deterioration of improvements or character of occupancy, age, obsolescence, substandard buildings, or other factors which have impaired values or prevent a normal development of property or use of property.
2. That the estimate of individuals whose employment will be retained as a result of the proposed renovation can reasonably be expected to continue.
3. That the benefits described can reasonably be expected to continue from the proposed renovation.
4. That the totality of benefits is sufficient to justify the deduction.
5. That the real property is located within an Economic Development Target Area as required by Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1-3 and 6-1.1-12.1-7 for the type of facility proposed by Petitioner.
6. All qualifications for establishing an Economic Revitalization Area have been met.

7. That the requirements of Special Ordinance 11, 1997, as amended by Special Ordinance 43, 2000 have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, for final action on Resolution No. 12, 2010, the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute, Indiana, RESOLVES, and FINDS, and DETERMINES:

1. That all the requirements for designation of the real property described in Resolution No. 12, 2010, as an Economic Revitalization Area have been met, the foregoing findings are true and that all information required to be submitted has been submitted in proper form.

2. That Resolution No. 12, 2010, is in all respects confirmed and approved (as modified to incorporate therein this final action) and the benefits of the proposed redevelopment are sufficient to justify ten year real property tax abatement under Indiana statutes for the proposed construction and development described in the Statement of Benefits of Sony DADC US, Inc. and the deduction for the proposed project and the Statement of Benefits submitted by Sony DADC US, Inc. is approved and that the real estate described in Resolution No. 12, 2010, is declared an Economic Revitalization Area for the purposes of ten year real property tax abatement, and the said real estate is hereby designated an Economic Revitalization Area pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-1 et seq.

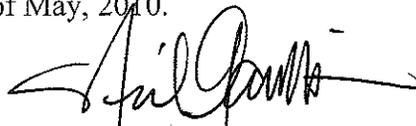
3. That said Resolution supplements any other designation of the real estate as an Economic Revitalization Area.

4. That this final action, findings and confirmation of Resolution No. 12, 2010, shall be incorporated in and be a part of Resolution No. 12, 2010.

Presented by:

  
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Neil Garrison, Councilman

Passed in open Council this 13 day of May, 2010.

  
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Neil Garrison, President  
Common Council of Terre  
Haute, Indiana

**CITY OF TERRE HAUTE  
PETITION FOR REAL PROPERTY  
TAX ABATEMENT CONSIDERATION**

The Petitioner, **SONY DADC US, INC., formerly known as SONY DIGITAL AUDIO DISC CORPORATION**, an Indiana Corporation, owner of real property located within the City of Terre Haute, hereby petitions the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute for real property tax abatement consideration pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-1, et seq. and in support of this petition states the following:

1. The project, the Petitioner proposes internal remodeling of current buildings and building expansion for Blu-Ray product line to meet market demand.
2. This project, once completed, not counting construction labor, Sony DADC US, Inc. will continue to retain 1200 jobs in the manufacturing facility as long as business conditions and sale of products permit.
3. That the estimated dollar value of this project is about \$700,000 in real property improvements.
4. That the facilities for which tax abatement consideration is petitioned are currently owned by or leased to Sony DADC US, Inc., 1800 North Fruitridge Avenue, Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana.
5. The commonly known address of the location of the property is 1800 and 3181 North Fruitridge Avenue, Terre Haute, Indiana, a legal description of which is attached hereto, and marked as Exhibit "A".
6. The best estimate of the amount of taxes being and to be abated for the proposed expansion and renovation is set forth in the "Sony DADC US, Inc. Estimated Tax Abatement", which is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked as Exhibit "B".
7. No public financing is being used for any phase of the project.
8. In view of the foregoing circumstances, Petitioner in good faith applies for a ten (10) year tax abatement as above set forth.
9. Indiana State Form 51767 (R2/1-07), Statement of Benefits, as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Tax Commissioners, which contains confidential information pursuant to the provisions of I.C. 6-1.1-35-9, will be submitted by Petitioner to the members of the Common Council at an appropriate time and manner for consideration to preserve its confidentiality.
10. The current use of the Property is manufacturing and the current zoning is M-2 Manufacturing District.

