Overview of the
CSconnected Supply Chain Development Programme

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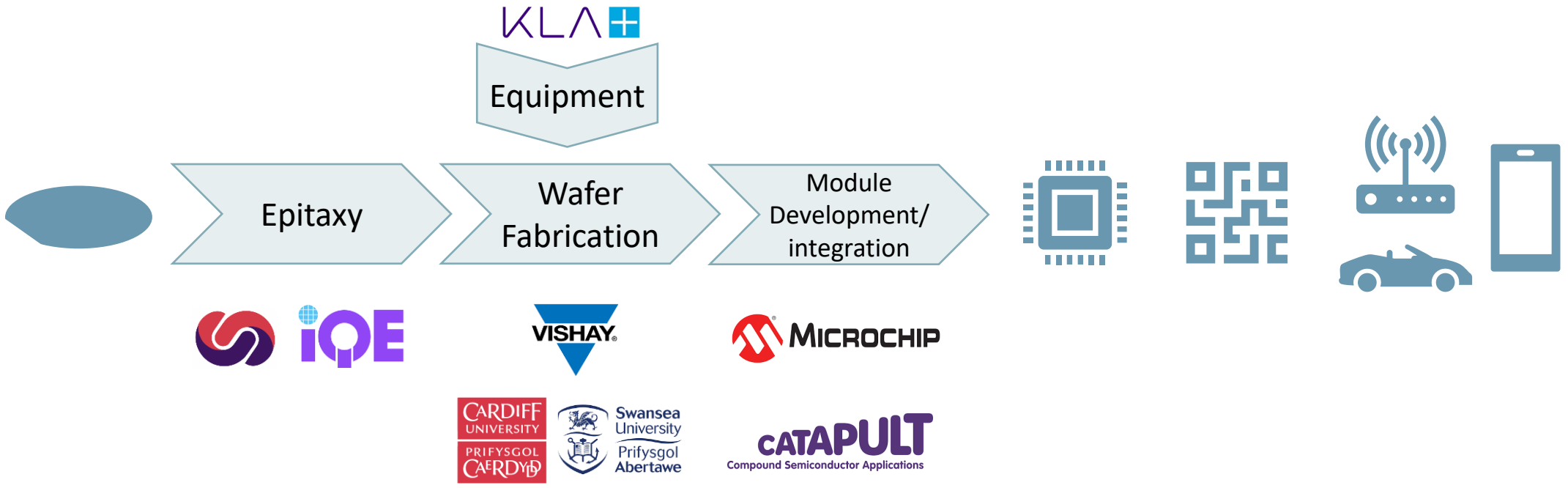
Growing the CSconnected Cluster Supply Chain



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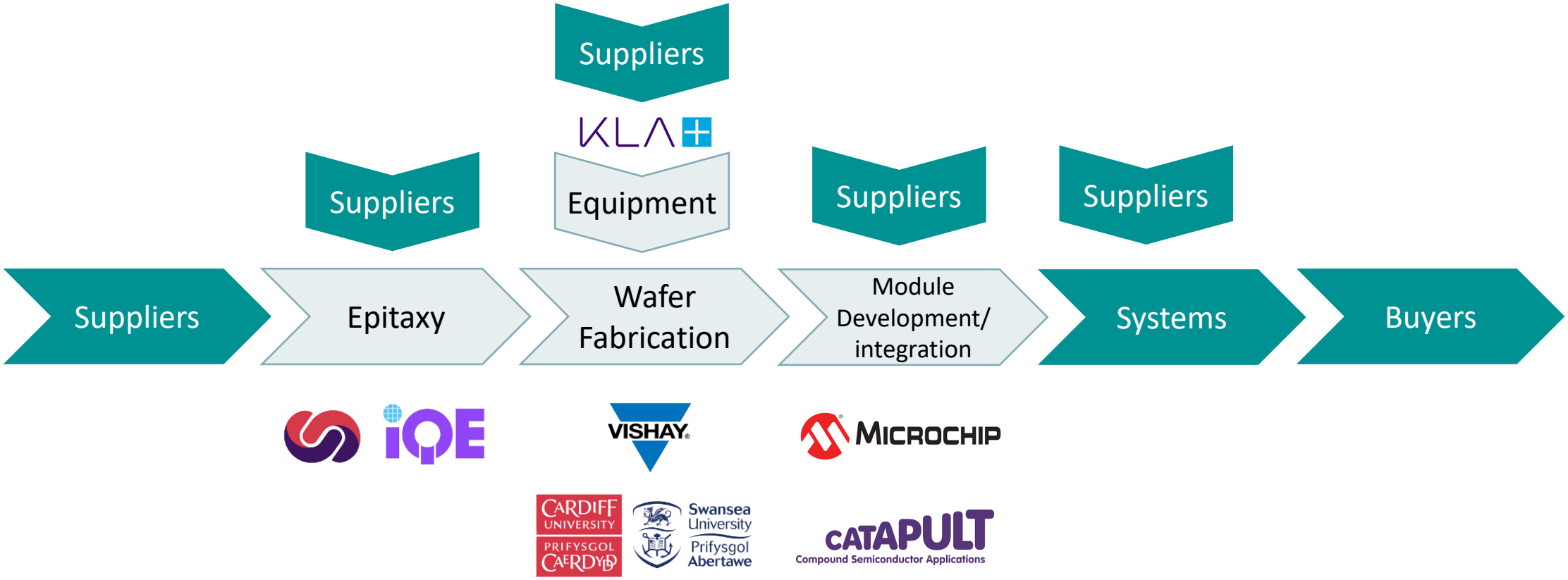

