



# SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRIAL LANDS LOAN PROGRAM APPLICATION

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## SECTION 1 A: APPLICANT

Applicant Name  
City of St. Helens

Entity Type  
Municipality

Street Address  
265 Strand Street  
St. Helens, OR 97015

Mailing Address  
Same

Phone

503-366-8211

Web URL

<https://www.sthelensoregon.gov/>

If a Business:

Is your business registered in Oregon? Yes  No

Business Registry #

Type of Business Entity Number (BIN):

Federal Tax ID#: 93-6002248

Mailing Address if Different from Applicant

State or County of Incorporation/Organization

Corporate Parent Name, if Applicable:

## SECTION 1 B: PRIMARY CONTACT

Name

John Walsh

Address

265 Strand Street  
St. Helens, OR 97051

Title

City Administrator

Phone

503-366-8211

Email

[jwalsh@sthelensoregon.com](mailto:jwalsh@sthelensoregon.com)

Is the Applicant the property owner?  Y  N

If No, is the applicant a municipal partner responsible for management and promotion of the site/area?  Y  N

**SECTION 2: PROJECT & SITE INFORMATION**

**Project Name and Description**

Kaster Sub-Station Design and Construction

**Site/Area Name (if available)**

City of St. Helens Industrial Busin

**Project Location/Address and County**

St. Helens, Oregon (Columbia Co

**Latitude / Longitude**

45.84800/-122.810000

**General description of site/area**

The St. Helens Industrial Business Park is +/-200-acre property located at 1300 Kaster Road, on the banks of the Multnomah Channel of the Willamette River, and one mile east of Highway 30 and in the St. Helens city limits. A portion of the site's northwestern boundary runs along Old Portland Road. Portland & Western Railroad tracks run parallel to the river along the eastern boundary. The area is industrial and fully served.

What is the name of the local jurisdiction that will be issuing building permits and land use decisions for the site/area?

City of St. Helens

Is part of the site/area in another jurisdiction, i.e. partially in the county or another city?

Yes  No

If Yes, please explain.

Is the site/area located in the Urban Growth Boundary?  Yes  No

If No, are there plans to bring the site/area into the Urban Growth Boundary?  Yes  No

Total acres included in the project:

Developable Acres:

+/-150

Potential Buildable Square Feet:

6,534,000 sq.ft.

How many full-time jobs could be accommodated on this site/area?

800 - 2,000

Is the site/area a Metro-designated regionally significant industrial area?  Yes  No

If yes, which one?

What is the zoning designation, existing use/s and previous use/s of the site/area?

Heavy industrial. Boise Cascade paper tissue plant operated here until 2023. The majority of the site, approximately 186 acres, is zoned Heavy Industrial. Approximately 15 acres to the south of Old Portland Road and to the east and west of Kaster Road are zoned for Light

Is the site/area considered a Brownfield or have areas of environmental concern that need mitigation?  Yes  No

If Yes, please explain

This is the site of the former Boise Cascade Tissue (and recently closed Cascades Tissue Group) plant. However, there is developable greenfield acreage on the site that does not require

Has the site/area had a wetland delineation completed in the last five years?  Yes  No

If Yes, what were the outcomes and how many acres of wetlands were determined to need mitigation?

Within the study area, DSL totaled 14.17 acres and 2 waterways (Milton Creek and Waters 1). The sub-station configuration will allow for avoidance of these areas.

Is there an option for onsite mitigation or is there another area designated for mitigation?

The site is largely disturbed having had multiple uses the past century. The development plan will attempt to avoid most, if not all areas of wetlands. The overall property has onsite capacity for mitigation, though that will be unnecessary for substation construction.

Please check any environmental studies that have been conducted and provide, if available

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Site Assessment (ESA)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Geotechnical Study                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydrologic / Wetland Delineation | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species     | <input type="checkbox"/> Weather and Natural Disaster Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources (Archeological) Review   | <input type="checkbox"/> Flood and Tsunami Inundation Zones       |

Transportation Information

Direct Access

Potential to Connect

	Direct Access		Distance (in miles)	Potential to Connect	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
1. Highway / Interstate Access	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Rail Access	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	at site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Waterway Access	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	at site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Airport Access	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional Commercial Airport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
International Airport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	35	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Is there water and sewer infrastructure available to the site/area?  Yes  No

If No, please explain the challenges in serving the site/area.

The site is fully served with water and sewer. The City of St. Helens owns and operates an oversize lagoon wastewater system capable of serving multiple users.

If Yes, is the site already served by this infrastructure or could it be served within six to twelve months?  Yes  No

Is there access to other utilities such as power, natural gas, raw water/water rights, onsite wastewater treatment, fiber optic options, or any other unique aspects?