11. Sony DADC US, Inc. agrees to enter into an Agreement with the Board of Public Works for the City of Terre Haute, Indiana, in substantially the same form as is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "C", and further, Petitioner agrees to comply with Special Ordinance 11, 1997, as amended by Special Ordinance 43, 2000.

12. The person to contact as the Petitioner's agent regarding additional information and the public hearing notifications is:

Mr. Michael Mitchell  
EVP and CTO  
Sony DADC US, Inc.  
1800 North Fruitridge Avenue  
Terre Haute, IN 47804

WHEREFORE, Petitioner, requests that the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute, Indiana, adopt a declaratory resolution declaring and designating the area described herein to be an Economic Revitalization Area for purposes of real property tax abatement consideration, and after publication of notice and public hearing, determine qualifications for an economic revitalization area have been met and confirm such resolution.

**PETITIONER:**

**Sony DADC US, Inc.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Michael Mitchell, EVP and CTO of Sony  
DADC US, Inc.

This instrument prepared by Richard J. Shagley, Attorney at Law, Wright, Shagley & Lowery, P.C., 500 Ohio Street, Terre Haute, IN 47807, (812) 232-3388.

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**EXHIBIT B**

**Sony DADC US, Inc.**

**ESTIMATED REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT**

<b>Tax Year</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Assessed Value</b>	<b>Per \$100</b>	<b>Tax Abatement %</b>	<b>Abated</b>	<b>Paid</b>
1	\$700,000.00	\$210,000.00	3.6216	100	\$7,641.77	0
2	\$700,000.00	\$210,000.00	3.6216	95	\$7,259.68	\$382.09
3	\$700,000.00	\$210,000.00	3.6216	80	\$6,113.42	\$1,528.35
4	\$700,000.00	\$210,000.00	3.6216	65	\$4,967.15	\$2,674.62
5	\$700,000.00	\$210,000.00	3.6216	50	\$3,820.89	\$3,820.89
6	\$700,000.00	\$210,000.00	3.6216	40	\$3,056.71	\$4,585.06
7	\$700,000.00	\$210,000.00	3.6216	30	\$2,292.53	\$5,349.24
8	\$700,000.00	\$210,000.00	3.6216	20	\$1,528.35	\$6,113.42
9	\$700,000.00	\$210,000.00	3.6216	10	\$764.18	\$6,877.59
10	\$700,000.00	\$210,000.00	3.6216	5	\$382.09	\$7,259.68
				Total	\$37,826.77	\$38,590.94

**EXHIBIT C**  
**AGREEMENT**

This Agreement (the "Agreement") dated as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, serves as a confirmation of Sony DADC US, Inc., formerly known as Sony Digital Audio Disc Corporation, (the "Applicant") commitment, pending a May 13, 2010 public hearing, to comply with the project description, and job retention (and associated wage rates and salaries) figures contained in its designation application, Statement of Benefits, the Preliminary Economic Revitalization Area Resolution No. 12, 2010 and attachments adopted by the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute, Indiana (the "Council") on April 15, 2010 and this Agreement (the "Commitment").

Subject to the adoption of a Final Economic Revitalization Area Resolution by the Council, the City of Terre Haute, Indiana (the "City") commits to providing a ten (10) year real property tax abatement for the Applicant's capital expenditure of up to \$700,000 associated with the construction of the Commitments. The capital expenditure for the Project and the retention of such positions shall occur within two (2) years of the estimated completion date of December 31, 2010, contained in the approved Statement of Benefits Form SB-1 (the "Commitment Date").

During the term of the abatement, the City may annually request information from the Applicant concerning the status of the Project, the approved capital expenditure for the Project, the number of full-time permanent positions retained by the Project, and the average wage rates and salaries (excluding benefits & overtime) associated with the positions, and the Applicant shall provide the City with adequate written evidence thereof within 15 days of such request (the "Annual Survey"). The applicant shall provide a copy of the annual CF1 to the Board of Public Works and Safety at the same time the CF1 is filed with the County. The City shall utilize this information to verify that the Applicant has complied with the commitments contained in "the Commitments" at all times after the Commitment Date and during the duration of the abatement. The Applicant further agrees to provide the City with such additional information requested by the City related to the information provided in the Annual Survey and the CF-1 form within a reasonable time following any such additional request.