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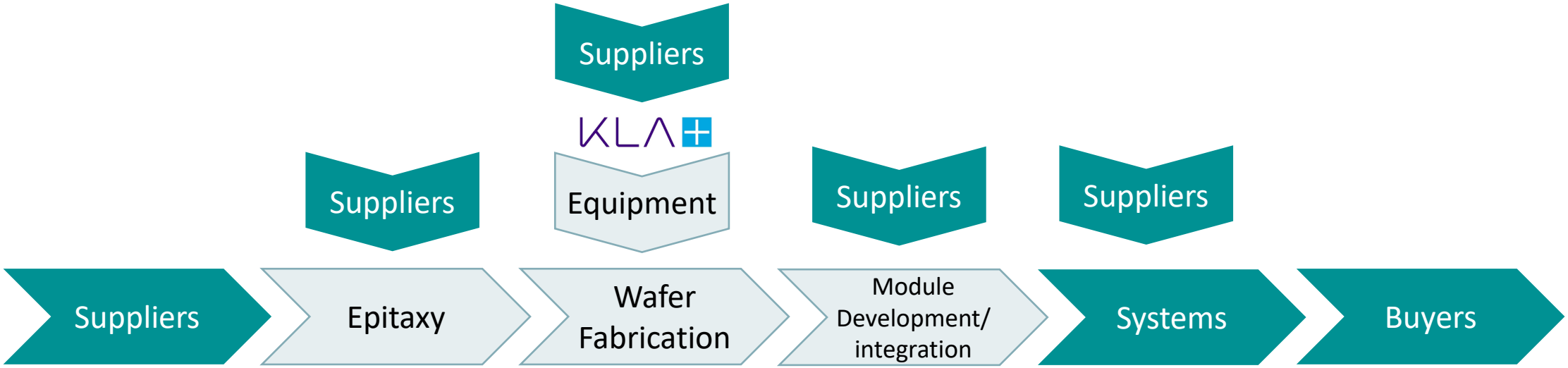


