



**Department of Biotechnology
Ministry of Science & Technology,
Government of India
Small Business Innovation Research Initiative (SBIRI)
(Call for Proposals – 10th Batch)**

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) invites proposals from Biotech Companies/Entrepreneurs for innovative, early stage, pre-proof-of-concept research and development and also commercialization of available innovative research leads in all areas of Biotechnology under the Small Business Innovation Research Initiative (SBIRI) scheme.

Eligibility

The proposals can be submitted solely by an Industry; or jointly by Industry and National R&D Organizations, Universities and Institutions; or by a group of industries/users, national research organizations, universities and institutions, etc.

The private industry should fulfill the following criteria:

- i. The R&D unit should be registered in India and must fulfill the criteria of Small Business Unit (not more than 500 employees in R&D) as defined in the scheme.
- ii. At least 51% of the company's shares should be held by Indian promoters, family and friends and the general public.
- iii. The Company should have a well established in-house R&D unit recognized by Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR)* or have patent rights (National or International) on preliminary work done related to the proposed activity.

*[*The companies who are in the process of obtaining DSIR recognition or intend to do so may also apply. However final decisions on their applications will be subject to fulfillment of eligibility criteria].*

The Companies should submit the proposal (5 copies + one soft copy (MS Word file and not a PDF file) through e-mail or CD) strictly in the prescribed format presently available on the web-site on or before **15 March 2009** before 5.30 p.m. to **The Managing Director**, Biotech Consortium India Limited (BCIL), 5th Floor, Anuvrat Bhawan, 210 Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg, New Delhi 110 002 (e-mail: bcildelhi@vsnl.com or bcil@biotech.co.in), superscribing 'CONFIDENTIAL, SBIRI PROJECT' on the document holder. *BCIL has been appointed as the SBIRI Management Agency by the Department of Biotechnology and will ensure the confidentiality of the documents.*

The proposals with incomplete information or the proposals that are not in the prescribed format will not be considered.

The structure of funding and other details of the scheme are available on the website at <http://www.dbtindia.gov.in> or <http://www.dbtindia.nic.in>

For any further information and clarifications pertaining to the scheme please contact:

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