TRANSFERABLE TAX CREDIT PRIMER



Transferable tax credits enacted through the IRA allow taxpayers to reduce their federal tax liabilities while supporting renewable energy and sustainable technologies.

TYPICAL BUYER

• Corporations with \$10mm+ of tax liability.

BENEFITS

- Reduction in tax liability on a dollar-for-dollar basis (vs. a deduction, which reduces taxable income).
- Credits can be rolled back 3 years or carried forward 22 years.

PRICING

• Foss & Co. focuses on institutional quality credits, typically priced at \$0.92 to \$0.97 per \$1.00 of tax credit.

ACQUISITION PROCESS

- Credits must be purchased for cash and paid for prior to tax filing.
- Credits must be registered with the IRS prior to tax filing.
- Upfront diligence and ongoing management is necessary, as credits can be recaptured or disallowed in certain situations.

WHY FOSS & COMPANY?

- 40-year history of excellence in the tax credit industry.
- Over \$8 billion of tax credits with \$0 of recapture or disallowance.
- Dozens of recurring Fortune 500 corporate clients.

RISKS

- Recapture: Certain events may lead to recapture of tax credits. For example, foreclosure of project-level debt within the 5year compliance period of an investment tax credit could lead to recapture.
- Delay in Credit Delivery: Project construction delays may lead to tax credits being delivered in a later tax year.
- **Disallowance:** A portion of tax credits may be disallowed. For example, a project may not have qualified for an "adder" it claimed.

MITIGANTS

- Screening and Diligence: Foss & Company provides institutional quality underwriting, helping to mitigate risk.
- **Seller Guarantees:** Sellers provide guarantees against recapture and disallowance risks. In addition, sellers often owe penalties for late delivery of tax credits.
- Tax Credit Insurance: Tax credit insurance policies can be utilized to further mitigate recapture and disallowance risk when necessary.

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TAX EQUITY VS TRANSFERABILITY Tax credits allocated through partnership Accounting implications (e.g. equity method, HLBV/PAM) Tax credits purchased through ransfer agreement Straightforward legal/accounting treatment

 Benefits include tax credits, cash, and depreciation Benefits solely from tax credits

Similar recapture and disallowance risk, but can be mitigated through guaranty and insurance

TRANSFER CREDIT RISK/PRICING SPECTRUM



TRANSFER CREDIT PRICING FACTORS	
 Size of transaction 	 Technology risk and tax credit type
Timing of purchase	 Creditworthiness of guarantor
 Tax insurance policy size and coverage* 	 Recapture risk (e.g. project level debt with no forbearance agreement)
 Prevailing wage and apprenticeship exemption 	 Seasonality (tax credits tend to be more expensive at year end)
 Disallowance risk due to disqualification of adders or FMV step up 	 length of commitment (\$0.01 - \$0.02 discount for multi-year commitments)
 Tax opinion availability* 	 Legal cost coverage*

^{*} May not be available on small transactions