



CSIT Research and Development (R&D) Voucher Programs

- Clean Tech R&D Voucher Pilot Program – Round 3
- Catalyst R&D Voucher Pilot Program – Round 2

Informational Webinar

October 23, 2023

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Overview of CSIT R&D Voucher Pilot Programs

Program summary

- Support New Jersey-based early-stage companies to accelerate development and innovation of technologies to transform new discoveries from research stage into commercially viable technologies, leading to industry and investor interest

Program Objectives

- Improve awareness, access to and utilization of New Jersey's world-leading equipment, facilities and makerspaces; and
- Subsidize access to research and development equipment, facilities and makerspaces for small New Jersey-based companies that are developing innovative technologies

Overview of CSIT R&D Voucher Pilot Programs

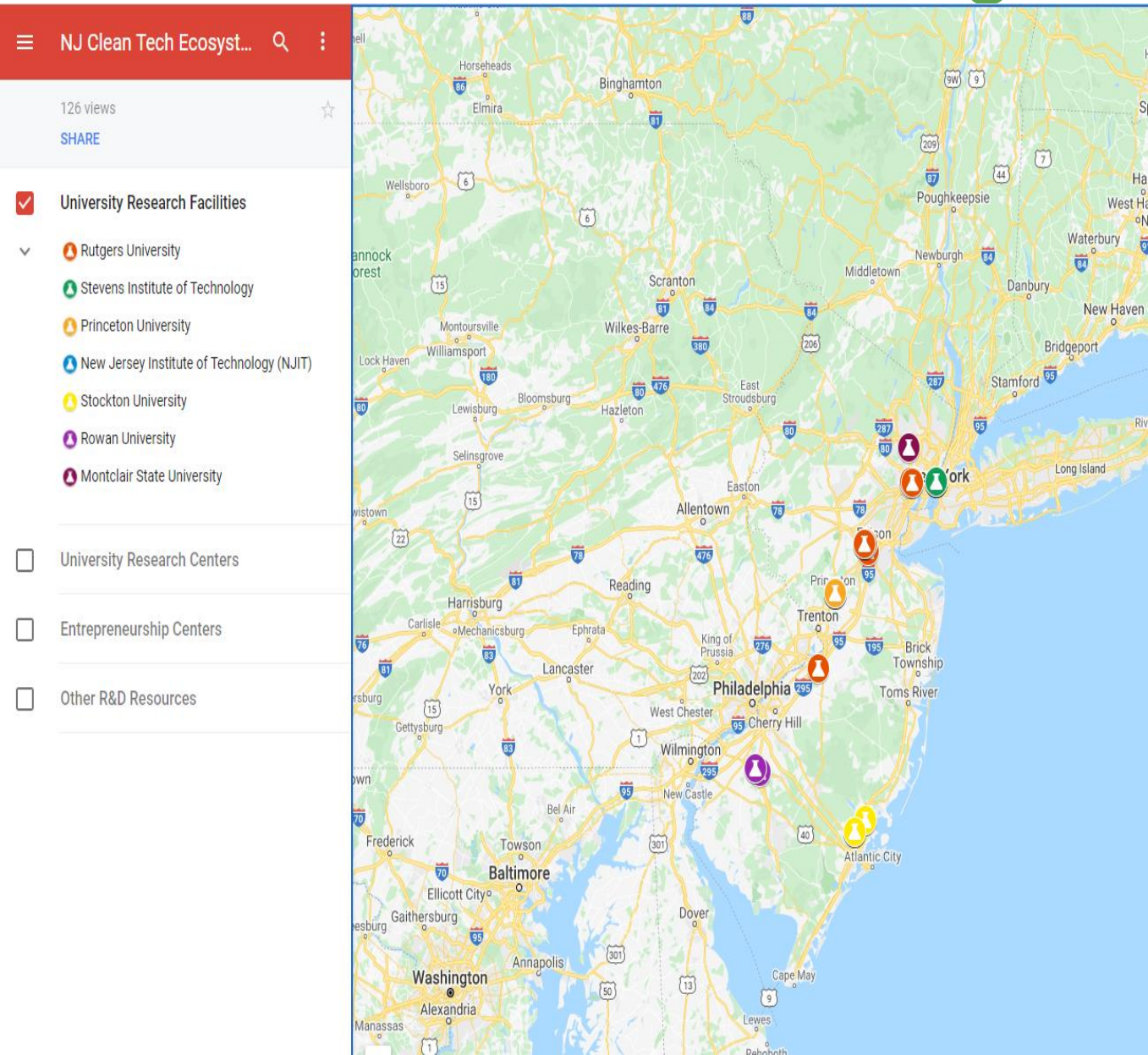
Clean Tech R&D Voucher

- Chemicals/Advanced Materials
- Energy Distribution/Storage
- Energy Efficiency
- Energy Generation
- Green Buildings
- Transportation
- Waste Processing
- Water and Agriculture

Catalyst R&D Voucher

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Advanced Transportation and Logistics
- Film and Digital Media
- Life Sciences
- Non-Retail Food and Beverage
- Professional and Financial Services
- Technology

CSIT R&D Voucher Pilot Program & Asset



Academic Institutions

- Kean
- Montclair
- NJIT
- Princeton
- Rowan
- Rutgers
- Stevens
- Stockton
- Bergen County College
- County College of Morris

Non-Profit Core Labs

- Coriell Life Sciences
- FAA William J. Hughes Technical Center
- Hackensack Meridian Health, Center for Discovery Innovation
