

## **INDIA – ISRAEL Initiative for Industrial R&D (i<sup>4</sup>RD)**

### **Call for Proposals for Joint Industrial R&D projects**

**i<sup>4</sup>RD is a bilateral framework providing financial support for collaborative industrial R&D ventures between Indian and Israeli companies.**

The framework is implemented by **Global Innovation and Technology Alliance (GITA)**, an autonomous, not-for-profit organisation, established by the Department of Science & Technology of the Ministry of Science & Technology in India (**DST**), in partnership with Confederation of Indian Industry (**CII**) for the implementation of its International S&T Programmes and **MATIMOP**, Israeli Industry Centre for R&D, on behalf of the Office of the Chief Scientist (**OCS**) in Israel.

This call is open to all projects based on merit that include science and technology (S&T) development leading to commercial success, social good and benefit to both countries. There is however an initial specific emphasis on following technology areas:

- Nanoscience / Nanotechnology
- Water Management
- Non-Conventional Energy Resources (particularly solar)
- Biotechnology
- Space Science and technology

#### **1. Requirements**

The criteria to be followed in order to apply to the i<sup>4</sup>RD call are:

- a) At least two science and technology companies from the respective countries should express a desire to cooperate in the research and development of a new product or a new process.
- b) The project may involve more than one company from each side; academic /research entities are eligible to join as sub-contractors.

c) The product should be highly innovative with significant commercial potential.

d) The project partners should agree in advance on the IP rights and on the commercialisation strategy of the product or process.

Any partner whose cooperative R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria can apply to the present Call for Proposal in accordance with the national Laws, Rules, Regulations and Procedures in effect.

## **2. Eligibility**

### **In India**

Eligible applicants will be researchers and managers representing Indian companies or other institutes which operate and are headquartered in India. Subsidiaries of firms headquartered and owned outside India are not eligible for support. Companies with sole proprietorship or developed under complete entrepreneurship may also forward their collaborative proposals, provided they are registered under the Indian Company Act. Necessary documents of registration are to be furnished to GITA in these cases along with the Common Application Format and the National Format.

### **In Israel**

Eligible applicants will be researchers and managers representing Israeli companies or other institutes which operate and are headquartered in Israel. Subsidiaries of firms headquartered and owned outside Israel are not eligible for support.

## **3. Size of Investments and Matching Funds**

1. Funding support will be given to each partner by its own Implementing Organisations (GITA in India and MATIMOP in Israel) in accordance with the National Laws, Rules, Regulations and procedures in effect.
2. i<sup>4</sup>RD financial support may be provided in the form of returnable soft loan /royalty to the selected projects under the call and limited up to an amount equivalent to US\$ 500,000 per project, split between the Indian and Israeli partners.
3. The total funding from the Government of India under the i<sup>4</sup>RD financial support will not exceed 50% of the Indian component of the total project cost.

## **4. Submission of the project proposals**

The cut off dates (last date for submission) of proposal for the **5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Call for Proposals are June 30, 08, September 30, 08 and December 31, 08**. Call for Proposals will involve the submission of Common Application Format, to be submitted to both the Implementing Organisation simultaneously within the deadline of the particular

call period. Completed proposals submitted after the deadline of call period would be considered eligible for the next call period.

The complete joint project application must be sent in hardcopy and softcopy simultaneously to GITA in India and MATIMOP in Israel in an appropriate official language (preferably in English) before the deadline of each call. The proposal must be signed by the person responsible for the project. Please refer to **Guidelines for Application** for more details on the application preparation. Acknowledgement will be sent to all applicants by respective Implementing Organisations within 7 working days after the deadline of the Call period.

**The Israeli partner** is required to submit 3 hard copies and an electronic version on a CD of the completed and signed proposal in the prescribed format to MATIMOP at the coordinates provided at the end of the document. The Israeli partner will attach in addition to the above mentioned Application Form the Israeli National Application Form, in accordance with the OCS regulations. The National Application Form and guidelines may be downloaded from the OCS website i.e., [www.moital.gov.il/madan/tfasim](http://www.moital.gov.il/madan/tfasim)

**The Indian partner** is required to submit 10 hard copies and an electronic version on a CD of the completed and signed proposal in the prescribed format to GITA at the coordinates provided at the end of the document.

The Indian partner is required to submit a Joint Project Proposal in the common prescribed format (Common Application Format) as well as National Project Format.

#### **i<sup>4</sup>RD Common Application format Formate**

#### **i<sup>4</sup>RD Application Guidelines & National Format**

### **5. Evaluation and selection of the projects**

GITA in India and MOITAL/OCS along with MATIMOP in Israel will carry out an independent evaluation of the joint R&D application and will select the eligible project to be financially supported in accordance with their National Laws and Regulations. The successful projects will be jointly selected by the two implementing organizations based on the project criteria and requirements specified in the application form.

### **6. Repayments**

When a project results in sales of a product, service or process, the financial support must be repaid to the respective organisations/agencies from where funding has been availed as per their individual regulations.

### **7. Publication of the Results**

The Israeli and Indian partners whose projects have been selected will be informed of the result and the amount of funding for the successful projects by their respective implementing organization. The list of sanctioned projects would also be uploaded on the GITA and MATIMOP websites.

## 8. Pre-Implementation Requirements

After the award of the project, project leaders on both the sides would be advised by their respective Implementation Organizations to complete necessary administrative and legal instruments before the fund release.

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