



# Chapter 313 Annual Eligibility Report Form

Economic Development  
and Analysis  
**Form 50-772-A**

## SECTION 1: Applicant and District Information

- Tax year covered by this report: 2015  
**NOTE:** This report must be completed and submitted to the school district by May 15 of every year using information from the previous tax (calendar) year.
- Application number: 288  
**NOTE:** You can find your application number and all agreement documents and reports on the website [www.texasahead.org/tax\\_programs/chapter313/applicants](http://www.texasahead.org/tax_programs/chapter313/applicants)
- Name of school district: La Porte ISD
- Name of project on original application (or short description of facility): Project Patriot
- Name of applicant on original application: Linde Gas North America LLC and Affiliates
- Name the company entering into original agreement with district: Linde Gas North America LLC and Affiliates
- Amount of limitation at time of application approval: \$30,000,000
- If you are one of two or more companies originally applying for a limitation, list all other applicants here and describe their relationships. (Use attachments if necessary.)

N/A

## SECTION 2: Current Agreement Information

- Name of current agreement holder(s) Linde Gas North America LLC and Affiliates
- Complete mailing address of current agreement holder 11603 Strang Road, La Porte, TX 77571
- Company contact person for agreement holder:  

<u>Donald Crisp</u>	<u>Assistant Treasurer and Controller</u>
Name	Title
<u>(908) 464-8100</u>	<u>DCrisp@lincare.com</u>
Phone	Email
- Texas franchise tax ID number of current agreement holder: 32033074876
- If the current agreement holder does not report under the franchise tax law, please include name and tax ID of reporting entity:  

<u>Linde North America, Inc. &amp; Subsidiaries</u>	<u>32034721970</u>
Name	Tax ID
- If the authorized company representative (same as signatory for this form) is different from the contact person listed above, complete the following:  

<u>Tam Vo</u>	<u>Director</u>
Name	Title
<u>700 Milam Street, Suite 300, Houston, TX 77002</u>	
Complete Mailing Address	
<u>832-476-3763</u>	<u>tam.vo@us.gt.com</u>
Phone	Email
- If you are a current agreement holder who was not an original applicant, please list all other current agreement holders. Please describe the chain of ownership from the original applicant to the new entities. (Use attachments if necessary.)

N/A

**SECTION 3: Applicant Eligibility Information**

1. Does the business entity have the right to transact business with respect to Tax Code, Chapter 171? (Attach printout from Comptroller Web site: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/coasintr.html>)  Yes  No
  2. Is the business entity current on all taxes due to the State of Texas?  Yes  No
  3. Is the business activity of the project an eligible business activity under Section 313.024(b)?  Yes  No
- 3a. Please identify business activity: Industrial gas manufacturing

**SECTION 4: Qualified Property Information**

1. Market value for reporting year: \$ 64,236,000
2. I&S taxable value for reporting year: \$ 64,236,000
3. M&O taxable value for reporting year: \$ 64,236,000

**SECTION 5A: Wage and Employment Information for Applications Prior to Jan. 1, 2014 (#1 Through 999)**

**ONLY COMPLETE THE WAGE SECTION (5A or 5B) THAT APPLIES TO YOUR APPLICATION. You can find your application number on the website at [www.texasahead.org/tax\\_programs/chapter313/applicants](http://www.texasahead.org/tax_programs/chapter313/applicants).**

**NOTE:** All statutory references in Section 5A are for statute as it existed prior to Jan. 1, 2014. For job definitions see TAC §9.1051(14) and Tax Code, §313.021(3). If the agreement includes a definition of "new job" other than TAC §9.1051(14)(C), then please provide the definition "new job" as used in the agreement. Notwithstanding any waiver by the district of the requirement for the creation of a minimum number of new jobs, or any other job commitment in the agreement, Tax Code §313.024(d) requires that 80 percent of all new jobs be qualifying jobs.