Specialist CS Design Tools and Software

Industrial Gases/Chemical Suppliers

Fabless CS Companies

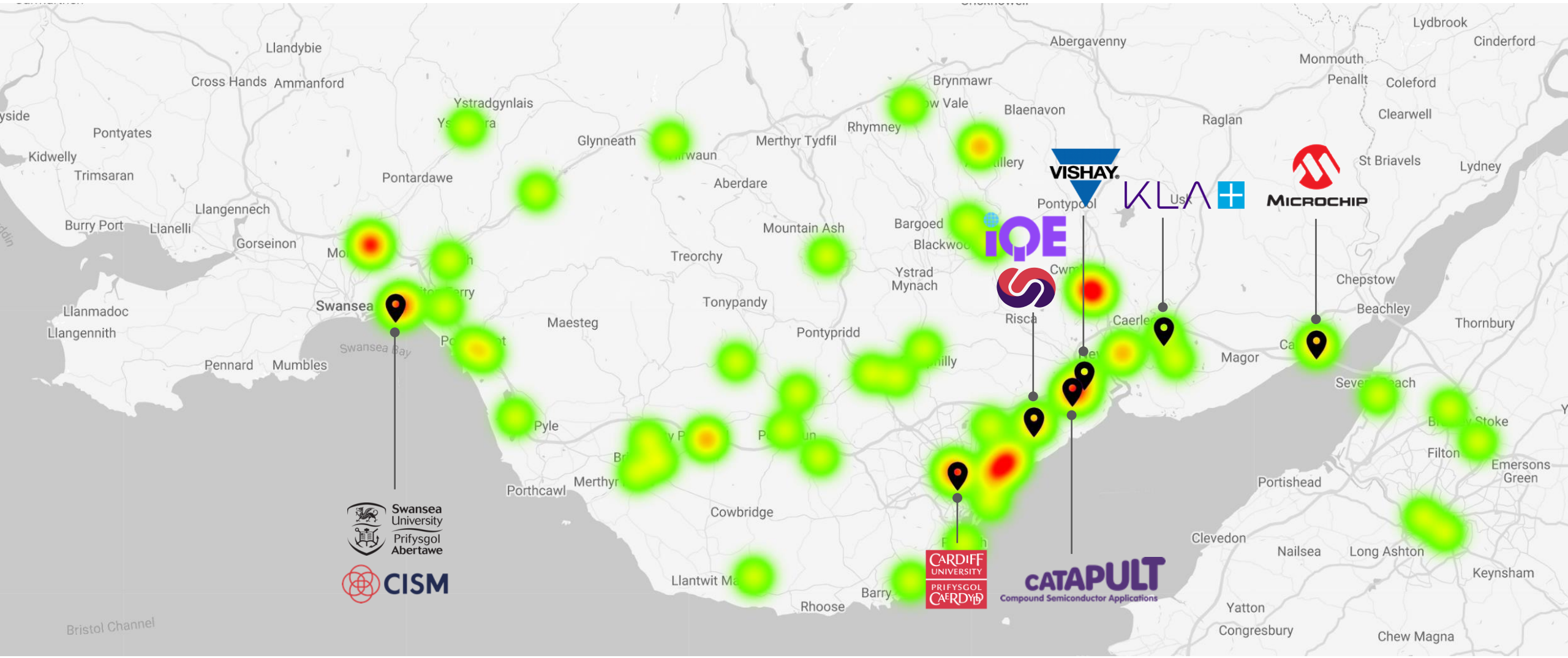
Raw Material And Equipment Suppliers

Advanced Manufacturing Services

Advanced Mechanical And Electronic Engineering Products/Services

End-market System Integrators e.g. Automotive, Communications, Aerospace, Medical Sectors

South Wales organisations in the semiconductor sector



At a glance

Cardiff Capital Region **£1M** Total Grant

Objective

Drive the expansion of the semiconductor supply chain in South Wales, to boost jobs creation and GVA growth in Wales and the UK.

- Increase linkages to the PCOs
- Create jobs in South Wales
- Increase spending in South Wales/UK
- Increase sales including in South Wales/UK

Grant value per project

Companies of any size: Up to £100k at 50% match

Micro companies: Up to £30k at 70% grant rate

Closing Date
Fri 4 Apr 2025 at 4pm

PCO
Primary Cluster Organisations

IQE, VISHAY, MICROCHIP, KLA, CARDIFF UNIVERSITY PRIFYSGOL CAERDYDD, Swansea University Prifysgol Abertawe, CATAPULT Compound Semiconductor Applications

Priorities of the Investment

PRIORITY A: Upstream

*Existing or Potential **Suppliers** into the PCOs*

- Increase productivity and competitiveness in the regional upstream supply chain.
- Increase capacity inline with the planned growth of the primary Cluster organisations.
- Fill gaps in the upstream regional supply chain.

- Projects must be led by a UK registered limited company
- Companies are permitted to submit up to 3 proposals
- Projects cannot be led by a Primary Cluster Organisation

