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#### **California Competes**

**Committee Meeting** 

Thursday, June 12, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Department of Food and Agriculture Auditorium 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

And (via teleconference) California Department of Transportation - District 7 100 S Main Street, Ocean Room 01.037, Los Angeles, CA 90012

And (via teleconference) Jobs to Move America 525 South Hewitt Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013

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# AGENDA

#### **OPEN SESSION**

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call
- B. Approval of Minutes from May 1, 2025, Committee Meeting
- C. Deputy Director's Report
   Agenda Overview Agreements with 5 Businesses, Total Tax Credits: \$29,344,000
- D. Discussion and Approval of California Competes Tax Credit Agreements
   Total Recommended Tax Credits: \$29,344,000
   Total Recommended Tax Credits after Adjusting for S-Corporation Law<sup>1</sup>: \$34,010,667

#### MEMBERS:

**Dee Dee Myers,** Chair Director Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development

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Joe Stephenshaw, Director Department of Finance

**Todd Walters**, Appointee of the Senate Committee on Rules

Madeline Janis, Appointee of the Speaker of the Assembly

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> One-third of the California Competes Tax Credit may be utilized by an S-Corporation to offset the tax on net income at the S-Corporation level (R&TC §23803(a)(1)). The remaining two-thirds is disregarded and may not be used as a carryover for the S-Corporation (R&TC §23803(a)(2)(A)). However, the full amount of the California Competes Tax Credit is also passed through to the S-Corporation's shareholders (R&TC §23803(a)(2)(F)).



1.	Le Vecke Corporation Industry: Beverage Manufacturing Primary Location(s): Jurupa Valley Employee Net Increase: Investment: Amount of Tax Credit: Link to Tax Credit Agreement	224 \$30,000,000 \$11,000,000
2.	RIS Rx LLC Industry: Software Development Primary Location(s): Newport Beach Employee Net Increase: Investment: Amount of Tax Credit: Link to Tax Credit Agreement	453 \$3,967,020 \$10,000,000
3.	Nextracker LLC Industry: Solar Product Design and Assembly Primary Location(s): Fremont Employee Net Increase: Investment: Amount of Tax Credit: Link to Tax Credit Agreement	255 \$32,643,522 \$4,500,000
4.	A.S. Aerospace, Inc. Industry: Aerospace Component Manufacturing Primary Location(s): Palmdale and Santa Clarita Employee Net Increase: Investment: Amount of Tax Credit: Link to Tax Credit Agreement	137 \$19,100,000 \$3,000,000



5. EVO Power USA, Inc.

Industry: Battery Energy Storage System Assembly	
Primary Location(s): Rancho Santa Margarita	
Employee Net Increase:	18
Investment:	\$1,219,310
Amount of Tax Credit:	\$844,000
Link to Tax Credit Agreement	

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E.	Discussion and Approval of Recommendations for California Comp Recapture	oetes Tax Credit
	Total Tax Credits Recommended to be Recaptured:	\$74,266,000
	Total Tax Credits Recommended to be Recaptured after	
	Adjusting for S-Corporation Law <sup>2</sup> :	\$74,701,333
	1. VinFast Dealer San Francisco #1 LLC	
	Industry: Electric Vehicle Manufacturing Headquarters and Sales	
	Primary Location(s): Los Angeles, Irvine, Unknown	
	Amount of Tax Credit Awarded:	\$20,500,000
	Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:	\$20,500,000
	Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured	
	Reason for Credit Recapture:	

VinFast Dealer San Francisco #1 LLC has indicated that it will not be carrying out its business as contemplated in its approved California Competes Tax Credit Agreement and has requested the termination of its agreement to allow the credit to be made available to other California businesses.

2. Cue Health, Inc.

Industry: Medical Device ManufacturingPrimary Location(s): San DiegoAmount of Tax Credit Awarded:\$20,000,000Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:\$20,000,000Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be RecapturedReason for Credit Recapture:

GO-Biz has determined that Cue Health, Inc. is in material breach of the Agreement. Accordingly, GO-Biz recommends that the CCTC Committee terminate the Agreement between GO-Biz and Cue Health, Inc. and recapture its CCTC.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  One-third of the California Competes Tax Credit may be utilized by an S-Corporation to offset the tax on net income at the S-Corporation level (R&TC §23803(a)(1)). The remaining two-thirds is disregarded and may not be used as a carryover for the S-Corporation (R&TC §23803(a)(2)(A)). However, the full amount of the California Competes Tax Credit is also passed through to the S-Corporation's shareholders (R&TC §23803(a)(2)(F)).



