

Frequently Asked Questions

MI SITES PROGRAM – 2024 (PILOT ROUND)

What are the differences between the Strategic Site Readiness Program (SSRP) and the new MI Sites initiative launched by MEDC?

The SSRP is administered by MEDC on behalf of the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) and provides access to grants, loans, and other economic assistance based on a set of criteria defined by the legislature.

The MI Sites program is a site readiness evaluation conducted by a third-party administrator to prepare properties and communities to better compete for current and future projects. MI Sites criteria and data requirements reflect the requests of companies and site selection consultants during site selection projects. During the MI Sites process, the strengths and weaknesses of each industrial property are identified and individualized plans for enhancing readiness are provided to applicants. Information collected through MI Sites will help strengthen MEDC's site-specific marketing efforts to companies and site selectors worldwide.

Who are Eligible Applicants for the MI Sites program?

Eligible Applicants for the MI Sites program include:

- 1) A political subdivision of Michigan, including without limitation, a county, city, village, township, charter township, or instrumentality of any of the foregoing, or a state agency not governed by the Michigan Strategic Fund;
- 2) A local or regional economic development corporation or similar authority;
- 3) The economic development division or department of a utility company.

Is there a minimum acreage requirement?

A property must be at least 25 acres in order to be submitted to the MI Sites program.

Does the property need to be zoned industrial in order to submit a Step 1 Entrance Application?

No, the property does not need to be zoned industrial to submit a Step 1 Entrance Application. The current zoning of the property must be documented as part of the submission. Additionally, the property must already be designated for future industrial use by the jurisdiction in which the property is located.

When is the deadline to submit a Step 1 Entrance Application?

The deadline to submit a Step 1 Entrance Application is April 19, 2024 at 5:00 pm EST.

When will I know if the property that I submitted was selected to move forward to Step 2?

Applicants will be notified via email on May 13, 2024 of whether the property submitted was selected to move forward to Step 2 during the Pilot Round in 2024.

If a property submitted during Step 1 is not selected to move forward to Step 2 during the Pilot Round, will it automatically be considered for future rounds?

Yes, properties that are not selected to move forward in the round in which they are submitted will remain within the Candidate Pool and will be automatically considered for future rounds. Applicants may update the information about a property in the Candidate Pool when each new round opens in order to reflect current property conditions.