PRIORITY B: Downstream

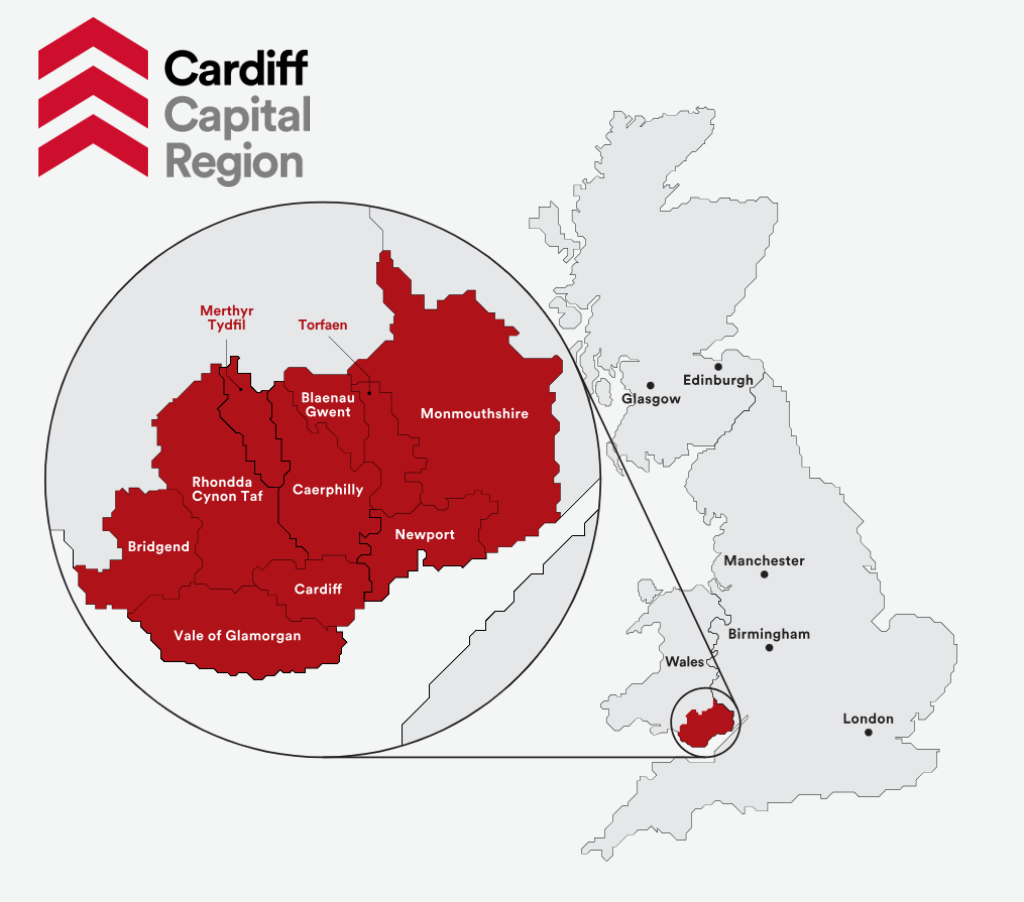
Existing or Potential Customers of the PCOs

- Increase downstream activity in the region
- Develop and embed linkages with primary Cluster organisations.

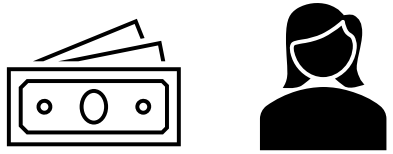
Eligibility Criteria

Grants will be awarded as Minimum Financial Assistance (MFA) subsidies of the Subsidy Control Act 2022.

1. Aim to support the expansion of the semiconductor supply chain by enhancing or creating linkages to the PCOs.
2. Clearly outline how the project will address Priority A or Priority B of the investment.
3. Address a specific need or opportunity with a PCO.
4. Proposals require a letter of support from at least one of the PCOs detailing level of commitment.
5. Deliver economic impacts that wholly/substantially benefit the ten local authorities of the CCR region.
6. Demonstrate how the intervention will lead to economic growth such as, new employment and productivity improvements within their organisation.
7. Expect commercial outputs/benefits within a reasonable timescale after project completion.
8. Demonstrate how the project supports innovation or a market differentiator that provides a competitive edge within the sector.



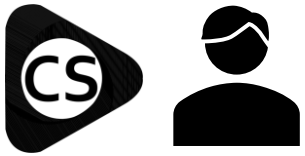
What a Project Team looks like



Recipient

The main beneficiary of direct funding from the grant

The lead organization that must be located in the CCR region, or in the UK



Supporting PCO

PCO(s) provide support for proposal

Letter of Support to outline reason for support and level of commitment such as in-kind contributions or as a Subcontractor.

Subcontractor

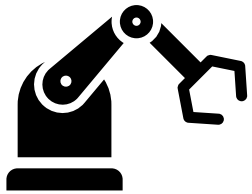
If required and may also be a PCO

An organisation that is directly involved in specific tasks against the deliverables or milestones on the project

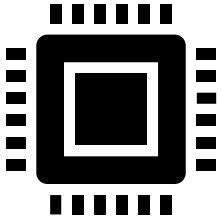
Other Partner(s) *providing contributions via in-kind support, or otherwise, may also be included.*

Project Examples

Purchase/upgrade, installation and commissioning of equipment.



Qualification of products, services or equipment.



Onshoring of a new supplier in CCR region, Wales or the UK

Capital Equipment will require prior authorisation from CSconnected and CCR.

How to Apply

Download the **Guidance Document** and **Application Form** from the CSconnected website:

https://csconnected.com/projects/projects/csconnected-supply-chain-development-programme/

Submission to hazelhung@csconnected.com by the closing date.

For queries, please contact Hazel Hung: hazelhung@csconnected.com

Timeline

- Launch date: Thu 6 Mar 2025
- Closing date: Fri 4 Apr 2025 at 4pm
- Applications assessed: April 2025
- Applicants notified by early May 2025
- Projects aiming to commence from June 2025