Electrical power is served by Portland General Electric (PGE). There is an existing substation onsite which is leased by PGE. The site is fully served though the power infrastructure and substation facilities are deemed unsafe, substandard and insufficient for serving new industrial users. The current substation service must be relocated and upgraded to serve. An existing semiconductor investor (Project Sprint) has requested service for load level and reliability that can only be served through substation replacement and upgrade.

**SECTION 3: BUDGET**

Estimated total project costs     \$    

How was project estimate(s) determined (consultant, city engineer, etc.)?    

Estimated project completion date(s)    

**Budget Table**

<b>Project Activity</b>	<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Grant Portion</b>	<b>Other Funding Committed</b>
See attached.			
		0.00	
			0.00
<b>Totals</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

## SECTION 4: SITE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION – 1000 WORD COUNT LIMIT

### SITE CONDITIONS AND CONSTRAINTS

- What are the site characteristics that provide significant competitive advantages for the industrial site?

Substantial municipal water and wastewater capacity; land use/zoning; energy utilities -- electrical transmission and distribution, natural gas; Enterprise Zone and Opportunity Zone, New Markets tax credit; nearby workforce training at PCC/OMIC; Advanced +

- Describe existing site/area conditions, improvements/investments made to date and remaining site constraints to prepare the site to be shovel ready.  
Approx. \$50,000 in preliminary planning, optimal site selection for service positioning and anticipated site fill/elevation

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Describe the eligible projects or activities and how much program funding is being requested. Describe who prepared project cost estimates, what other funding commitment sources and amounts that may be committed to fund the project activities, if any.

Relocation and construction of 35 MW substation. Cost estimates were provided by PGE engineering department.

- Describe the projected semiconductor industry jobs the total site/area can accommodate and whether the site/project can generate one semiconductor job per \$45,000 of project financial assistance. Describe the economic impacts the project and site are estimated to produce over the next ten years.

Investor in-hand projects 800 - 1,600 semiconductor manufacturing jobs, 1,600 only with relocated and upgraded substation allowing full production capacity. Upgraded substation also will provide additional power load capacity, approximately 20x current +

### SEMICONDUCTOR BUSINESS OPERATIONS

- Is there a prospective semiconductor business(es) who are planning to locate or expand on the project site if they are not referenced in the Project Description above? If so please name or describe the status of the business and scope of their proposed investments including peak full time employees of when project(s) are operational.

Yes, the City of St. Helens has a Letter of Intent and a pending lease/purchase agreement with a solar manufacturer which was recently extended to allow power providers more time to assess available power and required improvements. The site +

- Is there an existing semiconductor business use(s) currently on site? If so, please identify the scale of operations and proposed expansion plans if any.

No; however, Columbia County's proximity to Hillsboro make it an ideal location for additional semi-conductor supply chain manufacturing. This is already happening as Columbia County and St. Helens is home to a major employer that is part of the Lam +

- Loan funds are disbursed on an expense reimbursement basis. If advance payments are being request please provide justification and rationale for the request.

We are requesting \$324,000 in advance payment to hire a project manager and begin the geotechnical study as soon as funding is secured. The other project costs can be on a reimbursement basis.

Regarding Section 5: Attachments, a site map is included for Attachment A. Attachments C and D will be provided prior to contracting



<b>SECTION 5: APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS</b>
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**Required Attachments**

Attachment A: Documentation of site ownership, acreage and zoning	Attached	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attachment B: Documentation to satisfy applicant eligibility	Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attachment C: Project cost estimates, scope of work and schedules	Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attachment D: Studies or reports to show site readiness such as remediation or mitigation plans, environmental reports and planning studies	Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attachment E: Signatory Authorization Documentation	Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>



**SECTION 6: GENERAL CERTIFICATION**

I certify to the best of my knowledge that all information contained in this document and any attached supplements is valid and accurate. I further certify that to the best of my knowledge:

1. The application has been approved by the business owner, property owner or is otherwise being submitted using the governing body's lawful process, and
2. Signature authority is verified.

**Check one of the statements below if applicant is a government entity:**

- Yes, I am the highest elected official. (e.g., Mayor, Chair or President)
- No, I am not the highest elected official so I have attached (Attachment E) documentation that verifies my authority to sign on behalf of the applicant. (Document such as charter, resolution, ordinance or governing body meeting minutes must be attached.)



02/01/2024

Signature

Date

Rick Scholl

Mayor, City of St. Helens

Printed Name

Printed Title

## Kaster Substation Budget

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Other Committed Funding</b>	<b>Grant Request</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>
Geotechnical		\$14,000	\$14,000
Site Preparation		\$500,000	\$500,000
Design	\$10,000	\$490,000	\$500,000
Property Acquisition	\$120,000	0	\$120,000
Construction	\$7,500,000	0	\$7,500,000
Project Management		\$310,000	\$310,000
Equipment	\$5,600,000	\$1,000,000	\$6,600,000
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