TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Application Fee and Membership Benefit
A non-refundable application fee of $500 is required for participating governments applying to the Georgia Life Sciences (GLS) BioReady Communities Program.

The application fee includes one year of complimentary GLS membership, which will be extended to either the participating governments or the local development authority submitting the application. The applicant must identify which entity will receive the membership benefit at the time of application.

Current GLS members in good standing are exempt from the $500 application fee.

2. Application Review and Approval
Applications will be reviewed by selected members of the GLS Ecosystem Council for final designation.

GLS may request additional information, supporting documentation, or clarification during the review process. Submission of an application does not guarantee designation. Designations will be awarded based on demonstrated compliance with the applicable program criteria and final board approval.

3. Designation Level and Applicants Not Meeting Requested Criteria
Each BioReady designation builds upon the requirements of the preceding designation. By applying for a higher-level designation, the applicant affirms that it has met all requirements of the preceding levels, in addition to the criteria specific to the designation sought.

If a participating government applicant does not meet the criteria for its requested BioReady designation, GLS will communicate the outstanding requirements or areas requiring additional information or improvement.

Communities that meet the criteria for a lower designation level—Bronze or Silver—but do not meet the criteria for their requested higher designation may be awarded the lower designation, subject to the program's review and approval process. This allows communities to receive recognition for their demonstrated readiness while continuing to address the requirements for a higher designation.

A participating government awarded a lower designation will have up to three years from the date of notification of the review outcome to address the outstanding requirements and resubmit documentation for consideration at the higher designation level.

If the participating government does not satisfy the outstanding requirements within the three-year period, it must submit a new application to be considered for a higher designation. Any applicable application fee will be assessed in accordance with the program's current fee policy.

4. Designation Term and Recertification
BioReady designation is valid for three years from the date of designation, unless otherwise specified by GLS.

To maintain its designation, the participating government must complete the recertification process every three years and demonstrate continued compliance with the applicable criteria.

Communities that receive a lower designation and subsequently qualify for a higher level will be subject to the review and approval process established by GLS for designation upgrades. The term of the upgraded designation will begin on the effective date of the new designation, as determined by GLS.

5. Recognition and Promotional Benefits
GLS will work collaboratively with designated communities to coordinate an award ceremony or formal recognition event celebrating their BioReady designation. The format, timing, and details of the recognition will be coordinated between GLS and the designated community.

BioReady Communities will also receive recognition through GLS communications and promotional channels. Recognition may include:

- **GLS website:** Featured listing on the BioReady Communities webpage, identifying the community and its awarded designation.
- **GLS media channels:** Promotion through appropriate GLS social media platforms, newsletters, press announcements, and other communications.
- **Promotional materials:** Inclusion in relevant GLS presentations, publications, and materials highlighting BioReady Communities and Georgia's life sciences ecosystem.
- **Community amplification:** Coordination with the designated community to support shared announcements and maximize awareness of its designation.

GLS will coordinate recognition activities with each designated community and determine the appropriate timing and format based on program needs and available communications channels.

6. Accuracy of Information
Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all information and supporting documentation submitted with their application are accurate, complete, and current to the best of their knowledge.

GLS reserves the right to request verification of submitted information and to reconsider a designation if material inaccuracies or misrepresentations are identified.

7. Use of BioReady Designation
Designated municipalities may identify themselves as BioReady Communities at the level awarded by GLS and may use approved program marks and materials in accordance with GLS branding and usage guidelines.

BioReady designation recognizes a community's readiness in relation to the program's established criteria. It does not guarantee investment, company recruitment, project approval, funding, or economic development
outcomes.

8. Program Administration
Georgia Life Sciences reserves the right to administer, interpret, and update the BioReady Communities Program, including its criteria, fees, application procedures, recognition activities, and recertification requirements. Material program changes will be communicated to applicants and designated communities as appropriate.

Submission of an application constitutes acknowledgment of and agreement to these terms and conditions.