



Department of Biotechnology
Ministry of Science and Technology

Small Business Innovation Research Initiative (SBIRI)

Call for Proposals – 14th Batch

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) invites proposals from Biotech industries/entrepreneurs for innovative, early stage, proof-of-concept research and development and commercialization of available innovative research leads in all areas of biotechnology under the scheme 'Small Business Innovation Research Initiative (SBIRI)'. Please visit our website at <http://www.dbtindia.nic.in> or <http://www.sbiri.nic.in> for other details of the scheme.

Eligibility:

The proposals can be submitted solely by an Industry/Industries; or in collaboration with public partners like Universities, National Institutions, etc.

The private industry should fulfill the following criteria:

- ☞ 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.
- ☞ At least 51% of the Industry's shares should be held by Indian promoters, family and friends and the general public.
- ☞ The Industry 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.)

Joint ventures and limited partnerships would be eligible for SBIRI support where the entity created meets the above requirements.

Submission:

1. **Online method:** Applicants are encouraged to submit their proposals ONLINE (website: <http://sbiri.nic.in/forms/frmAppendixA.aspx>). If online submission is chosen, no hard copy is required and the applicants will be able to track the status of their proposal during the evaluation process.
2. **Download method:** The prescribed format can be downloaded from the website: www.dbtindia.nic.in/docs/sbiriapplication.doc. The applicants should submit two hard copies of the proposal duly signed + one soft copy (MS Word file and not a PDF file) through e-mail or CD 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 they will ensure the confidentiality of the documents.

For any further information and clarifications please contact:

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Last date for submission of proposals: 15 October 2010

Next advertisement is likely to be issued during November–December 2010

Note: Notices regarding 'Road Shows' and 'SBIRI Science Meetings' will be displayed on the website. Industries are requested to visit our website regularly.