The City, by and through the Council, reserves the right to terminate the Economic Revitalization Area designation and associated property tax abatement deductions if it determines that the Applicant has not made reasonable efforts to substantially comply with all the commitments, and the Applicant's failure to substantially comply with the Commitments was not due to factors beyond its control. As used in the Agreement, "substantial compliance" shall mean the Applicant's compliance with the following: Making capital expenditures of up to \$700,000 for the Project.

As used in this Agreement, factors beyond the control of the Applicant shall only include factors not reasonably foreseeable at the time of the designation application and submission of Statement of Benefits which are not caused by any act or omission of the Applicant and which materially and adversely affect the ability of the Applicant to substantially comply with this Agreement.

If the City terminates the Economic Revitalization Area designation and associated tax abatement deductions, it may require the Applicant to repay the City all or a portion of the tax abatement savings received through the date of such termination. The amount of tax abatement required to be repaid for each year of noncompliance shall not exceed an amount equal to the percentage by which the Applicant has failed to attain substantial compliance in position retention and/or creation and average hourly wage rate and salary categories multiplied by the dollar amount of taxes actually abated. If the Applicant fails to substantially comply with more than one of the aforementioned categories, repayment shall be based on the highest level of noncompliance.

If at any time during the term of this Agreement, whether before or after the Commitment Date, the Applicant shall: (I) cease operations at the facility for which the tax abatement was granted: or (ii) announce the cessation of operations at such facility, then the City may immediately terminate the Economic Revitalization Area designation and associated future tax abatement deductions.

**In the event the City requires repayment of the tax abatement savings as provided hereunder, it shall provide Applicant with a written statement calculating the amount due (the "Statement"), and Applicant shall make such repayment to the City within 30 days of the date of the Statement. If the Applicant does not make timely repayment, the City shall be entitled to all reasonable costs and attorneys fees incurred in the enforcement and collection of the tax abatement savings required to be repaid hereunder.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date and year first above written.

"Applicant"

Board of Public Works & Safety  
City of Terre Haute

Sony DADC US, Inc.

By:   
Michael Mitchell, EVP and CTO  
of Sony DADC US, Inc.

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Approved as to Legal Adequacy and Form on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200 \_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF TERRE HAUTE

PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION

**Ownership Information**

Name	Address	Phone	Percentage Interest (if applicable)
Sony DADC US, Inc.,		812-462-8123	100%

1800 N Fruitridge Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47804

Note: If the owner is a corporation, list the name, address and telephone number for the contact person representing the corporation.

If the owner is a partnership, list the name, address and telephone number of each general and/or limited partner and the percentage of interest in the property held by each general and/or limited partner.

If the owner is a sole proprietor, list the name, address and telephone number of the proprietor.

**Property Description**

A. Street Address: 1800-3181 N Fruitridge Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47807

B. Lot Number(s): 84-06-12-127-003.000-002 & 84-06-12-200-031.000-002

**Current Status of Property**

A. Current zoning designation of property: M-2 Manufacturing District

B. Describe current improvements to the property, including estimated age of existing buildings:

Building and manufacturing equipment . Estimated age: 1800 – 27 years old from acquisition

Date built 1968; 3181 – 20 years old

C. Describe the current use of the property, including the names of businesses currently operating (if applicable) and the current number of jobs (if applicable):

Manufacturing facility – 1258 jobs

D. Current assessed valuation: \$17,135,300.00

E. Describe any unique historical structure or aesthetic improvements: Not applicable

**Proposed Improvements**

A. Describe proposed real property improvements and projected costs:

Internal remodeling of current buildings for Blu-Ray product line.

B. Describe proposed depreciable personal property improvements and projected costs:

Machinery and equipment to expand capacity of existing product lines (Blu-Ray

C. List any public infrastructure improvements, with estimated costs, that will be necessary

for the project: None.

D. Project Start Date: May 31, 2010

E. Project Completion Date: December 31, 2010

### **Eligibility**

A. State reasons why the project site qualifies as an Economic Revitalization Area as defined under State Law, i.e., lack of development, cessation of growth, deterioration of improvements or character of occupancy, age, obsolescence, substandard buildings or other factors that have impaired values or prevent a normal development of property or use of property. In the case of manufacturing equipment, also indicate whether or not the area contains a facility or group of facilities that are technologically, economically, or energy obsolete and if the obsolescence may lead to a decline in employment and tax revenues:

Lack of development, cessation of growth, deterioration of improvements.