- Institute of Life Science Entrepreneurship (ISLE)
- Joint Base Lakehurst
- Ohmsett Research Institute (Oil Spill Research & Testing)
- US Army Picatinny Arsenal
- Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory

Clean Tech R&D Voucher Pilot Program – Round 3

Program Budget	\$300,000 program budget available
Voucher amounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to \$40,000• Multiple vouchers up to a cap of \$40,000 over any 12-month period
Expiration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Six (6) weeks after submission code is sent to complete application• Vouchers valid for twelve (12) months (one time 3 months no-cost extension reviewed on a case-by-case basis)• Unused Vouchers expire after twelve (12) month period
Eligible Voucher uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to core lab facilities, equipment, makerspaces and technology centers• Use of facility equipment and technicians for testing and development• Training in preparation for independent use of the facility equipment or makerspaces
Application period	Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until Program funds run out
Technology Readiness Levels (TRL)	From TRL 1 – Basic Research to TRL 7 -Integrated Pilot System

Catalyst R&D Voucher Pilot Program – Round 2

Program Budget \$497,500 program budget available

- Voucher amounts
- Up to \$40,000
 - Multiple vouchers up to a cap of \$40,000 over any 12-month period

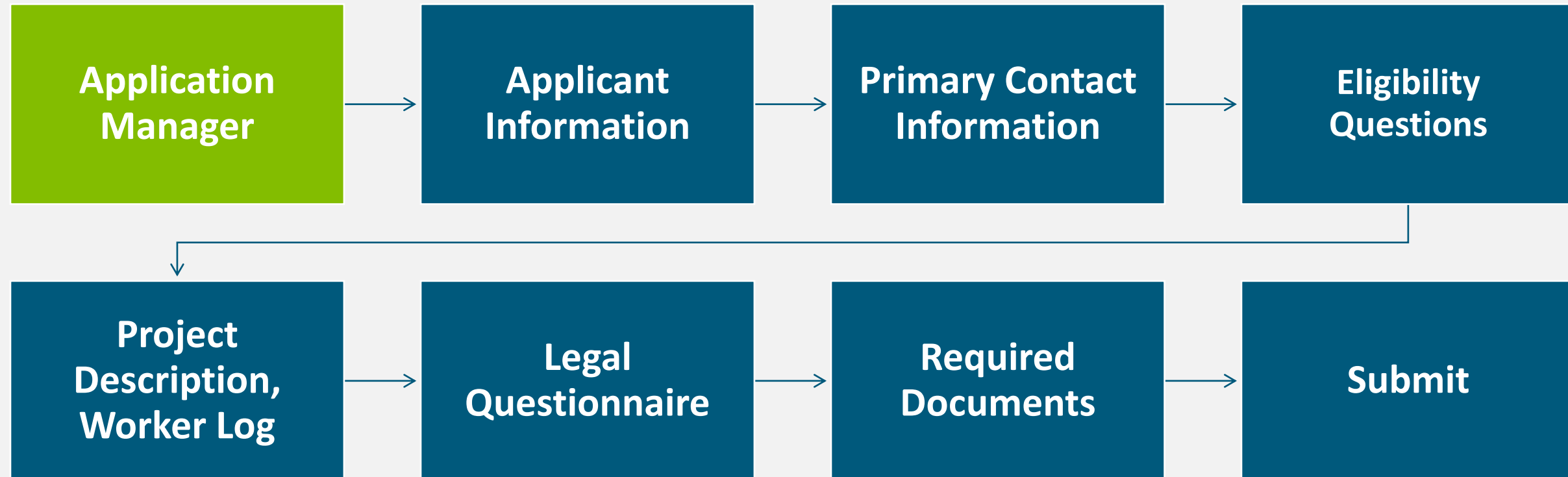
- Expiration
- Six (6) weeks after resubmission code is sent to complete application
 - Vouchers valid for twelve (12) months (one time 3 months no-cost extension reviewed on a case-by-case basis)
 - Unused Vouchers expire after twelve (12) month period

