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City of San Diego Launches Life Science Industry Pilot Program

GOAL IS TO SPEED UP BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS FOR NEW AND EXISTING BIOTECH PROJECTS

SAN DIEGO - With the goal of making resources and information available to industry leaders and developers, the City of San Diego's new Life Science Industry Pilot Program aims at revitalizing and expanding the life science industry in San Diego.

The program, which is overseen by the Development Services Department, is designed to speed up the building permit process by facilitating project set-up, review inspection and occupancy for new and existing life science projects within the city.

"San Diego is already home to more than 1,100 biotech companies," said Mayor Todd Gloria. "The Life Science Industry Pilot Program hopes to increase that number by providing the life science industry with all the necessary tools to help our city continue to be at the center of scientific research and development, which will ultimately improve our region's economy and quality of life."

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, tenant improvements for identified life science industry businesses and new buildings for identified life science industry businesses.

"The City's new pilot program will help life science project applicants who are ready to move in identified life science tenants, upon completion of their building tenant improvements," said Development Services Department Director Elyse Lowe. "By providing active project management of selected projects, our highly-qualified staff will be able to expedite the setup and review of qualified projects to ensure compliance with building codes and standards to meet the industry's needs."

Participation in the pilot program is limited to ensure all projects get the attention they deserve. The Development Services Department's project managers are assigned to each qualified project, and plan reviewers with specific knowledge of life industry processes will be assigned to these projects.

To find out more about the program and whether your project idea qualifies for submission, please visit the City's [website](#). Those interested in submitting new projects are invited to [book an appointment](#) to meet virtually with a development project manager.

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