Technology Development Fund Scheme

ENGAGEMENT OF STARTUPS

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Technology Development Fund Scheme: Building an ecosystem for enhancing cutting edge technology capability for defence manufacturing

WHAT IS THE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT FUND?

Scheme of MoD (Ministry of Defence) executed by DRDO, meeting the requirements of MoD, TDF was established to promote self-reliance in Defence Technology as part of the Make in India initiative.
ELIGIBILITY:
Who can apply for TDF Scheme for Startups?

- Startup must be recognized by DPIIT and should not be incorporated for more than 3 years from date of submission of application
- Startup should not have received any grants/grants-in-aid by any government scheme for a similar technology
- Any industry which is a public limited company, a private limited company, a partnership firm, a limited liability partnership, one-person company, sole proprietorship registered as per applicable Indian laws
- The industry must be owned and controlled by a Resident Indian citizen with a shareholding of at least 51%
- Startup should be incubated at one of the Central/State government assisted incubators
- The incubator should have assisted at least 25 startups, and at least 5 amongst these must be from the Defence and Aerospace sector

BENEFITS TO STARTUPS:
Why should you apply to TDF?

1. Joint ownership of IPR along with DRDO
2. Sales opportunity to primes as subcontractors
3. Opportunity of being a part of the defence ecosystem.
4. Nurturing of young minds
5. Direct channel of sales in the private marketplace for the development of dual use technology and spin-offs
FUNDING SUPPORT TO STARTUPS

1. Proposes to target startups for project requirements with an estimated development cost of up to 1 crore, inclusive of funding support of up to 20% to the incubators associated with the startup.

2. Aims to provide financial assistance to startups for prototype development and trials.

3. Option to create partnerships with academia, where the contribution of the academia is up to 40% of the total project effort.
EVALUATION CRITERIA

BROAD CATEGORY OF EVALUATION

(1) Design Capability (60)
- PI & TEAM; technical capability/Qualification/Quality of the Team (Startups/Incubator)
- Proposed configuration / Novelty
- Approach to meet functionalities
- Indigenous design capability in subject field (% Indigenous Content in the proposed technology development)
- Total No of patents translated into product in the subject field and total No proposed to be utilized for the project

(2) Fabrication and Manufacturing Capability (35)
- Indigenous manufacturing capability (plant and machinery) (with Startups/Incubator Partner)
- Potential to meet defence needs/innovative/Unique Solution as per the Project requirement
- Presentation /Potential Impact/Overall Assessment
- Inter-operability across the Services/Potential for dual use/Export Potential
- Execution of projects in India / abroad

(3) Nature of DA (05)
- Nature of the Company/Startups
- Nature of the Incubator
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