

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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The Technology Innovation Agency (TIA or the Agency), an initiative of the Department of Science and Technology, has a mandate to enable and support technological innovation across all sectors of the economy in order to achieve socio-economic benefits for South Africa and enhance its global competitiveness.

The Agency is a public entity with the aim of enhancing the country's capacity to translate a greater proportion of local research and development from higher education institutions, science councils, public entities and private research institutions into commercial technology products and services. For further information, please visit our website: www.tia.org.za.

TSHWANE ANIMAL HEALTH INNOVATION CLUSTER

BACKGROUND

The Tshwane Animal Health Innovation Cluster ("the Cluster" or "TAHIC") has been established to bring together various animal health initiatives and related Intellectual Property to increase the Agri-Biotech sector's capacity to develop effective technology solutions that enhance animal health and production, food security and the overall global competitiveness of the sector.

PURPOSE OF THE CALL

The Cluster is calling for the submission of Investment Proposals from a wide range of stakeholders engaged in activities that fall within the animal health innovation value chain. These include Science Councils, Higher Education Institutions, Small and Medium sized Enterprises and large companies. In particular the Cluster seeks submission of Investment Proposals from private sector industry players who will commercialise technologies.

The Cluster will consider Investment Proposal that focus in the following areas:

- Enabling technologies
- Diagnostic technologies
- Vaccine technologies
- Small molecule Pharmaceuticals
- Phyto and ethno-veterinary medicine

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

In addition to other criteria outlined in the TIA website, submissions need to meet the following criteria:

1. All applications submitted must be on the Investment Proposal template, available on the TIA website www.tia.org.za.
2. All proposals must demonstrate the use of animal health technologies that are new or can be further improved and exploited in South Africa and/ or in collaboration with international partners.
3. Proposals must demonstrate an attractive business case with the potential to create considerable socio-economic value for South Africa, such as, but not limited to job creation, GDP growth, skills transfer, solutions to national priorities impacting both small scale and emerging farmers.
4. Proposals must be based on animal health technologies whose time to market is not more than four (4) years
5. The technology stage of development of the technology being developed must be post proof of concept

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

The Cluster reserves the rights not to consider Investment Proposals:

- That are not related to the advancement of animal health technologies
- That seek to promote tobacco, liquor, recreational drugs, gambling or sex trade markets
- Where the application is not from a South African legal entity
- Where the investment proposal template is not completely populated and the declaration section is not signed

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application form can be downloaded from www.tia.org.za and the proposals must be submitted to this email address: animalhealthcluster@tia.org.za or via fax on 0865575403.

CLOSING DATE

The completed investment proposals should be submitted to TIA on or before 16H00 on 28th June 2013. Late applications will not be considered.

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