1. How many new jobs were based on the qualified property in the year covered by this report? (See note above) ..... 39
2. What is the number of new jobs required for a project in this school district according to §313.021(2)(A)(iv)(b), §313.051(b), as appropriate? ..... 10
3. Did the applicant request that the governing body waive the minimum job requirement, as provided under Tax Code §313.025(f-1)?  Yes  No
  - 3a. If yes, how many new jobs must the approved applicant create under the waiver? ..... N/A
4. Calculate 80 percent of new jobs (0.80 x number of new jobs based on the qualified property in the year covered by this report.) ..... 31.2
5. What is the minimum required annual wage for each qualifying job in the year covered by the report? ..... \$ 59,082.10
6. Identify which of the four Tax Code sections is used to determine the wage standard required by the agreement:
   
 §313.021(5)(A) or  §313.021(5)(B) or  §313.021(3)(E)(ii) or  §313.051(b)
  - 6a. Attach calculations and cite exact Texas Workforce Commission data source as defined in TAC §9.1051.
7. Does the agreement require the applicant to provide a specified number of jobs at a specified wage?  Yes  No
  - 7a. If yes, how many qualifying jobs did the approved applicant commit to create in the year covered by the report? ..... 15
  - 7b. If yes, what annual wage did the approved applicant commit to pay in the year covered by the report? ..... \$ 60,000.00
  - 7c. If yes, how many qualifying jobs were created at the specified wage in the year covered by the report? ..... 37
8. How many qualifying jobs (employees of this entity and employees of a contractor with this entity) were based on the qualified property in the year covered by the report? ..... 37
  - 8a. Of the qualifying job-holders last year, how many were employees of the approved applicant? ..... 37
  - 8b. Of the qualifying job-holders last year, how many were employees of an entity contracting with the approved applicant? ..... 0
  - 8c. If any qualifying job-holders were employees of an entity contracting with the applicant, does the approved applicant or assignee have documentation from the contractor supporting the conclusion that those jobs are qualifying jobs?  Yes  No  N/A

**SECTION 5B: Wage and Employment Information for Applications After Jan. 1, 2014 (#1000 and Above)**

ONLY COMPLETE THE WAGE SECTION (5A or 5B) THAT APPLIES TO YOUR APPLICATION. You can find your application number on the website at [www.texasahead.org/tax\\_programs/chapter313/applicants](http://www.texasahead.org/tax_programs/chapter313/applicants).

NOTE: For job definitions see TAC §9.1051(14) and Tax Code, §313.021(3).

**QUALIFYING JOBS**

1. What is the number of new qualifying jobs the applicant committed to create in the year covered by this report? ..... N/A
2. Did the applicant request that the governing body waive the minimum qualifying job requirement, as provided under Tax Code §313.025(f-1)? .....  Yes  No  
 2a. If yes, how many new qualifying jobs must the approved applicant create under the waiver? ..... N/A
3. Which Tax Code section are you using to determine the wage standard required for this project? ....  §313.021(5)(A) or  §313.021(5)(B)  
 3a. Attach calculations and cite exact Texas Workforce Commission data sources as defined in TAC §9.1051.
4. What is the minimum required annual wage for each qualifying job in the year covered by this report? ..... \$ N/A
5. What is the annual wage the applicant committed to pay for each of the qualifying jobs in the year covered by this report? ..... \$ N/A
6. Do the qualifying jobs meet all minimum requirements set out in Tax Code §313.021(3)? .....  Yes  No

**NON-QUALIFYING JOBS**

7. What is the number of non-qualifying jobs the applicant had on Dec. 31 of the year covered by this report? ..... N/A
8. What was the average wage you were paying for non-qualifying jobs on Dec. 31 of the year covered by this report? .. \$ N/A
9. What is the county average weekly wage for non-qualifying jobs, as defined in TAC §9.1051? ..... \$ N/A

**MISCELLANEOUS**

10. Did the applicant rely on a determination by the Texas Workforce Commission under the provisions §313.024(3)(F) in meeting the minimum qualifying job requirements? .....  Yes  No  
 10a. If yes, attach supporting documentation to evidence that the requirements of §313.021(3)(F) were met.
11. Are you part of a Single Unified Project (SUP) and relying on the provisions in Tax Code §313.024(d-2) to meet the qualifying job requirements? .....  Yes  No  
 11a. If yes, attach supporting documentation from the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office including a list of the other school district(s) and the qualifying jobs located in each.