B. State the estimated number of new full-time employees (if applicable) and new employees retained (if applicable). Also include salaries and a description of employee benefits:

Number of new employees: 0; Average Annual Salary: 0

Number of retained employees: 1200; Average Annual Salary: \$56,846,658.00

Description of employee benefits for new and/or retained employees:

Health, pension, (401K) and training for full time employees.

*C. Please attach completed State of Indiana Statement of Benefits form for real property improvements (Form SB – 1/ RE) and/or State of Indiana Statement of Benefits form for personal property improvements (Form SB – 1/ PP) to this application material.*

### **Ineligible Projects**

Projects will not be considered if a building permit has already been obtained or construction has been initiated. This is because the decision of the Council to designate the Economic Revitalization Area must be passed on the finding that the area is “undesirable for normal development”.

The City Council has the right to void the tax abatement designation awarded to a project if the project has not been initiated within twelve (12) months of the reconfirmation date of the tax abatement resolution, or if the actual use is different than that approved.

Tax abatement for the rehabilitation or development of real property is not eligible for the following types of facilities:

1. Private or commercial golf courses.
2. Country club.
3. Massage parlor.
4. Tennis club.
5. Skating facility (including roller skating, skateboarding or ice skating).

6. Racquet sport facility (including any handball or racquetball court).
7. Hot tub facility.
8. Suntan facility.
9. Racetrack.
10. Any facility the primary purpose of which is:
  - a. retail food and beverage service;
  - b. automobile sales or service; or
  - c. other retail; (unless the facility is located in an Economic Development Target Area (EDTA) as established by the Terre Haute City Council)
11. Residential (unless the facility is a multi-family facility that contains at least twenty percent (20%) of the units available for use by low and moderate income individuals or unless the facility is located in an Economic Development Target Area as outlined in Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1-7)).
12. A package liquor store that holds a liquor dealer's permit under IC 7.1-3-10 or any other entity that is required to operate under a license issued under IC 7.1. This subdivision does not apply to an applicant that:
  - (A) was eligible for tax abatement under this chapter before July 1, 1995;
  - (B) is described in IC 7.1-5-7-11; or
  - (C) operates a facility under:
    - (i) a beer wholesaler's permit under IC 7.1-3-3;
    - (ii) a liquor wholesaler's permit under IC 7.1-3-8; or
    - (iii) a wine wholesaler's permit under IC 7.1-3-13;

**Certification**

I hereby certify that the representations made in this application are true and I understand that if above improvements are not commenced (defined as obtaining a building permit and actual start of construction) within 12 months of the date of the designation of the above area as an Economic Revitalization Area, the Terre Haute Common Council shall have the right to void such designation.

OWNER(S)\*

DATE

Sony DADC US, Inc.

4-6-10

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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\* If the entity seeking tax abatement is a corporation, an authorized representative must sign. If the entity is a partnership, all partners must sign. If the entity is a sole proprietorship, the proprietor must sign.

## CITY OF TERRE HAUTE

### PROPERTY TAX ABATMENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND SCORING SYSTEM

#### **Program Description**

Property tax abatement in Indiana is authorized under Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1 in the form of deductions from assessed valuation. Any property owner in a locally-designated Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) who makes improvements to the real property or installs eligible new or used personal property (such as manufacturing equipment and certain research and development equipment) is eligible for property tax abatement. Land does not qualify for abatement. For some projects, such as retail or multi-family housing, additional criteria apply as well.

#### **Scoring System**

The City of Terre Haute utilizes a scoring system to determine the appropriate length of time (one of ten time periods can be used) of the property tax abatement(s) being sought for a proposed project. Additional information on the scoring system can be found elsewhere in this document.

#### **Indiana Real Property Assessment Standard**

A property's assessed value is the basis for property taxes. Annually, local assessing officials assess the value of real property on March 1 based on market value in use of the property. Property owners can estimate the property taxes for new construction by adding the cost of the land and improvements together and multiplying by the tax rate. For real property tax abatement calculation purposes, the cost of the improvements (the land itself cannot be abated) would be utilized as the real property assessed value. This real property assessment value would then be phased-in over one of ten time periods.

