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Circular to Professional Institutes

Dear Sir / Madam,

EXTENSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF 2-STAGE INNOVATION GRANT (iGRANT) TO INCLUDE SAFETY, QUALITY AND MAINTAINABILITY

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>

2. iGrant was further enhanced in 2014 to increase the scope of funding to Construction Productivity. Please refer to our earlier circular for more details.

<https://www.corenet.gov.sg/einfo/Uploads/Circular/CESS140801.pdf>

Extension and enhancement

3. iGrant has been extended to 31 October 2020 with a total available grant of \$3 million. The existing focus areas of **energy efficiency and construction productivity** will also be expanded to include **safety, quality and maintainability**. This is to provide a wider coverage of support for other strategic pillars beyond green buildings and construction productivity.

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 July 2016 till 31 October 2020 or till the \$3 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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