# 3. Cepheid

Industry: Diagnostic Test Manufacturing	
Primary Location(s): Lodi and Santa Clara County	
Amount of Tax Credit Awarded:	\$20,000,000
Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:	\$11,000,000
Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured	
Reason for Credit Recapture:	

Cepheid's California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2024 tax year which was the final year to achieve the milestones and claim any corresponding credit. Any credit not earned by the completion of the agreement must be recaptured in order to be made available to other California businesses.

4.	DesertXpress Enterprises LLC	
	Industry: High Speed Rail Construction & Operation	
	Primary Location(s): Victorville or Apple Valley	
	Amount of Tax Credit Awarded:	\$10,000,000
	Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:	\$10,000,000
	Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured	
	Reason for Credit Recapture:	

DesertXpress Enterprises LLC's California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2024 tax year which was the final year to achieve the milestones and claim any corresponding credit. Any credit not earned by the completion of the agreement must be recaptured in order to be made available to other California businesses.



5. Allogene Therapeutics, Inc.
Industry: Biotechnology Research and Development
Primary Location(s): South San Francisco, Alameda, Fremont, Milpitas, Newark
Amount of Tax Credit Awarded:
\$9,000,000
Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:
\$3,000,000
Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured
Reason for Credit Recapture:

Allogene Therapeutics, Inc.'s California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2022 tax year. Any credit not maintained for three subsequent years after the year in which the milestones are achieved is subject to recapture in order to be made available to other California businesses.

6.	CTC Global Corporation	
	Industry: Electricity Conductor Engineering and Manufacturing	
	Primary Location(s): Irvine and Santa Ana	
	Amount of Tax Credit Awarded:	\$5,000,000
	Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:	\$2,500,000
	Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured	
	Reason for Credit Recapture:	

CTC Global Corporation's California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2024 tax year which was the final year to achieve the milestones and claim any corresponding credit. Any credit not earned by the completion of the agreement must be recaptured in order to be made available to other California businesses.



7. Fortress North America, Inc.

Industry: Fire Suppression and Flood Containment Product ManufacturingPrimary Location(s): Rocklin and UnknownAmount of Tax Credit Awarded:\$2,400,000Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:\$2,380,000Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be RecapturedReason for Credit Recapture:

Fortress North America, Inc.'s California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2024 tax year which was the final year to achieve the milestones and claim any corresponding credit. Any credit not earned by the completion of the agreement must be recaptured in order to be made available to other California businesses.

8.	L3Harris Applied Technologies, Inc. (L3 Applied Technologies, Ir	ר)
	Industry: Defense Contracting	
	Primary Location(s): San Leandro	
	Amount of Tax Credit Awarded:	\$1,500,000
	Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:	\$1,500,000
	Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured	
	Reason for Credit Recapture:	

L3Harris Applied Technologies, Inc. (L3 Applied Technologies, Inc) has indicated that it will not be carrying out its business as contemplated in its approved California Competes Tax Credit Agreement and has requested the termination of its agreement to allow the credit to be made available to other California businesses.



9. 3DEO, Inc.

Industry: 3D Steel Print Manufacturing	
Primary Location(s): Gardena or Torrance	
Amount of Tax Credit Awarded:	\$800,000
Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:	\$800,000
Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured	
Reason for Credit Recapture:	

3DEO, Inc.'s California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2024 tax year which was the final year to achieve the milestones and claim any corresponding credit. Any credit not earned by the completion of the agreement must be recaptured in order to be made available to other California businesses.

10. Precision Medical Products, Inc.	
Industry: Medical Device Manufacturing	
Primary Location(s): Rocklin and Sacramento	
Amount of Tax Credit Awarded:	\$950,000
Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:	\$760,000
Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured	
Reason for Credit Recapture:	

Precision Medical Products, Inc. 's California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2024 tax year which was the final year to achieve the milestones and claim any corresponding credit. Any credit not earned by the completion of the agreement must be recaptured in order to be made available to other California businesses.



11. PKL Services, Inc.

Industry: Aircraft Maintenance Primary Location(s): Poway Amount of Tax Credit Awarded: Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured: Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured Reason for Credit Recapture:

\$2,500,000 \$550,000

PKL Services, Inc.'s California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2024 tax year which was the final year to achieve the milestones and claim any corresponding credit. Any credit not earned by the completion of the agreement must be recaptured in order to be made available to other California businesses.

