

Technology Innovation Agency (TIA, organisation) an entity of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) was established in terms of the TIA Act, 2008 (Act No. 26 of 2008), with the objective to stimulate, intensify and exploit technological innovation to improve economic growth and the quality of life of all South Africans.

PURPOSE OF THE CALL

TIA is calling for the submission of funding applications for projects in the Natural Resources business unit, focusing primarily on these sectors:

Waste sector covering the following subsectors: - e-Waste and Waste beneficiation

Water sector covering the following subsectors:- Acid Mine Drainage (AMD), Water purification, water saving and repairing water leakages.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Technology innovators that are eligible to apply are,

- Start-up companies
- Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs)
- Private Individuals
- Science Councils (SCs)

The application must meet the following criteria:

- Product, service or process development must be based on a technology innovation and cover the sectors and subsector articulated above that are not already covered by existing Intellectual Property Rights, patents and Trade Marks.
- Demonstrate a viable, feasible and sustainable business case.
- Demonstrate a positive socio-economic impact.
- Have a proof of concept (an idea that has been proven, validated and tested).

Applicants applying for funding from TIA must meet the following requirements, in the absence of these an applicant will be disqualified:

1. Applicants must be South African citizens with valid identity documents
2. Already existing legal entities:
 - must be registered with CIPC;
 - Must be or in a process of registering on National Treasury's Central Supplier Database (CSD)
3. All primary technology development activities must be operated within South Africa;
4. For foreign-owned IP should be licensed or assigned to a local institution – proof to be proved with the application
 - applicants with foreign owned IP must meet the dti's Localisation Framework and B-BBEE requirements
5. Proof that the compulsory briefing session was attended.

ASSESSMENT

Applications will be assessed against

1. Details on the proposed technology innovation
2. **Intellectual property (IP):** specific description of what the IP is, management strategy, IP ownership, proof of freedom to operate (if available)
3. **Commercial:** Market analysis and business model
4. **Budget:** Budget in alignment to the project plan
5. **Team:** Suitability and capacity of team to execute plan

CLOSING DATE

The completed proposals must be submitted through the portal <http://gms.tia.org.za/funding> on or before **30 September 2018**. Late applications will not be accepted.

For further information regarding the call for proposal, please contact Ms. Nelisa Kente on Nelisa.Kente@tia.org.za and/ or Ms. Mbali Mondlana on Mbali.Mondlana@tia.org.za.

COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION

The Compulsory briefing sessions will be conducted to facilitate and assist applicants to understand the TIA application requirements. The briefing sessions will take place at TIA offices on the following dates; (Gauteng – **27 August 2018**); (Durban – **28 August 2018**); (Cape Town – **29 August 2018**), from **10h00 to 16h00**.

Individuals who are interested to attend the compulsory briefing session, must send through a confirmation email, to Ms. Nelisa Kente on Nelisa.Kente@tia.org.za and/ or Ms. Mbali Mondlana on Mbali.Mondlana@tia.org.za, by no later than the **20th August 2018**.