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Circular to Professional Institutes

Dear Sir / Madam,

ENHANCEMENT OF \$5 MILLION INNOVATION GRANT (iGRANT) FOR CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTIVITY

Background

1. Building and Construction Authority (BCA), with the funding support from Ministry of National Development (MND), rolled out the 2-Stage Innovation Grant (iGrant) on 8 October 2013. The grant aims to help the entire value chain of the building and construction industry to conduct smaller scale R&D projects with near term commercialisation potential. Please refer to our earlier circular for more details. <http://www.corenet.gov.sg/einfo/Uploads/Circular/CESS130730.pdf>

Enhancement to iGrant

2. The existing iGrant focuses on Resource Efficiency and Energy Efficiency of the Green Buildings R&D Framework. Under the enhanced framework, the focus areas will be expanded to include Construction Productivity.

3. The enhancement will fill in the gaps for experimental type of projects encompassing emerging and game-changing technologies requiring fast-track proof-of-concept studies to bring these solutions to the market.

Funding Support

4. iGrant operates on a co-funding basis with up to 70% for Stage 1: Proof-of-Concept study and up to 70% for Stage 2: Project Implementation. Each proposal will be evaluated by BCA on its own merit. The proposal should involve small scale R&D projects that are nearer to market adoption and when successfully implemented, would encourage wider adoption of innovative technologies.

Effective Date

5. The enhanced iGrant will take effect from 1 August 2014 till 7 October 2016 or till the \$5 million is exhausted, whichever comes first. Firms can submit their proposals to BCA at any time within this period.

6. The full details of the scheme, such as application guidelines, application forms and FAQs pertaining to the iGrant can be found on our website at http://www.bca.gov.sg/ResearchInnovation/2stage_InnovationGrant.html.

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

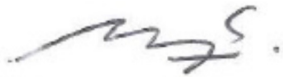
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Thank you.



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