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Research and Development Tax Incentives for the Engineering & Construction Industry.

Is your company fully aware of the opportunities that are waiting to be claimed through the Research and Development

Your Opportunity: The landscape for engineering and construction firms is changing due to the proliferation of turnkey, engineering procure and construct (EPC) contracts and design/build contracts. As a participant in an EPC or design/build effort, your firm may assume many new research & development (R&D) risks. Once it is determined that you hold the risk on a given contract, your task is to examine the range of activities that could potentially qualify for R&D tax incentives through all phases of your contract. Qualified research may begin as early as the preliminary bid and proposal stage when the design and technical specifications are developed, and may even continue through commissioning or plant startup when your design work is tested for performance.

Examples of initiatives that may be eligible for R&D tax incentives include:

- Development of new plant and process assays, or the expansion and optimization of existing plant operations
- Constructability reviews intended to identify improvements to asset or process design
- New production systems or high-tech processes to produce or treat hydrocarbons, hydrogen, ammonia, ethanol, and/or other molecular compounds
- Process design relating to the integration of key components
- Development of innovative assembly or construction methods that accelerate or improve the construction process associated with large infrastructure assets
- Design of temporary structures used in the construction process

For example, it is often necessary to determine if a new production process can scale up to a commercially viable level. While these activities may qualify for the R&D tax credit, it is difficult to allocate labor and contractor costs to qualified activities. Determining the cost of R&D is often difficult, as few companies have a project accounting system that captures many of the costs for support provided by personnel who collaborate on R&D. The typical project tracking system does not include all contractor fees, director support and salaried personnel who participate in the research effort.

Personnel on new product launch teams who participate in specifying in prototype development and testing may include marketing, regulatory affairs, product safety and evaluation, micro-biology, clinical supplies, chemistry management, packaging technology, manufacturing,



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RIX ®Technology: The Smarter Technological Solution

RIX® (for Resource Information Xchange) is an interactive, web-based information management system that provides easy-to-use, activity-based information requests, facilitates uploading and storage of relevant contemporaneous documentation, and streamlines the review & analysis of information gathered. The primary functions of the application provide an interactive Research Credit knowledge exchange for the taxpayer, allow remote reporting of Research Credit data by the taxpayer, analyze, test and document qualified activity and financial information; and facilitate remote Research Credit review by the IRS. RIX® Technology provides a valuable conduit for the client to ask real-world questions when they occur and evaluate the credit worthiness of individual activities or projects to maximize tax credits.

Our Approach

The RIX Technology R&D team is a national practice of highly experienced tax professionals specializing in R&D tax incentives. Our R&D professionals are exclusively dedicated to R&D tax issues and specialize in particular industries, including aerospace and defense. Our focus provides us with an unusual depth of experience. We also work in an efficient and non-intrusive manner so that you can stay focused on business.

Why RIX ® Technology?

Continuous, regular, contemporaneous reports with RIX® Technology result in more inclusive identification of activities, greater accuracy in related expenditures and clarity of information. Companies using RIX® see increased credit amounts, simplified documentation and review and limited reduction of tax credits under IRS review.

- Simple access to Research Tax Credit benefits
- Expansion of Research Credit opportunity (more tax dollars returned)
- Reduced total cost for Research Credit benefits (less internal effort, shorter filing periods, smaller fees)
- Durable Research Credits (certainty under review)
- Efficient Research Credit data collection
 - Reduction of personnel time for data collection
 - Minimal training requirements
 - Reduced impact of personnel turnover on Research Credit data collection
 - Improved continuity of records
 - Minimal personnel participation in examinations by taxing authorities
- Interactive Q&A and FAQ data
- Increased Research Tax Credits from improved recordkeeping
- Simplified IRS audit process
- SOX benefits
 - Systematic process
 - Improved recordkeeping
 - Greater certainty of Research Credit retention under IRS review
- Availability of accurate management metrics for R&D efforts
- Greater internal visibility of Intellectual Property information
- Forum for periodic posting of critical information to operational personnel

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