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Circular to Professional Institutes

GREEN BUILDING R&D JOINT GRANT CALL

Background

1. As part of Singapore's efforts to promote environmental sustainability, a target to improve energy efficiency by 35% from 2005 levels by 2030 was set by the Government (c.f. Sustainable Singapore Blueprint – <http://app.mewr.gov.sg/web/contents/ContentsSSS.aspx?ContId=1299>). In line with this, the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) aims for at least 80% of the buildings in Singapore to be more resource-efficient, and achieve at least a Green Mark Certified rating by 2030. To complement the on-going efforts, R&D will be one of the key enablers to help achieve greater resource efficiency in buildings. BCA has worked closely with A*STAR and MND to launch a joint grant call for proposals in Green Building technologies focusing in the areas of Building Materials and Energy Efficiency Solutions/ Technologies.

Objective of the Scheme

2. To promote R&D collaboration between Singapore public sector research organizations and private companies in building and construction industry through joint research projects and to encourage more private sector R&D in Singapore.

Eligibility

3. This call supports Public-Private Partnership (PPP). Each research team must be made up of at least one researcher from local public sector research organisations, universities, polytechnics, A*STAR-funded research institutes and centres AND at least one Singapore-based company/company with operations in Singapore.

Companies are eligible for funding (from MND) for their participation in the projects.

Application

The full details of the scheme, such as application guidelines and application form can be found on A*STAR's website at

<http://www.a-star.edu.sg/Research/FundingOpportunities/GrantCalls/ASTARMNDGreenBuildingJointGrantCall/tabid/1133/Default.aspx>

Closing Date

Softcopy forms must be submitted by **31 May 2011, 12 noon SST**. Hardcopy submissions are due **7 June 2011, 12 noon SST**.

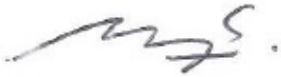
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