**SECTION 6: Qualified Investment During Qualified Time Period**

ENTITIES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF THE YEAR COVERED BY THE REPORT IS AFTER THE QUALIFYING TIME PERIOD OF THEIR AGREEMENT.

1. What is the qualified investment expended by this entity from the beginning of the qualifying time period through the end of the year covered by this report? ..... \$ 202,882,329
2. Was any of the land classified as qualified investment? .....  Yes  No
3. Was any of the qualified investment leased under a capitalized lease? .....  Yes  No
4. Was any of the qualified investment leased under an operating lease? .....  Yes  No
5. Was any property not owned by the applicant part of the qualified investment? .....  Yes  No

**SECTION 7: Partial Interest**

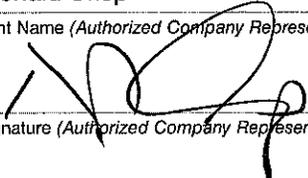
THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED BY ENTITIES HAVING A PARTIAL INTEREST IN AN AGREEMENT. For limitation agreements where there are multiple company entities that receive a part of the limitation provided by the agreement: 1) each business entity not having a full interest in the agreement should complete a separate form for their proportionate share of required employment and investment information; and, 2) separately, the school district is required to complete an Annual Eligibility Report that provides for each question in this form a sum of the individual answers from reports submitted by each entity so that there is a cumulative Annual Eligibility Report reflecting the entire agreement.

1. What was your limitation amount (or portion of original limitation amount) during the year covered by this report? . . . . .
2. Please describe your interest in the agreement and identify all the documents creating that interest.

**SECTION 8: Approval**

*"I am the authorized representative for the Company submitting this Annual Eligibility Report. I understand that this Report is a government record as defined in Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code. The information I am providing on this Report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."*

**print here** → Donald Crisp  
Print Name (Authorized Company Representative)

**sign here** →   
Signature (Authorized Company Representative)

**print here** → Grant Thornton LLP  
Print Name of Preparer (Person Who Completed the Form)

Assistant Treasurer and Controller  
Title

5-12-16  
Date

(832) 476-3763  
Phone



## Franchise Tax Account Status

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<b>LINDE GAS NORTH AMERICA LLC</b>	
Texas Taxpayer Number	32033074876
Mailing Address	575 MOUNTAIN AVE C/O TAX DEPT NEW PROVIDNCE, NJ 07974-2097
Right to Transact Business in Texas	ACTIVE
State of Formation	DE
Effective SOS Registration Date	06/04/2007
Texas SOS File Number	0800824839
Registered Agent Name	CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY DBA CSC - LAWYERS INCO
Registered Office Street Address	211 E. 7TH STREET SUITE 620 AUSTIN, TX 78701