12. Vision Fine Foods LLC (2nd Award)	
Industry: Production of Packaged Bakery Goods	
Primary Location(s): Stockton	
Amount of Tax Credit Awarded:	\$850,000
Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:	\$350,000
Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured	
Reason for Credit Recapture:	

Vision Fine Foods LLC (2nd Award)'s California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2024 tax year which was the final year to achieve the milestones and claim any corresponding credit. Any credit not earned by the completion of the agreement must be recaptured in order to be made available to other California businesses.



## 13. I.P.S. Group, Inc.

Industry: Parking Meter Technology, Design, and Manufacturing	
Primary Location(s): San Diego	
Amount of Tax Credit Awarded:	\$500,000
Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:	\$300,000
Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured	
Reason for Credit Recapture:	

I.P.S. Group, Inc.'s California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2020 tax year which was the final year to achieve the milestones and claim any corresponding credit. The Franchise Tax Board has determined that the business did not achieve or maintain some or all of its milestones for years in which it was previously approved to claim the credit. Any credit not earned by the completion of the agreement or not maintained for three subsequent years after the year in which the milestones are achieved must be recaptured in order to be made available to other California businesses.

14. Watsonville Auto Body, Inc.

Industry: Automotive Repair	
Primary Location(s): Salinas, Santa Cruz, Monterey, Freedom	
Amount of Tax Credit Awarded:	\$280,000
Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:	\$280,000
Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured	
Reason for Credit Recapture:	

GO-Biz has determined that Watsonville Auto Body, Inc. is in material breach of the Agreement. Accordingly, GO-Biz recommends that the CCTC Committee terminate the Agreement between GO-Biz and Watsonville Auto Body, Inc. and recapture its CCTC.



15. Worksters, Inc.

Industry: Information and Data Evaluation Services	
Primary Location(s): San Diego	
Amount of Tax Credit Awarded:	\$130,000
Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:	\$130,000
Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured	
Reason for Credit Recapture:	

Worksters, Inc.'s California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2024 tax year which was the final year to achieve the milestones and claim any corresponding credit. Any credit not earned by the completion of the agreement must be recaptured in order to be made available to other California businesses.

16. Thermal Equipment Corporation	
Industry: Autoclave Manufacturing	
Primary Location(s): Rancho Dominguez	
Amount of Tax Credit Awarded:	\$450,000
Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:	\$105,000
Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured	
Reason for Credit Recapture:	

Thermal Equipment Corporation's California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2024 tax year which was the final year to achieve the milestones and claim any corresponding credit. Any credit not earned by the completion of the agreement must be recaptured in order to be made available to other California businesses.



17. Hodo, Inc.

Industry: Food Manufacturing	
Primary Location(s): Sacramento and Oakland	
Amount of Tax Credit Awarded:	\$400,000
Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:	\$80,000
Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured	
Reason for Credit Recapture:	

Hodo, Inc.'s California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2021 tax year. Any credit not maintained for three subsequent years after the year in which the milestones are achieved is subject to recapture in order to be made available to other California businesses.

18. Excelsior, Inc. (Excelsior Metals, Inc.)	
Industry: Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	
Primary Location(s): Fresno	
Amount of Tax Credit Awarded:	\$135,000
Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:	\$27,000
Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured	
Reason for Credit Recapture:	

Excelsior, Inc. (Excelsior Metals, Inc.)'s California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2021 tax year. Any credit not maintained for three subsequent years after the year in which the milestones are achieved is subject to recapture in order to be made available to other California businesses.



#### 19. Sandwich Video, Inc.

Industry: Online Commercial Production	
Primary Location(s): Los Angeles	
Amount of Tax Credit Awarded:	\$20,000
Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:	\$4,000
Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured	
Reason for Credit Recapture:	

Sandwich Video, Inc.'s California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2019 tax year which was the final year to achieve the milestones and claim any corresponding credit. The Franchise Tax Board has determined that the business did not achieve or maintain some or all of its milestones for years in which it was previously approved to claim the credit. Any credit not earned by the completion of the agreement or not maintained for three subsequent years after the year in which the milestones are achieved must be recaptured in order to be made available to other California businesses.

