



Food Site Certification

A Constantly Growing Industry

There are over 47,800 companies in the United States that are defined as food and beverage (F&B) process manufacturers. The industry continues to expand despite economic recessions and has continually evolved to meet the ever-changing demands of consumers. Combined, these companies employ more than 1.9 million people.

Why Food Site Certification?

Speed to market continues to be an important factor with F&B clients in selecting sites or buildings, especially given the industry's growth. Before much time is expended in evaluating the community, workforce, and business climate, clients want to know that a potential site meets the rigorous criteria that are required for any food and beverage processing facility.

CDG Engineers and Garner Economics have partnered to create one of the most extensive certification initiatives in the economic development and food and beverage industry. The process helps communities prepare for the location of F&B projects, which in turn helps companies in the industry know that a community has met Garner + CDG's rigorous review requirements.



The Site Certification Process

The Garner + CDG certification process includes an assessment of the site against a database of hundreds of criteria and variables necessary to support the critical business decisions of a food industry manufacturer; a comprehensive labor analysis focused on the workforce requirements of the food and beverage industry; a virtual spec building drawing so that a prospective client can see how a building may be defined on the site; and a report detailing how the site meets or exceeds the certification criteria.

If, after being vetted through the process, the site does not meet the criteria, an explanation of what needs to be done to achieve certification is provided to the client.

“Clearly Ahead Development worked in collaboration with the owners of TAFCO (TMP Manufacturing Company) to preserve this major project within Clearfield County. Since 2014, multiple sites and significant due-diligence was invested by TAFCO to identify the optimal site for their new manufacturing facility in Pennsylvania. With the support of the Garner certified food site recognition, we are extremely pleased TAFCO’s site selection process proved the Commerce Park is the optimal fit for their business to make a significant long-term capital investment.”

- Robert A. Swales
Clearly Ahead Economic
Development, PA

What's Included with Certification?

- A concise database record for hundreds of valuable criteria and variables necessary to support the critical business decisions of a Food Industry Manufacturer, considering your location.
- A comprehensive labor analysis by Garner Economics focused on the workforce requirements of the food and beverage industry. This presents solid information to help persuade prospective clients of the value of your site.
- A building layout from our engineers so that a prospective client can see how a building may be defined on the site(s) we analyze.
- A report, with the Garner + CDG Food Site Certification label. If the site does not meet the criteria, an explanation of what needs to be done will be provided to achieve the Certification.

Who We Are

CDG Engineers & Associates, Inc. has been an active force in the evolution of infrastructure and environmental projects since 1946. From greenfield sites to expansion projects, CDG brings more than engineering. The CDG team presents forward-thinking design, client advocacy, funding acquisition assistance, and a desire to guide business, industry and community leaders through projects from initial vision to final transformation. CDG strives to leave clients with a finished project that not only surpasses expectations but leaves a legacy that shows tangible signs of progress.

Garner Economics offers site selection, analytical research, industry targeting, strategic planning and organizational design to companies, communities, and organizations globally. Based in Atlanta, GA, the firm has representative offices in both Europe and Asia.

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