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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. 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.
2. BCA worked closely with A*STAR and MND to launch the pilot joint grant call for proposals in Green Building technologies in April 2011. With the success of the pilot grant call, BCA, A*STAR and MND are rolling out 2nd joint R&D grant call on Green Building, focusing on Building Façade Technologies.

Objective of the Joint Grant Call

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

Eligibility

4. 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

5. Full details of the grant call, such as application guidelines and application forms can be found on BCA's website at: http://www.bca.gov.sg/ResearchInnovation/astar_jointcall.html.

Closing Date

6. Softcopy forms must be submitted by **27th August 2012, 12 noon SST**. Hardcopy submissions are due on **3rd September 2012, 12 noon SST**.

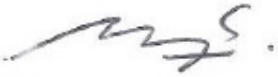
7. I would appreciate it if you could convey the contents of this circular to your members.

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