- Eligible Voucher uses
- Access to core lab facilities, equipment, makerspaces and technology centers
 - Use of facility equipment and technicians for testing and development
 - Training in preparation for independent use of the facility equipment or makerspaces

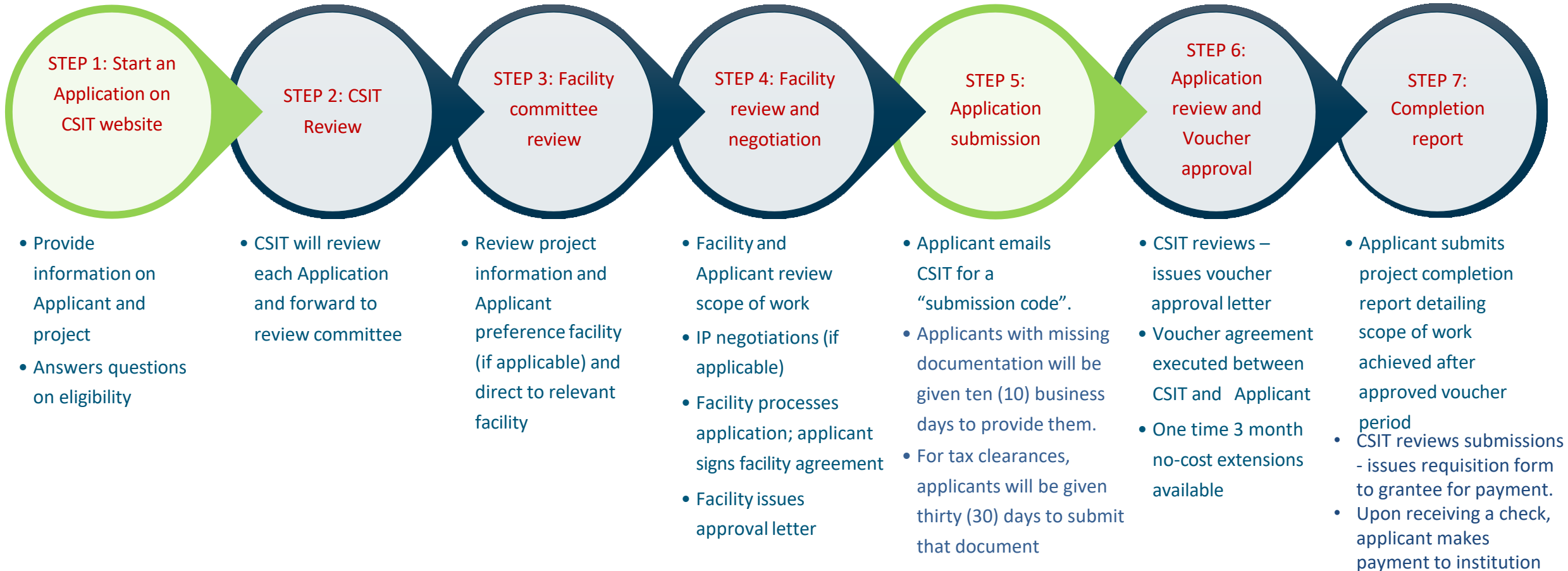
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Program Overview

