

Invitation

INDUSTRY AND STAKEHOLDERS WORKSHOP ON THRIP 2017/18

27 March 2017

Rustenburg Town Hall

10:00

Technology and Human Resources for Industry Programme (THRIP)

Programme Description and Objectives

- THRIP intends to produce highly skilled human resources and technology solutions, for improved industry competitiveness by:
 - leveraging collaborative partnerships between government and industry (working with academia) for research and development in science, engineering and technology on a cost-sharing basis.
- The programme is awarded for the following:
 - Applied research and innovation projects.
 - Registration and litigation cost of patents of strategic importance to the South African economy by entities in the IPAP Sectors.

Qualifying Projects

All projects, must meet all criteria stated below in order to qualify for financial support from THRIP.

- a. The project must be applied research in the fields of science, engineering and/or technology whose outputs could make a significant contribution towards improving the applicant's competitive edge;



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- b. The project intention should be to innovate in terms of either of the following:
 - i. should lead to the creation and transfer of new knowledge into a process or product (prototype), or
 - ii. the transfer of existing knowledge into a new process or product to benefit the applicant.
- c. The project must have clearly defined scientific and technology outputs, plus human resource outputs expected for each year of support;
- d. The project must demonstrate all the following:
 - i. causality (demonstrable output or outcome),
 - ii. implementation (the way in which the output/outcomes will be used by the applicant) and
 - iii. addittonality (the degree to which the research would not have been undertaken without THRIP) that will follow from THRIP support.

The applicant must:

- Be a registered legal entity in South Africa in terms of any of the following legislation:
 - the Companies Act, No. 71 of 2008;
 - Companies Act (as amended), No. 62 of 1973 (as amended);
 - or the Close Corporations Act, 1984 (as amended)
 - and the Co-operatives Act, No. 14 of 2005 (as amended).
- Industry Associations should also be registered as (per paragraph 4.1 of the Guidelines) above.



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- If the registration of the entity with CIPC has not been finalized by the time the application is submitted, the applicant will be given a period of two (2) months to submit their registration certificate.
- Have a partnership with at least one partner being a South African Research Institution:
 - Higher Education Institutions: All South African public (as opposed to 'private') HEIs.
 - Science Engineering and Technology Institutions, and
 - National Research Facilities.
 - The duration of the partnership must be equal to or more than the period of the THRIP project.
- The project must include at least one (1) registered South African student at 4th -year level of study or higher, in the SET fields; and must be involved and trained through the research being conducted.
- The research leader must have the appropriate post graduate qualification and experience to lead the project and to train students up to postgraduate level.

Funding Criteria

- THRIP is a cost-sharing grant of up to **eight million rand (R8 000 000)** per annum for a period three (3) years for approved project engaged in applied research and development in science, engineering and technology as follows:



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INDUSTRY PARTNER(S)	CONTRIBUTION		
	THRIP	LARGE ENTERPRISE / IA	SMALL, MEDIUM & MICRO ENTERPRISE
Large company(ies) OR Registered Industry Association (IA)	50%	50%	-
SMMEs	75%	-	25%
SMMEs with level two (2) B-BBEE contributor status (≥ 95 but < 100 points on generic scorecard)	80%	-	20%
SMMEs with level one (1) B-BBEE contribution status (≥ 100 points on generic scorecard) OR Applicant partnering with previously disadvantaged Black universities	90%	-	10%

Meeting particulars:

Date: 27 March 2017

Venue: Rustenburg Old Town Hall

Time: 10:00- 14:00

Kindly RSVP with polokom@nwdc.co.za and AMasuku@thedti.gov.za (012 394 5346)



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