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Why RCI? Why Now?

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Why RCI Now?

USGBC - LEED v5 has changed the rules!

- No more visual estimates for LEED reporting
- Maximum allowable facility recovery rate is 35% for non-RCI Certified facility
- RCI Certified facilities with over 50% recovery will earn 1 point
- RCI Certified facilities with over 75% recovery will earn 2 points

Recovery Rates Challenges

Differentiate Your Company with a Value-Add Certification for LEED and Beyond

High Recovery Rate Targets and Facility (mis)Reporting

- Support Sustainability/Zero Waste/Diversion Goals
- Regulators, Contractors, and Generators are aware of bogus claims

What is the RCI CORR Protocol?

- Third party C&D facility certification protocol created by CDRA
- Developed with broad stakeholder input
- RCI protocols, procedures, and methodologies
- The Goal is Transparency / Confidence

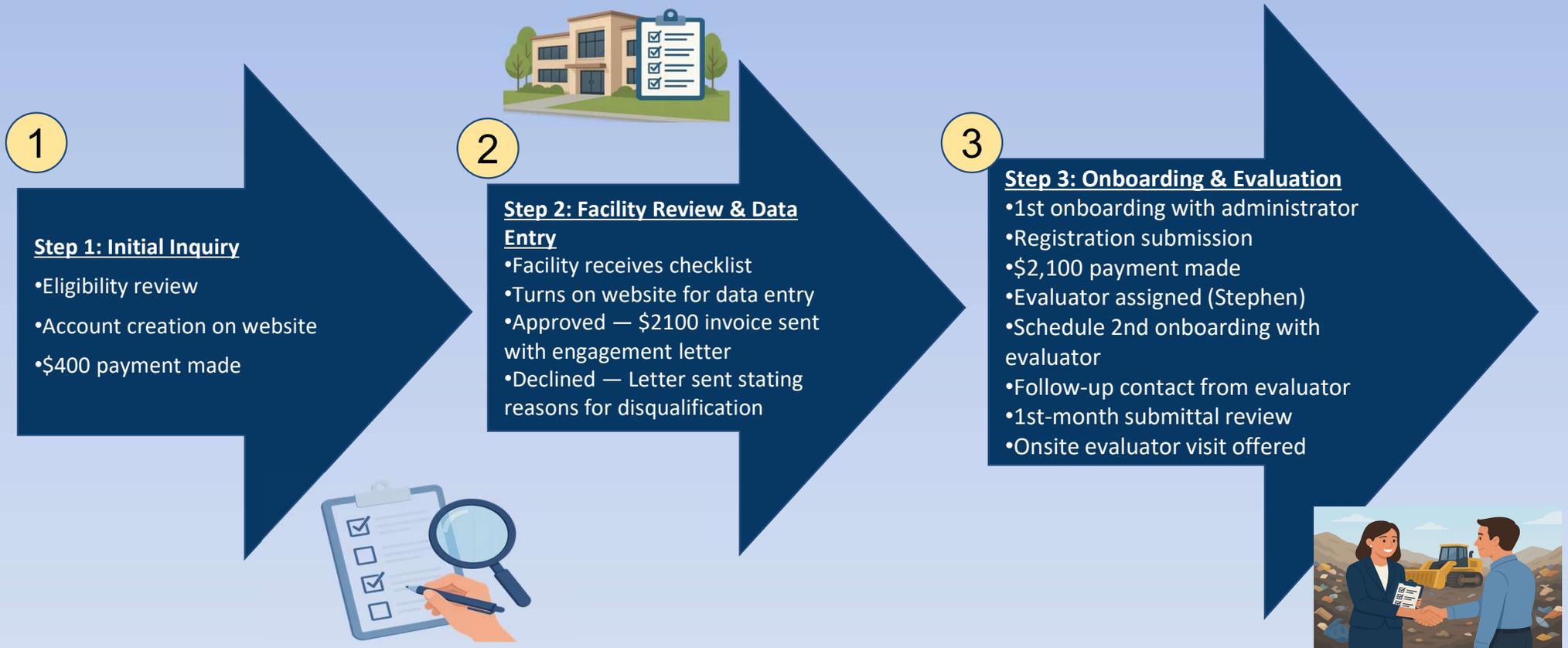
Risk-Based Assessment

- Permits
- Frequency of Scale Calibration
- Training of Facility Personnel
- Maintenance/Operation of Equipment
- Use of Data Management Systems
- QA/QC of Data Collection Process
- Data Calculations
- Markets and Sales of Materials

Process

- Registration
- “Application for Certification”
- Desk Audit
- Trained RCI Evaluators Engaged Early
- Onsite Evaluation = Verification
- Processes, records, and reports of the facility.
- Annual mass balance review In equals Out

Path to RCI Certification



Note: *The first three steps typically take between 2-3 weeks on average, depending on how quickly the information is returned to RCI for processing.*

Step 4 & 5 Process Overview

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Step 4:

- Second onboarding with evaluator
- Review of the first month
- Scope of evaluation review
- Review of RCI process and application
- Submission of data (submittals)
- Start of \$629/month payment
- 12-month clock begins — facilities already in operation can use historical data

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Step 5:

- Up to 12 months of ongoing conversation with evaluator
- Application submitted and reviewed by evaluator
- Optional onsite visit



Additional Notes: **Step 4** typically takes **1–3 weeks**, depending on data quality. **Step 5** generally takes about **3 months**, mostly for data collection.

Final Three Steps Overview



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Step 6: Application Completion

- Application submitted
- Certification invoice sent (\$5,000)
- Invoice paid
- Report prepared

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Step 7: Evaluation Onsite & Review

- Onsite evaluation conducted
- Report prepared by evaluator
- Executive Director review
- Presented to review board
- Facility signing
- Board of Directors review and approval
- Certification completed



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Step 8: Finalization & Public Release

- Current on monthly payments
- Current on data submissions
- Make certification visible on website
- Adjust invoice to reflect tonnage (if applicable)
- Press release issued



Note:

These final steps typically take between 6-8 weeks.

Evaluation Report

- Facility Overview
- Development of Evaluation Plan
- Criteria
 1. Regulatory Compliance Test
 2. Use of Scales
 3. Supporting Data for Rate Calculations
 4. Data Transcription and Management
 5. Individuals Properly Trained
 6. Performance Standard Test
- Evaluation Statement Overview

I'm Certified – What Now?

- Certified facilities continue to submit monthly data
- Your facilitator reviews your monthly data looking for anomalies
- Any numbers beyond normal range should be explained
- Your facilities pays a monthly fee
- Every two years we conduct an onsite review of your program at no cost

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