RELOCATION PAYMENTS ARE NOT TAXABLE
State relocation payments are not subject to Wisconsin income tax. Displaced persons should carefully review the tax consequences of relocation payments and are advised to consult qualified tax counsel with any questions.

NOTE: If you are notified that you will be displaced, it is important that you DO NOT move before you learn what you must do to receive the relocation payments and other assistance to which you may be eligible.

This pamphlet is published by the Wisconsin Department of Administration in cooperation with the Attorney General pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 32.26(6). It is not to be construed as legal advice. A displacing agency must make this pamphlet available to a displaced person before initiation of negotiations for acquisition of property for a public project.
You may be reimbursed for costs incurred while searching for a new business including:

1. Actual reasonable cost including actual direct transportation; meals and lodging; reasonable value for your time; and real estate broker or agent fees.

2. Replacement costs.

3. Displacement expense.

4. Loss of tangible property.

Search costs are capped at $10,000.

No business, farm or nonprofit organization may be eligible for relocation payments including move, search, incidental, business replacement, and business reestablishment expenses.

NOTE: If more than one business, farm, or nonprofit organization is eligible for a payment of at least $10,000, or if more than one move is to be made, agencies shall contribute equally to the total costs.

Displaced business owners and tenants may be eligible for relocation payments including move, search, incidental, business replacement, and business reestablishment expenses.

The fixed payment-in-lieu provides an alternative for businesses. Farm owners, however, may be eligible for an increased mortgage interest expense, and the farm must be discontinued at the present location or the entire farm relocated elsewhere. To qualify if only part of the farm is to be relocated, the remainder must be an uneconomic unit for the same type of farming operation or substantially changed because of the acquisition.

Reestablishment expenses are based on the average annual net earnings of the business and includes “reasonable project costs” that a displaced business or farm must reasonably incur to make a new location comparable. Reasonable project costs may be reimbursed if you make a good faith effort to sell the property. Receipts for selling expenses and sale proceeds are required to be reimbursed.

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The farm must be discontinued at the present location or the entire farm relocated elsewhere. To qualify if only part of the farm is to be relocated, the remainder must be an uneconomic unit for the same type of farming operation or substantially changed because of the acquisition.

It is important that you file proof of expenses incurred, such as receipts and invoices. Agencies should pay relocation expenses promptly.