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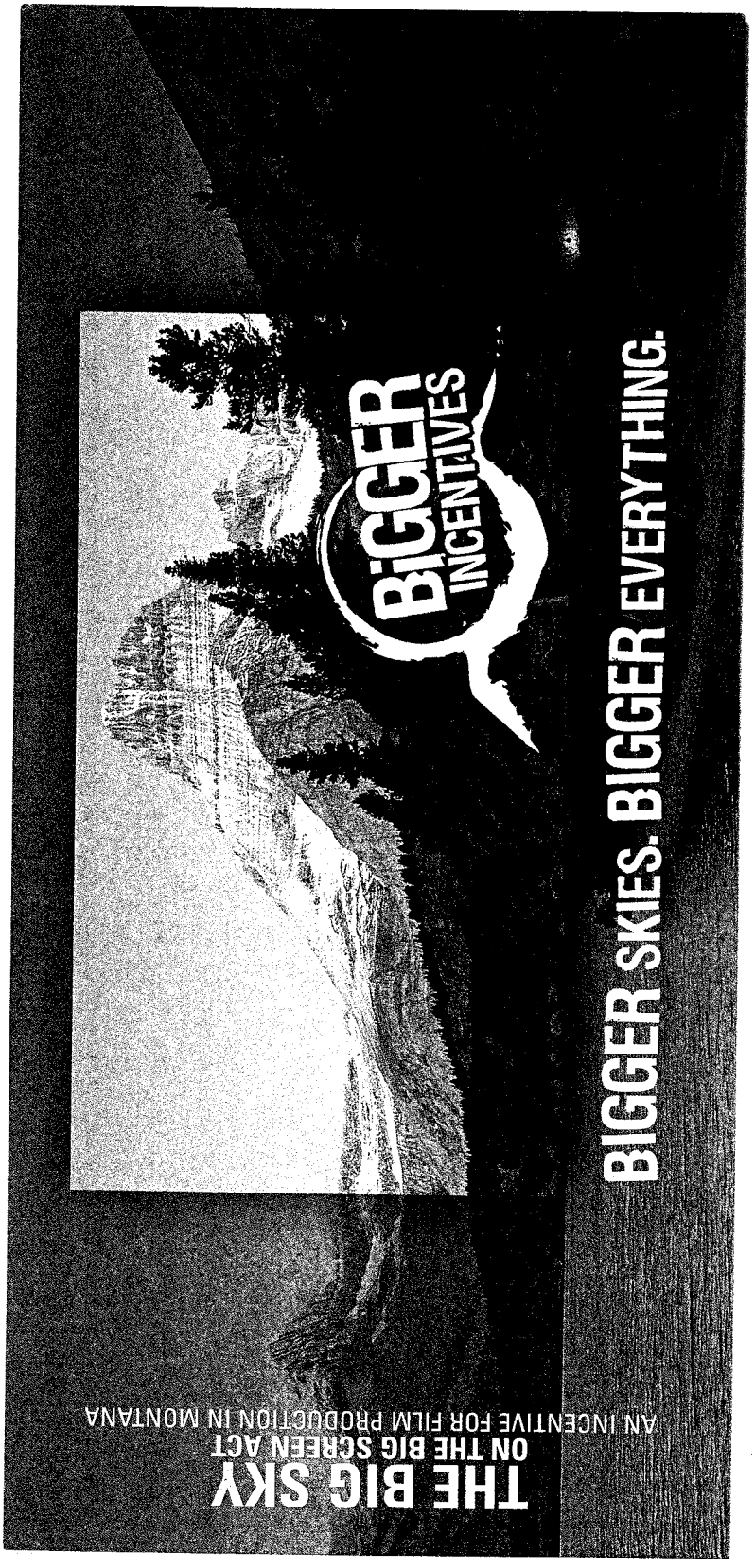


THE BIG SKY ON THE BIG SCREEN ACT: HOW IT WORKS

1. Your producer contacts the Montana Department of Commerce Film Office and requests a certification application form BEFORE filming starts: 800-553-4563 or montanafilm@visitmt.com.

2. Your producer completes the form, including applicable business and production information, then sends it to the Montana Film Office with a copy of the script.