#### **Indiana Personal Property Assessment Standard**

Personal property values are assessed March 1 of every year and are self reported by property owners to township assessors using prescribed state forms. Generally speaking, personal property taxes are levied against all tangible property other than real property. Numerous deductions can be applied to personal property. Of course, the value of personal property over time will be subject to depreciation, therefore, applicants are advised to seek the counsel of a financial advisor to determine which asset pool(s) (see following table) would be applicable to their particular project.

Additional information on the State of Indiana's property tax assessment system can be found at the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance website at [www.in.gov/dlgf](http://www.in.gov/dlgf).



## **Project Eligibility Criteria**

Decisions to designate areas as Economic Revitalization Areas are determined on a point basis for any project located within the corporate limits of the City of Terre Haute. Each project is scored on its individual merits. The points system that is utilized to evaluate projects considers the degree of revitalization that the project will have on the surrounding area as well as other facts such as employment (created and/or retained), investment, utilization of local construction firms and labor and so forth.

For certain types of projects (retail developments, mixed-use and multi-family housing developments without a 20% designated low and moderate income component), the designation of an area as an economic revitalization area for tax abatement purposes will be limited to Economic Development Target Areas of the City as defined by the City Council.

These Economic Development Target Areas (EDTAs) have been identified as areas which have suffered slow growth and deterioration of improvements. In assessing the revitalization needs of these areas, several goals and objectives were cited, including: retention of existing businesses and expansion of employment opportunities; rehabilitation, preservation and restoration of historic properties; promotion of housing opportunities and economic development activities and increased utilization of vacant land for new development.

A map illustrating the City of Terre Haute's Economic Development Target Areas can be found on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this handbook. A narrative description of the boundaries of each target area follows the map.

The following projects will be considered by the Terre Haute City Council for property tax abatement. The length of abatement for each project can be found in the section entitled "City of Terre Haute Real Property Scoring Criteria" on page \_\_\_\_\_. (For projects seeking personal property tax abatement, the "City of Terre Haute Personal Property Scoring Criteria" on page \_\_\_\_\_ should be consulted as well.)

**(A.) Manufacturing Project** – Local manufacturing projects, local manufacturing-related office structures and local manufacturing-related warehouses that create or preserve employment within the city limits are eligible for property tax abatement. In the case of manufacturing facilities that directly produce product (as well as manufacturing related-warehouses), both real and depreciable personal property are eligible. In the case of manufacturing-related office structures, only real property is eligible for abatement. Also, certain research and development equipment may qualify for depreciable personal property tax abatement.

**(B.) Non-Manufacturing Warehouse and Distribution Center Projects** – Warehouses and distribution centers not related to a local manufacturing facility may be eligible for both real and depreciable personal property tax abatement. To be eligible for property tax abatement, the facility must either be located in one of the Economic Development Target Areas or substantially serve markets beyond the Terre Haute metro area.

**(C.) Office Space Development** – Office space developments within the city limits are eligible for real property abatement.

**(D.) Historic Preservation** – Projects within the city limits that assist in the preservation of buildings of significant historical nature will be considered for real property abatement.

## City of Terre Haute

### Real Property Tax Abatement Scoring Criteria

Company Name: Sony DADC US, Inc

Application Date: April 6, 2010

1. New Real Property Investment	5 points maximum	<u>2</u>
< \$500,000	1	
\$501,000 to \$1,000,000	2	
\$1,000,001 to \$2,000,000	3	
\$2,000,001 to \$3,000,000	4	
\$3,000,001 and up	5	
2. Anticipated New Full-Time Jobs Created Within 5 Years	5 points maximum	<u>0</u>
1 to 10 employees	1	
11 to 20 employees	2	
21 to 30 employees	3	
31 to 40 employees	4	
41 employees and up	5	
3. Anticipated Jobs To Be Retained	5 points maximum	<u>5</u>
1 to 10 employees	1	
11 to 20 employees	2	
21 to 30 employees	3	
31 to 40 employees	4	
41 employees and up	5	
4. Wage Rates	3 points maximum	<u>3</u>
\$7.50 to \$10.00 per hour	0	
\$10.01 to \$12.00 per hour	1	
\$12.01 to \$14.00 per hour	2	
\$14.01 per hour and up	3	
5. Benefits Package	1 point if offered	<u>1</u>
6. Targeted Business	1 point if project is good fit for community	<u>1</u>
7. Community Involvement	1 point if company plans or is already involved in community activities	<u>1</u>
8. Is this project a headquarters or a new project to the community?	1 point if "Yes"	<u>1</u>
9. Diverse Workforce	1 point if applicant maintains an affirmative action plan or other statement of specific goals with respect to employee diversity	<u>1</u>