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- F. Discussion and Approval of Recommendations for Modified California Competes Tax Credit Recapture
  Total Recommended Tax Credits to be Recaptured: \$1,873,000
  Total Recommended Tax Credits to be Recaptured after
  Adjusting for S-Corporation Law<sup>3</sup>: \$1,955,667
  1. Wonderstorm, Inc.
  Industry: Online Video Game Development
  - Primary Location(s): El SegundoAmount of Tax Credit Awarded:\$2,100,000Previous Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:\$325,000Additional Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:\$1,450,000Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured\$1,450,000Reason for Credit Recapture:\$1,450,000

Wonderstorm, Inc.'s California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2022 tax year which was the final year to achieve the milestones and claim any corresponding credit. On June 15, 2023, the Committee recaptured \$325,000. Any credit not maintained for three subsequent years after the year in which the milestones are achieved is subject to recapture in order to be made available to other California businesses. Accordingly, GO-Biz recommends that the CCTC Committee recapture \$1,450,000.

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2. King Shock Technology, Inc. Industry: Automotive Parts Manufacturing Primary Location(s): Garden Grove Amount of Tax Credit Awarded: \$750,000 Previous Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured: \$320,000 Additional Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured: \$200,000 Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured Reason for Credit Recapture:

King Shock Technology, Inc.'s California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2021 tax year which was the final year to achieve the milestones and claim any corresponding credit. On November 16, 2023, the Committee recaptured \$320,000. Any credit not maintained for three subsequent years after the year in which the milestones are achieved is subject to recapture in order to be made available to other California businesses. Accordingly, GO-Biz recommends that the CCTC Committee recapture \$200,000.

3. Enviro Tech Chemical Services, Inc. Industry: Chemical Manufacturing Primary Location(s): Modesto Amount of Tax Credit Awarded: \$400,000 Previous Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured: \$240,000 Additional Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured: \$160,000 Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured Reason for Credit Recapture:

Enviro Tech Chemical Services, Inc.'s California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2021 tax year which was the final year to achieve the milestones and claim any corresponding credit. On November 14, 2024, the Committee recaptured \$240,000. Any credit not maintained for three subsequent years after the year in which the milestones are achieved is subject to recapture in order to be made available to other California businesses. Accordingly, GO-Biz recommends that the CCTC Committee recapture \$160,000.



## 4. Hilbers, Inc.

Industry: Commercial and Institutional Building Construction	
Primary Location(s): Yuba City	
Amount of Tax Credit Awarded:	\$120,000
Previous Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:	\$48,000
Additional Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:	\$48,000
Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured	
Reason for Credit Recapture:	

Hilbers, Inc.'s California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2020 tax year which was the final year to achieve the milestones and claim any corresponding credit. On November 16, 2023, the Committee recaptured \$48,000. The Franchise Tax Board has determined that the business did not achieve or maintain some or all of its milestones for years in which it was previously approved to claim the credit. Any credit not earned by the completion of the agreement or not maintained for three subsequent years after the year in which the milestones are achieved must be recaptured in order to be made available to other California businesses. Accordingly, GO-Biz recommends that the CCTC Committee recapture the \$48,000.

#### 5. Charlie Marano

Industry: Graphic Design Services	
Primary Location(s): Sacramento	
Amount of Tax Credit Awarded:	\$75,000
Previous Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:	\$45,000
Additional Amount of Tax Credit Recaptured:	\$15,000
Link to Tax Credit Agreement to be Recaptured	
Reason for Credit Recapture:	

Charlie Marano's California Competes Tax Credit Agreement expired at the end of its 2021 tax year which was the final year to achieve the milestones and claim any corresponding credit. On November 17, 2022, the Committee recaptured \$45,000. Any credit not maintained for three subsequent years after the year in which the milestones are achieved is subject to recapture in order to be made available to other California businesses. Accordingly, GO-Biz recommends that the CCTC Committee recapture \$15,000.



## G. Public Comment

#### H. Adjournment

The numerical order of items on this agenda is for convenience of reference. Items may be taken out of order upon the request of the California Competes Tax Credit Committee Chair or Committee Members. This notice and agenda can be obtained at: www.business.ca.gov/CalCompetes.aspx. For additional information regarding this notice and agenda, please contact Jee Liyanage, Assistant Deputy Director, at 916-322-2669 or jeevani.liyanage@gobiz.ca.gov. The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act by ensuring that the facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities, and by providing this notice and agenda and related information in alternative formats when requested. If you need further assistance, including disability-related modifications or accommodations, you may contact Jee Liyanage no later than five calendar days before the meeting.