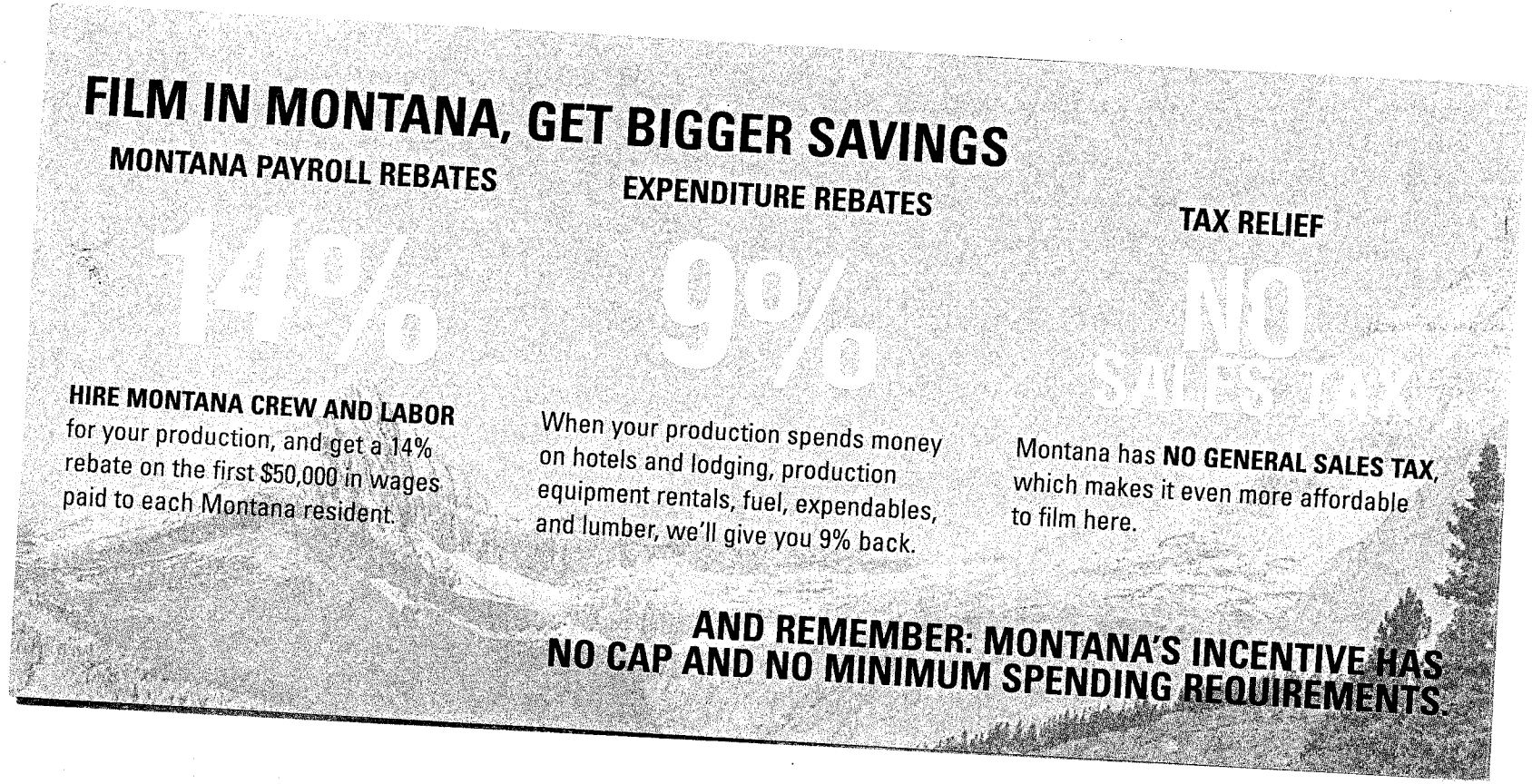
3. The Montana Film Office reviews your application, assigns a certification number, and sends it to the Department of Revenue along with your producer's contact information.

4. You come to Montana, hire Montana crew, use Montana goods and services, and have an all-around great shoot, keeping all receipts and financial records.

5. After shooting, you compile your Montana expenses for crew members and production expenditures and submit a report to the Montana Film Office, keeping all records and receipts for verification in case of an audit.

6. At tax year-end, you file a Montana income tax return claiming the dollar amount of credits earned, submit a closing letter and verify in writing that all Montana vendors have been paid in full. Any Montana tax you may have incurred is offset by your credits, and the remainder of the credit is issued to the company as a check.

REMEMBER TO GET CERTIFIED BY THE MONTANA FILM OFFICE BEFORE YOU BEGIN SHOOTING


FILM IN MONTANA, GET BIGGER SAVINGS
MONTANA PAYROLL REBATES
14%
HIRE MONTANA CREW AND LABOR
for your production, and get a 14% rebate on the first $50,000 in wages paid to each Montana resident.
EXPENDITURE REBATES
9%
When your production spends money on hotels and lodging, production equipment rentals, fuel, expendables, and lumber, we'll give you 9% back.
TAX RELIEF
NO SALES TAX
Montana has NO GENERAL SALES TAX, which makes it even more affordable to film here.
AND REMEMBER: MONTANA'S INCENTIVE HAS NO CAP AND NO MINIMUM SPENDING REQUIREMENTS.

BESIDES SAVING YOU MONEY, MONTANA OFFERS
• EASY PERMITTING
• FILM-FRIENDLY BUSINESSES & SERVICES
• FABULOUS DIVERSE LOCATIONS
• GREAT CREWS WITH YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
• AUTHENTIC WESTERN TOWNS AND SETS
• STUNNING PANORAMIC VISTAS
For more information or a certification form,
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