



Preannouncement

Funding support for Indo-Finnish Industrial Technology, R&D and Innovation Programme in Cleantech, Smart city development and Affordable health care

The Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India through Global Innovation and Technology Alliance (GITA) and Tekes, Finland, will jointly implement this bilateral Industrial Technology, R&D and Innovation Programme and fund industry-led innovative projects.

The objective of the programme is to stimulate innovative R&D projects that address a specific market need or challenge, demonstrate high industrial relevance and commercial potential, and aim to deliver benefit to all participants, and more broadly, to both nations.

Project Collaboration and Funding

Projects shall be led by industry from India and Finland respectively. Multidisciplinary consortia including MSMEs, end-users/first customers will be preferred. The Indian and Finnish applicants shall prepare a joint project plan including milestones and clearly defined roles of each partner.

On the Indian side, financial support in the form of loan or grant may be provided to the lead industry. Grant may be provided to collaborating R&D/academic organisations. Collaboration between Industry and research/academic institutes for the projects is strongly encouraged. On the Finnish side, Tekes will provide financial support to the Company in the form of loan or grant, as applicable based on Tekes' normal funding criteria. Research collaboration with academic or other institutions can be included as purchased services in Industry led projects.

The joint projects must meet the requirements of the funding organisations of the two countries, which will be outlined in the guidelines document, to be made available on the DST, GITA and Tekes websites shortly.

Successful projects will be funded by Tekes in Finland and by GITA in India.

Themes of the Request for Proposals

The call for proposals is open to projects in the following themes:

1. Cleantech, especially waste management, clean water and energy efficiency.
2. Smart cities
3. Affordable health solutions for elderly and differently abled

Key criteria of selection

- The project idea to be supported should be innovative aiming to lead to a new product, process or service with clear commercial potential and, where appropriate, the generation of new IP
- The project should have two lead companies, one from each respective country, with a desire to collaborate in R&D activities.
- The project should be up to 2 years in duration.

The request for proposals will be launched in November/December 2013

Details of the call will be available at the websites of DST, GITA and Tekes.

The proposals shall be submitted to the implementing agencies GITA in India and Tekes in Finland by the Indian and Finnish applicants respectively. The guidelines for applicants will be available in the request for proposal announcement, to be issued shortly.

Start planning joint projects!

We encourage companies to start preparing joint projects immediately.

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Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India

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Global Innovation & Technology Alliance (GITA)

GITA is a “not-for-profit” Section-25 Public Private Partnership (PPP) company promoted jointly by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) with 51% holding and the Technology Development Board (TDB), Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India (GoI) with 49% holding.

It is an innovative mechanism between the government and Indian industry for attracting the industry's investment in technology by Mapping technology gaps, Evaluating technology offers across the globe, Connecting among technology developers, providers, commercializers, Funding last phase of technology development that connects the market and Deployment of technology solutions.

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Tekes is the main public funding organisation for research and development and innovation in Finland.