**2014 Manufacturing Average Wages by Council of Government Region  
Wages for All Occupations**

COG	Wages	
	Hourly	Annual
Texas	\$24.18	\$50,305
<u>1. Panhandle Regional Planning Commission</u>	\$21.07	\$43,821
<u>2. South Plains Association of Governments</u>	\$16.75	\$34,834
<u>3. NORTEX Regional Planning Commission</u>	\$20.23	\$42,077
<u>4. North Central Texas Council of Governments</u>	\$25.32	\$52,672
<u>5. Ark-Tex Council of Governments</u>	\$17.80	\$37,017
<u>6. East Texas Council of Governments</u>	\$19.87	\$41,332
<u>7. West Central Texas Council of Governments</u>	\$19.41	\$40,365
<u>8. Rio Grande Council of Governments</u>	\$17.82	\$37,063
<u>9. Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission</u>	\$23.65	\$49,196
<u>10. Concho Valley Council of Governments</u>	\$18.70	\$38,886
<u>11. Heart of Texas Council of Governments</u>	\$20.98	\$43,636
<u>12. Capital Area Council of Governments</u>	\$28.34	\$58,937
<u>13. Brazos Valley Council of Governments</u>	\$17.57	\$36,547
<u>14. Deep East Texas Council of Governments</u>	\$17.76	\$36,939
<u>15. South East Texas Regional Planning Commission</u>	\$29.21	\$60,754
<u>16. Houston-Galveston Area Council</u>	\$26.21	\$54,524
<u>17. Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission</u>	\$23.31	\$48,487
<u>18. Alamo Area Council of Governments</u>	\$19.46	\$40,477
<u>19. South Texas Development Council</u>	\$13.91	\$28,923
<u>20. Coastal Bend Council of Governments</u>	\$25.12	\$52,240
<u>21. Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council</u>	\$16.25	\$33,808
<u>22. Texoma Council of Governments</u>	\$20.51	\$42,668
<u>23. Central Texas Council of Governments</u>	\$18.02	\$37,486
<u>24. Middle Rio Grande Development Council</u>	\$20.02	\$41,646

Source: Texas Occupational Employment and Wages

Data published: July 2015

Data published annually, next update will be July 31, 2016

Note: Data is not supported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Wage data is produced from Texas OES data, and is not to be compared to BLS estimates.

Data intended for TAC 313 purposes only.

**Attachment 11**

The calculation of the three possible wage requirements with supporting documentation is attached. Linde has chosen to use approximately \$60,000 as the average wage for permanent jobs. This amount exceeds 110% of the current regional wage rate of \$59,082

**Chapter 313 Wage Calculations – All Jobs All Industries**

Quarter	Year	Average Weekly Wages	Annualized
First	2012	\$1,338	\$69,576
Second	2012	\$1,164	\$60,528
Third	2012	\$1,154	\$60,008
Fourth	2012	\$1,330	\$69,160
	Average	\$1,247	\$64,818
	X 1.10		1.10
		\$1,372	\$71,300

**Chapter 313 Wage Calculations – Manufacturing Jobs**

Quarter	Year	Average Weekly Wages	Annualized
First	2012	\$2,904	\$151,008
Second	2012	\$2,506	\$130,312
Third	2012	\$2,187	\$113,724
Fourth	2012	\$2,264	\$117,728
	Average	\$2,465	\$128,193
	X 1.10		1.10
		\$2,712	\$141,012

**Chapter 313 Wage Calculations – Regional Wage Rate**

Year	Average Weekly Wages	Annualized
2011	\$1,032	\$53,711
X 1.10		1.10
	\$1,135	\$59,082

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Year	Period	Area	Ownership	Division	Level	Ind Code	Industry	Avg Weekly Wages
2012	1st Qtr	Harris County	Total All	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$1,338
2012	2nd Qtr	Harris County	Total All	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$1,184
2012	3rd Qtr	Harris County	Total All	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$1,164
2012	4th Qtr	Harris County	Total All	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$1,330

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Year	Period	Area	Ownership	Division	Level	Ind Code	Industry	Avg Weekly Wages
2012	1st Qtr	Harris County	Total All	31	6	325120	Industrial Gas Manufacturing	\$2,904
2012	2nd Qtr	Harris County	Total All	31	6	325120	Industrial Gas Manufacturing	\$2,506
2012	3rd Qtr	Harris County	Total All	31	6	325120	Industrial Gas Manufacturing	\$2,187
2012	4th Qtr	Harris County	Total All	31	6	325120	Industrial Gas Manufacturing	\$2,264