Total Points 15

Scoring

Length of Real Property Abatement

20 points and up	10 years
18 to 19 points	9 years
16 to 17 points	8 years
14 to 15 points	7 years
12 to 13 points	6 years
10 to 11 points	5 years
8 to 9 points	4 years
6 to 7 points	3 years
4 to 5 points	2 years
2 to 3 points	1 year

Bonus Points

1. Common Construction Wage	Council may award one bonus point if company includes common construction wage requirement in its bid specs	<u>1</u>
2. Contractors Licensed To Do Business in Vigo County	Council may award one bonus point if a substantial percentage of the total fees for construction work associated with the project are paid to companies licensed to do business in Vigo County	<u>1</u>
3. Materials and Supplies From Vigo County Vendors	Council may award one bonus point if the applicant commits to purchase a substantial amount of materials and supplies for the construction work associated with the project from Vigo County-based vendors	<u>1</u>
4. Existing Facility	Council may award one bonus point for use, reuse, rehabilitation and/or expansion of an existing facility	<u>1</u>
5. Mentoring/Intern Program	Council may award one bonus point if applicant pledges to participate in a mentoring or intern program associated with a Vigo County educational institution	<u>1</u>

Total Bonus Points 5

Grand Total Points 20

Length of Real Property Abatement  
Per guideline Scoring Criteria 10 Years

## City of Terre Haute

### Personal Property Tax Abatement Scoring Criteria

Company Name: Sony DADC US, Inc.

Application Date: April 6, 2010

1. New Personal Property Investment	5 points maximum	<u>5</u>
< \$500,000	1	
\$501,000 to \$1,000,000	2	
\$1,000,001 to \$2,000,000	3	
\$2,000,001 to \$3,000,000	4	
\$3,000,001 and up	5	
2. Anticipated New Full-Time Jobs Created Within 5 Years	5 points maximum	
1 to 10 employees	1	
11 to 20 employees	2	
21 to 30 employees	3	
31 to 40 employees	4	
41 employees and up	5	
3. Anticipated Jobs To Be Retained	5 points maximum	<u>5</u>
1 to 10 employees	1	
11 to 20 employees	2	
21 to 30 employees	3	
31 to 40 employees	4	
41 employees and up	5	
4. Wage Rates	3 points maximum	<u>3</u>
\$7.50 to \$10.00 per hour	0	
\$10.01 to \$12.00 per hour	1	
\$12.01 to \$14.00 per hour	2	
\$14.01 per hour and up	3	
5. Benefits Package	1 point if offered	<u>1</u>
6. Targeted Business	1 point if project is good fit for community	<u>1</u>
7. Community Involvement	1 point if company plans or is already involved in community activities	<u>1</u>
8. Diverse Workforce	1 point if applicant maintains an affirmative action plan or other statement of specific goals with respect to employee diversity	<u>1</u>

Total Points

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Scoring

Length of Personal Property Abatement

20 points and up	10 years
18 to 19 points	9 years
16 to 17 points	8 years
14 to 15 points	7 years
12 to 13 points	6 years
10 to 11 points	5 years
8 to 9 points	4 years
6 to 7 points	3 years
4 to 5 points	2 years
2 to 3 points	1 year

Bonus Points

1. American Made	Council may award one bonus point if equipment to be installed is manufactured or engineered in the United States	
2. Installation By Local Contractor(s)	Council may award one bonus point if a substantial portion of the equipment to be installed is by a company or individuals maintaining a place of business in Vigo County	<u>1</u>
3. Rehabilitation Of Existing Facilities	Council may award one bonus point if the project involves the rehabilitation of existing facilities	<u>1</u>
4. Mentoring/Intern Program	Council may award one bonus point if applicant pledges to participate in a mentoring or intern program associated with a Vigo County educational institution	<u>1</u>

Total Bonus Points 3

Grand Total Points 20

Recommended Length of Personal Property Abatement  
Per Guideline Scoring Criteria

10 Years