Application Sections



Application, Review and Approval process



Eligibility criteria

STEP 1: Start an
Application on
CSIT website

- Be authorized and in good standing to conduct business in NJ as evidenced by a current NJ tax clearance certificate listing CSIT. All certificates listing another state agency will be rejected.
- Have no more than fifty (50) full-time equivalent (“FTE”) workers (FTE calculated on a 35-hour work week) at time of application.
- Have a minimum of one (1) full time worker (calculated on a 35-hour work week). A worker may be the founder and may be paid or unpaid.
- 50% or more of the cumulative hours worked by all workers, founders, and contractors must be conducted in NJ (calculated on an FTE (Full Time Equivalent) basis – 35 hrs. per week).
- Have less than or equal to five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in prior calendar year sales revenue (excluding grant revenue).

STEP 5:
Application
submission

- Applicant must obtain a signed approval letter from a participating university/college, federal lab or non-profit organization confirming that the research facility is capable and willing to provide the services that will be supported by the Voucher

Required Documentation

- ❑ Summary of most recent internal payroll.
 - ❑ Employee documentation information as appropriate for the Company's structure and staffing (i.e. most recent Federal 941, NJ WR-30 (W2 employees) or 1099 (contractors), Shareholder Agreement or K-1)
 - ❑ Current NJ tax clearance certificate (listing New Jersey Commission on Science, Innovation and Technology). See https://www16.state.nj.us/NJ_PREMIER_EBIZ/jsp/home.jsp. All certificates listing another state agency will be rejected.
 - ❑ [Signed CSIT Certification](#) Please download, sign, and upload the linked Application Certification as an attachment.
 - ❑ Most recent company tax filing: Federal 941 and either an NJ-CBT-100 (Schedule A), Form-1065 or Form -1040 (Schedule C) or whichever is applicable to the organizational form of the business, showing the total Gross Receipts or Sales for the year.
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Terms and Conditions

Reporting

Report economic impact data to CSIT upon the completion of program for a period of two (2) years

Commitment to NJ

Agree that employees and consultants will conduct at least 50 percent of work (calculated on an FTE basis) in New Jersey for a period of two (2) years from the effective date of the Grant Agreement;

- Failure to comply will result in full re-payment of grant within sixty (60) days of relocation or as conditions state in the Grant Agreement
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Important Information: **Read NOFA/FAQ**

Application Portal

Application Portal will open:

Mid November 2023 (TBD). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis

CSIT Communication

Questions and inquiries should be sent to **Franklin Dureke** (csitcleantech@njeda.com),
& **Frances Keel** (csitcatalyst@njeda.com)

All questions received and answers provided will be answered in the form of a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document, which will be posted and continuously updated on CSIT's website

Electronic Signature

Applicants may provide an electronic Application Certification by uploading a signed PDF, however, if an applicant prefers not to provide an electronic signature, the applicant may follow the instructions on the NOFA and online portal to provide a signature



Important Information (cont.)

Missing documentation

Applicants with missing documentation will receive an email notification from CSIT to submit or re-submit any missing or incomplete required documentation. Applicants with missing documentation will receive a resubmission letter from CSIT to supply any missing or incomplete documentation within ten (10) business days

Failure to provide missing documentation

Any application that does not include ALL the documents specified or contain documents that have not been completed will be considered incomplete and will not be evaluated

Tax Clearance

Applicants are encouraged to obtain copies of NJ documentation early in the process of completing their application since some State systems may be experienced longer than usual processing times. For tax clearances, applicants will be given 30 days to submit that document.

Program Timeline

October

23 Informational Webinar

Mid-

November

Application date TBD

Awards will be made on a rolling basis

Thank you!

APPLY: Application portal opens Mid-November 2023, TBD.

<https://www.njeda.com/csit/>

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