

RSPPA

The Rational Siting/Push-Pull Accelerator Project

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## **Commercialization Loan Fund Frequently Asked Questions**

### ***What can I use the loan for?***

The Fund is designed for start-up companies and growing technology-based firms in advanced automotive, homeland security, and life sciences industries. Allowable expenditures include laboratory and office equipment, prototype development, research and development, and related operating, marketing and administrative expenses.

### ***What size of loan could I receive?***

The loan may be up to \$50,000. A typical range would be \$25,000 to \$50,000.

### ***What are typical terms?***

Loan administration is through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The loan carries a 6% annual percentage rate with no payments on principal or interest in the first 24 months. The loan term is up to 4 years. There are no pre-payment penalties. In some cases, debt may be converted to equity. Progress reports and financial statements are required. A full statement of all terms is available upon request.

### ***What are the eligibility requirements?***

Qualified Michigan-based start-up companies are encouraged to apply. Entrepreneurs in the process of developing business plans are also strongly encouraged to contact the **RSPPA**. Additional entrepreneurial and small-business assistance is available.

### ***What is RSPPA?***

Launched in September 2003, **RSPPA** fosters business creation and growth through technology commercialization and entrepreneurial assistance. The program is a collaboration between Michigan State University, Midland Tomorrow, North Coast Technology Investors, LP, Dow Chemical Company, Dow Corning Corporation, the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Molecular Institute (MMI), MBI International, and the Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM).

### ***Whom can I contact to explore a loan application and/or other assistance?***

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