INNOVATE ALABAMA

**Innovate Alabama Credit Application**

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| Under the Innovating Alabama Act, found in section 41-10-840, *et seq.*, of the Code of Alabama, an Economic Development Organization (“EDO”) may apply for funding under the Innovate Alabama program for the following activities:* Programs for Technology Company Accelerators; and
* Programs for Innovative Companies.

Approved programs are funded through taxpayer cash contributions to the EDO. Taxpayers receive an Innovate Alabama tax credit in the amount of their contribution. **Required attachments and definitions are located at the back of this application.** Return the signed and completed application, with attachments, to incentives@innovatealabama.org. |

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| **Section 1. Economic Development Organization (EDO) Information** |
| Legal Name of EDO: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Type of EDO: | Local EDO State EDO\* |
|  \* *If a State EDO, attach Innovate Alabama Determination Letter of State EDO eligibility*  |
| Address of EDO: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Name of Authorized Contact: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Authorized Contact: Phone Number: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Email: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| **Section 2. Innovate Alabama Qualifying Activity** |
| 1. | Programs |
|  |  | Technology Company Accelerator |  | Innovative Company  |
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|  | Address of Program: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Census Tract: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Innovative Industry: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| **Section 3. Innovate Alabama Program** |
| 1. Describe the qualifying program. If the Innovate Alabama program is part of a larger program, describe the complete program and identify what portion is requested to be funded through Innovate Alabama. Attach additional pages as needed.
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| 1. Provide the expected schedule of the program to be undertaken:
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|  | Commencement date of the program: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Describe what triggers “commencement of the program”. |
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|  | Completion date of the program: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Describe what marks “completion of the program”.  |
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| **Section 4. Innovate Alabama Credit** |
| 1. Innovate Alabama Funding Request:
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| 1. Provide a narrative describing why the EDO’s program should be funded through the Innovate Alabama program. Attach additional pages as needed.
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| 1. Provide a detailed budget with an itemized list of each cost. Additionally, provide any cost sharing and matching funds.
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| 1. In addition to the Innovate Alabama funding request, identify the amount and source of other funds requested and/or received to undertake the program.
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|  | Amount of private funds: | $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | If none:  |
|  | Source of private funds: |  |
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|  | Amount of local funds: | $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | If none:  |
|  | Source of local funds: |  |
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|  | Amount of state funds: | $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | If none: |
|  | Source of state funds (excluding Innovate Alabama funding request): |
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|  | Amount of federal funds: | $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | If none: |
|  | Source of federal funds: |  |
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| **Section 5. Innovate Alabama Donations** |
| 1. Value of Known Innovate Alabama Donations:
 | $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| *The value of known Innovate Alabama donations cannot exceed the Innovate Alabama Funding Request in Section 4(A).*1. Provide the amount and source of funding available, in addition to the funding listed in Section 4(C), to fund the program should Innovate Alabama donors not provide 100% of the funding requested or should the Innovate Alabama scope of the program cost more than expected. If no additional funding is available, indicate accordingly.
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| **Section 6. EDO Certification** |
| The undersigned hereby certifies that the EDO has in full force a conflict-of-interest policy consistent with IRS guidance for nonprofit organizations and this Innovate Alabama application does not violate the EDO’s conflict of interest policy. The undersigned hereby affirms that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information in this application and any accompanying statement, schedules, and other information is true, correct and complete and that the undersigned is duly authorized to submit this information on behalf of the EDO. |
| **Section 7. Release of Information** |
| By submitting a signed application, and notwithstanding section 40-18-417.6 of the Code of Alabama or any other law to the contrary, the applicant EDO authorizes Innovate Alabama to obtain from the Alabama Department of Commerce any prior submissions by the EDO related to the Growing Alabama Credit program found in section 40-18-417, *et seq.*, of the Code of Alabama. |
|  Signature:  | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Printed Name: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Title: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Date: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**State of Alabama**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County**

 I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, whose name as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, an Alabama \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, is signed to the foregoing instrument and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of said instrument, he, as such officer and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said corporation.

 Given under my hand this the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

 Notary Public

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My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS**

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|  | **QUALIFYING PROGRAM ACTIVITY** |
| 1. | Conflict of Interest Policy | **X** |
| 2. | Cost Breakdown | **X** |
| 3. | Economic Impact Report | **X** |

1. Proof that the EDO has in full force and effect a conflict of interest policy consistent with that found in the instructions to Form 1023 issued by the Internal Revenue Service.
2. The cost breakdown should provide the total cost to create, operate and support the program. The cost breakdown should not be pro-rated or limited to the Innovate Alabama request.
3. Economic Impact Reports should include, but not be limited to, the direct and indirect economic impact to the state as well as the accompanying methodology and assumptions.

**INNOVATE ALABAMA CREDIT PROGRAM DEFINITIONS**

**ACCELERATOR**: A company which, for a fixed term, educates and mentors early-stage technology companies recruited to a location in Alabama, with the goal of accelerating the companies’ development and growth. Accelerator program must contain a defined curriculum and mentorship component.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION**: A state or local economic development organization, as defined in this application.

**INNOVATE ALABAMA**: The Alabama Innovation Corporation created by Section 41-10-802, of the Code of Alabama.

**INNOVATE ALABAMA TAX CREDIT**: A tax credit that may offset up to 50% of the following tax liabilities: income tax, state portion of the financial institution excise tax, insurance premium tax, state utility license tax. Donating taxpayers receive a credit equal to their donation and may carry the credit forward for up to five years.

**INNOVATIVE** **COMPANY**: Any company which meets all the criteria in either (1) or (2):

1. The company is a for-profit business headquartered in a community eligible for investment through the federal New Markets Tax Credit program under federal code 26 USC § 45D(e), predominantly conducting an activity in an innovative industry, has fewer than 15 employees, and has average gross revenues of less than $1,000,000 in the previous three years.
2. The company is a for-profit business, headquartered in Alabama and predominantly conducting an activity in an innovative industry, has fewer than 75 employees, and that is at least 51% owned and controlled by one or more women or African Americans who are citizens of the United States.

**innovative industry**: Includes advanced manufacturing, aerospace, agriculture, bioscience, biotechnology, electronics, energy and natural resources, engineering, life sciences, and information technology industries, and any other innovative industry as determined by Innovate Alabama in its sole discretion.

**LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION**: Organizations which are determined by Innovate Alabama to meet both of the following criteria:

1. The organization is an Alabama entity not operating for a profit, including, but not limited to, a municipality or county, an industrial board or authority, a chamber of commerce, or some other foundation or Alabama nonprofit corporation charged with improving a community or region of the state.
2. The organization has a record of supporting or otherwise participating in economic development efforts in some part of Alabama.

**STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION**: Organizations which are determined by Innovate Alabama to be an Alabama entity not operating for a profit which is charged with improving the state or a region of the state and has a record of supporting or otherwise participating in economic development efforts in the state. A state EDO must confirm eligibility with Innovate Alabama prior to applying.

**TECHNOLOGY COMPANY**: Any company which earns or reasonably expects to earn at least 75% of its revenues from either (1) or (2):

(1) NAICS Codes 518, 5112, 5121 (other than 51213), 5415, 5417, or 51913; or

(2) The use of technology to develop new coding or processes for the creation or delivery of goods or services in the following fields:

a. Any of the fields of education, healthcare, energy, agriculture, infrastructure, software, robotics, nutrition, aerospace, automotive, or financial services.

b. Any fields related to science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.