

Ratepayer and Community Protection Framework

Note: To reflect the evolving nature of these facilities and the broad range of digital goods and services they produce, Louisiana will refer to data centers as digital factories going forward. At this time, Louisiana's Data Center Sales and Use Tax Exemption will retain its existing name to maintain consistency with state statute.

Louisiana is taking a proactive approach to the rapid growth of digital factory investment, establishing clear protections upfront to ensure these projects strengthen our economy, communities and infrastructure.

The Ratepayer and Community Protection Framework sets requirements for companies seeking Louisiana's Data Center Sales and Use Tax Exemption.

To participate, companies must demonstrate how they will deliver meaningful commitments across eight areas:



PROTECT RATEPAYERS

Companies must demonstrate how project-related generation, transmission and infrastructure costs will be funded and what safeguards will prevent those costs from being shifted to existing residential and commercial customers.



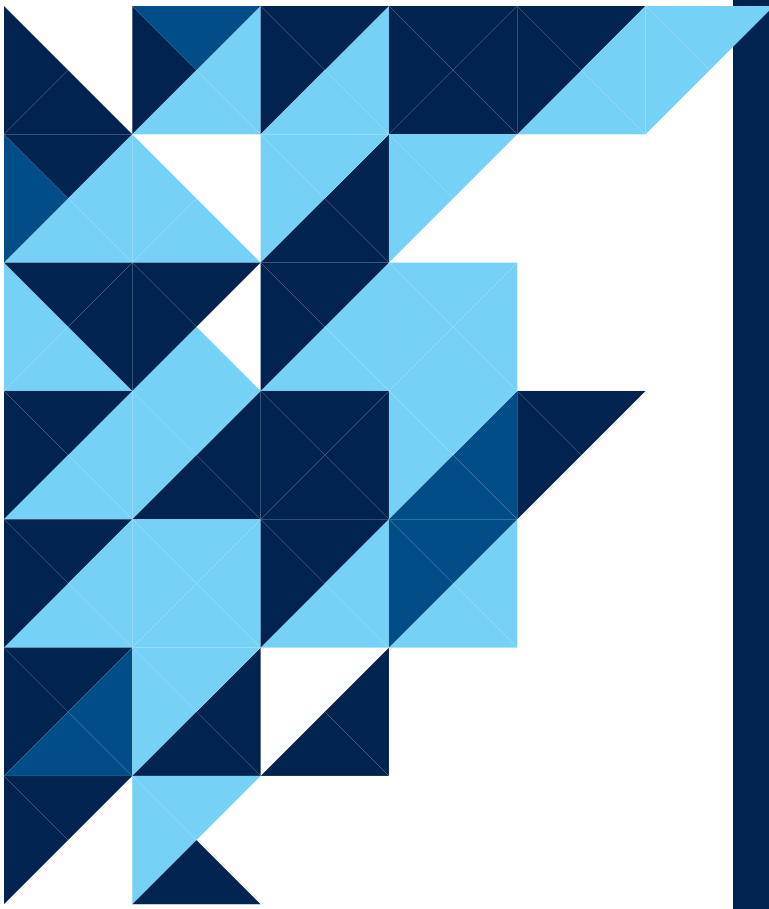
STRENGTHEN GRID RELIABILITY

Companies must identify investments and strategies that strengthen Louisiana's electric system and support long-term reliability and future industrial growth.



INVEST IN WORKFORCE

Companies must establish meaningful partnerships with Louisiana universities, colleges, schools and workforce providers to expand training, apprenticeships, internships and career pathways for Louisiana residents.



HOW IT WORKS

Before receiving the Data Center Sales and Use Tax Exemption, companies must submit a detailed attestation demonstrating how they will satisfy each element of the framework.

LED will coordinate across state agencies and with local partners to evaluate those commitments and ensure required protections are in place. Participating companies must establish measurable commitments, report progress to LED and remain accountable for delivering on those commitments throughout the life of the project.

Interested companies can reach out to their LED Business Development Project Manager or LED@la.gov.



STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL TAX BASES

Companies must demonstrate how projects will generate sustainable local revenue and identify commitments to infrastructure and public services that support both the project and surrounding community.



PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES

Companies must demonstrate how they will responsibly manage water use, energy and environmental impacts and protect Louisiana's natural resources throughout the life of the project.



INVEST BEYOND THE PROJECT SITE

Companies must make meaningful, long-term commitments to host communities, including education, nonprofits, STEM, digital literacy, technology training and other locally identified priorities.



GROW LOUISIANA'S INNOVATION ECONOMY

Companies must identify commitments that connect their investment to Louisiana startups, entrepreneurs, research institutions and technology companies.



DELIVER TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Companies must establish measurable commitments, track progress, report performance to LED and demonstrate how Louisiana contractors and vendors are being prioritized and incorporated into project activity.