

RIX TECHNOLOGY, LLC.

R&D Tax Specialists Tax Automation Services

Research and Development Tax Incentives for the Food Industry.

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



Your Opportunity: R&D is an important competitive factor for food developers and fast food purveyors that are constantly working to create new products and improve the taste and safety of foods.

Developing new product flavors, appearances, textures, health benefits, and extending shelf life are all potentially qualifying activities. Additionally, improvements to the manufacturing process to enhance efficiencies as well as reduce the risk of spoilage and contamination may also qualify for the R&D tax credit. While these activities may qualify for the R&D tax credit, it is difficult to allocate labor and contractor costs to qualified activities due to the fact that engineers and scientists perform both qualified and nonqualified research activities.

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

- Designing and developing new products, such as low-carb or trans-fat-free products
- Improving manufacturing technology, processes, and procedures to increase yield, reduce waste and byproducts, improve safety, or comply with EPA requirements
- Developing new packaging and packaging systems or redesigning existing packaging
- Manufacturing experimental batches and pilot runs for the R&D department

Determining the cost of R&D is often difficult because few companies have a project accounting system that captures many of the costs for support provided by various personnel who collaborate on R&D. The typical project tracking system does not include all contractor fees, director support & salaried personnel who participate in the research effort.

For example, personnel on new product launch teams who participate in specifying in prototype development and testing may include marketing, regulatory affairs, product safety and evaluation, microbiology, clinical supplies, chemistry management, packaging technology, manufacturing, instrumentation, and even sales.

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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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