

Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development's Role in the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority

The Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development (CED) welcomes the chance to be a part of the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority. More information is also available on the Authority [website](#).

Our Cabinet secretary serves on the Board to assure our resources are available to work with communities interested in the community designation process to be deemed Nuclear Ready.

To help communities who wish to be aware of the process and/or better understand the role of the Cabinet, the legislation creating the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority provided the following:

SUITABLE DEVELOPMENT SITES

- The applicant shall demonstrate that it has one or more sites recognized by the **Cabinet for Economic Development** as suitable for nuclear energy-related projects.
- Documentation Required: Cabinet certification, site maps, and supporting reports.

The Cabinet is developing a set of criteria to assist communities in determining if they wish to be considered as a Nuclear Ready Community, and if so, use these criteria to determine if they wish to submit the sites for CED review.

Upon receipt of the sites for consideration, CED shall accept said submission with the understanding that, in doing so, the community has either pursued or will be pursuing designation as a Nuclear Ready Community.

CED shall review the sites, confer with various state and federal agencies, public utilizes and the local community as to the viability of the site when compared to the criteria developed by CED. At that time, CED may also suggest other sites within the county of the applicant that may also fit within the criteria CED has established.

If the sites meet the level of acceptance by CED, a letter acknowledging the site as "Meeting the Criteria of the CED for consideration by potential Nuclear projects."

GENERAL REVIEW OF SITES BY CED

CED shall use the criteria set forth in this document to evaluate sites within its own data base of site for determine which may be possible sites for a nuclear facility.

CED **shall not propose** these sites to any company for a nuclear facility considering Kentucky if the community in which the site is located has not applied for consideration as a Nuclear Ready Community.

INCENTIVES:

Kentucky welcomes suppliers to the nuclear industry to consider Kentucky. In keeping with its normal practice, Kentucky shall provide sites for consideration to any supplier to the Nuclear Industry that does not require special permitting directly tied to nuclear operations considering our state as a possible location. Further, as is the

practice of CED, the appropriate agency and local economic development and government officials will be engaged on these projects.

Kentucky is proud to be recognized as one of the nation's leading states for economic development. We are known for our speed to market and customer service from the point of consideration to decades after project announcement.

While the Kentucky legislature has not provided economic development tools specifically for nuclear-related projects, CED has a broad array of programs to work with any company, from those with a few employees to mega projects with investments in the billions.

Our economic development tools range from incentives, workforce development programs and site assistance that are intentionally broad and provide significant benefits for companies considering an investment in our state. We provide written agreements with companies that define these benefits while working with the company and local communities to assure timely approvals of all permits required to keep any project ahead of schedule.

We welcome all companies and especially those in the nuclear industry to contact us for more information.

Please see the following on the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority.

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Nuclear-Ready Community Designation Process

(Adopted pursuant to KRS 164.2804)

I. Purpose

The Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority (KNEDA), with the approval of its Advisory Board, establishes this process to guide communities seeking designation as a **Nuclear-Ready Community**. The designation is intended to demonstrate a community's preparedness and support for nuclear energy-related development within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

II. Eligibility

Any county in Kentucky, acting in coordination with its constituent cities, may apply for designation as a Nuclear-Ready Community, provided that it meets the statutory requirements set forth in KRS 164.2804.

III. Criteria for Designation

In accordance with statute, KNEDA shall evaluate each application based on the following minimum criteria:

2. Community Education

- The applicant community shall conduct at least **two (2) public educational meetings** open to all residents.
- Meetings shall include information on:
 - Advanced nuclear energy technologies,
 - The nuclear energy ecosystem and supply chain, and
 - The role and potential benefits of nuclear energy development for the community.

- Documentation Required: Agendas, attendance records, presentation materials, and evidence of public notice.

3. Suitable Development Sites

- The applicant shall demonstrate that it has one or more sites recognized by the **Cabinet for Economic Development** as suitable for nuclear energy-related projects.
- Documentation Required: Cabinet certification, site maps, and supporting reports.

4. Community Support

- The applicant must demonstrate formal local support through either:
 - **Adoption of resolutions** by the county government and **all cities within the county**, OR
 - **Approval of a countywide ballot initiative** affirming readiness for nuclear energy-related development.
- Documentation Required: Certified copies of resolutions or official election results.

IV. Application Process

1. Notice of Intent

- A community shall submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to KNEDA at least **90 days prior to application submission**.

2. Application Submission

- Applications must be submitted to the KNEDA Executive Director. If an Executive Director is not named at time of application, they should be submitted to the KNEDA Chair.
- Required components include:
 - Application cover form (signed by county judge/executive),
 - Documentation supporting each criterion in Section III,
 - Narrative statement summarizing community readiness and commitment.

3. Review and Evaluation

- KNEDA staff shall review applications for completeness.
- The KNEDA Advisory Board shall evaluate eligible applications against statutory and regulatory criteria.

4. Award of Designation

- Upon affirmative determination, KNEDA shall issue a **Certificate of Nuclear-Ready Community Designation**.
- Designations shall be approved by the Advisory Board and formally recorded in KNEDA proceedings.

VI. Revocation of Designation

KNEDA reserves the right to revoke a Nuclear-Ready Community Designation if:

- Misrepresentation of information is discovered, or
 - The community formally withdraws support for nuclear energy-related development.
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VII. Transparency and Public Engagement

- KNEDA shall maintain a public record of all designated communities.
- KNEDA shall encourage ongoing public education and engagement activities in designated communities.