

**261—116.4(15E) Maintenance, reporting, and revocation of certification.**

**116.4(1)** In order to maintain certification, an innovation fund must demonstrate compliance with the eligibility criteria set forth in subrule 116.3(3) at all times during participation in the program. A failure to comply with the eligibility criteria on an ongoing basis may result in revocation of certification. The authority will notify an innovation fund if the authority finds that the fund is not in compliance and will allow the innovation fund a period of not more than 120 days in which to address such noncompliance. If after 120 days the innovation fund remains in noncompliance, the board may revoke the fund's certification. The authority will not issue tax credit certificates to investors in an innovation fund if such equity investments are made at any point after the innovation fund has been found to be in noncompliance or if the innovation fund's certification has been revoked.

**116.4(2)** On or before December 31 of each year, each certified innovation fund shall collect and provide to the board, in the manner and form prescribed by the authority, the following information:

*a.* The amount of equity investments made in the innovation fund, both on an annual and a cumulative basis.

*b.* For each investment by an innovation fund in a business:

(1) The amount and date of the investment.

(2) The name and industry of the business.

(3) The location or locations from which the business operates.

(4) The number of employees of the business located in Iowa and the number of employees of the business located outside Iowa on the date of the initial investment by the innovation fund in the business.

(5) The number of employees of the business located in Iowa and the number of employees of the business located outside Iowa at the close of the fiscal year which is the subject of the report.

*c.* In order to establish that an innovation fund has met the criterion found in subparagraph 116.3(3)“*b*”(5), the innovation fund shall provide documentation and information in the manner and form required by the authority. Such documentation and information may include, without limitation, contracts, memoranda of understanding, letters of support, affidavits, joint press releases, or a list and summary description of the dates and locations for meetings held between the innovation fund and the other entities which allowed for collaboration and coordination between the innovation fund and those entities in an effort to achieve policy consistency.

*d.* In order to establish that an innovation fund has met the criterion found in subparagraph 116.3(3)“*b*”(6), the innovation fund shall provide documentation and information in the manner and form required by the authority. Such documentation and information may include, without limitation, contracts, memoranda of understanding, letters of support, affidavits, joint press releases, or a list and summary description of the dates and locations for meetings held between the innovation fund and regents institutions, the names of representatives of regents institutions with whom the innovation fund has met, and a brief summary of the discussions at those meetings. The innovation fund shall also indicate if any business in which it has invested is commercializing research developed at one of the regents institutions.

**116.4(3)** Upon obtaining the required minimum threshold of \$15 million in binding investment commitments, an innovation fund shall submit a statement containing the names, addresses, equity interests issued and consideration paid for the interests of all limited partners or members who may initially qualify for the tax credits. An innovation fund shall submit an amended statement as may be necessary from time to time to reflect new equity interests or transfers in equity among current equity holders or as any other information on the list may change. The authority will consider requests submitted under Iowa Code section 15.118 to treat investor names and amounts as confidential.

**116.4(4)** The board may revoke an innovation fund's certification if any of the following events occur:

*a.* An innovation fund fails to secure the required \$15 million in initial binding investment commitments within one year of the date of certification by the board or fails at any point thereafter to secure investment from its investors of at least \$15 million. If an investor in an innovation fund fails to make a capital call by the innovation fund and that failure would cause the innovation fund to fail to secure the required minimum \$15 million in investment, then the authority will provide the

innovation fund a period of not more than 120 days after receiving notice of the failed capital call to secure additional investment commitments sufficient to meet the required minimum investment.

*b.* An innovation fund fails to timely submit the report required in subrule 116.4(2).

*c.* An innovation fund fails to maintain the eligibility criteria as set forth in subrule 116.3(3).

The board may forbear revocation under this subrule for good cause shown or for demonstration of extenuating circumstances. Such forbearance shall be at the board's discretion and for the period of time determined by the board to be in the best interest of the program and the state of Iowa.

**116.4(5)** If the board finds that a fund is in noncompliance or revokes an innovation fund's certification, the board will not issue tax credit certificates to investors in the innovation fund until the innovation fund manager demonstrates to the board that the innovation fund again meets the eligibility criteria set forth in rule 261—116.3(15E). If an investor makes an equity investment prior to a notice of noncompliance and a revocation of an innovation fund's certification, the board will issue the tax credit certificate as set forth in rule 261—116.6(15E). If an investor is issued a tax credit certificate prior to a revocation of certification, the investor shall have all the rights described in Iowa Code section 15E.52(5).

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