



**DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
(Ministry of Science and Technology)
SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH
INITIATIVE (SBIRI)
(Call for Proposals – 8th Batch)**

The **Department of Biotechnology (DBT)** invites proposals from Biotech Companies/ Entrepreneurs for innovative, early stage, pre-proof-of-concept research and development & commercialization of available innovative research leads in all areas of Biotechnology under the **Small Business Innovation Research Initiative (SBIRI) Scheme**. The scheme provides early stage funding for high risk, innovative and/or commercializable product proposals. The model of Public Private Partnership between industry and public funded institution will be encouraged.

The SBIRI aims to

- (i) Strengthen existing private industrial units where product development is based on in-house innovative R&D,
- (ii) Create opportunities for starting new technology-based or knowledge-based businesses in biotechnology by science entrepreneurs,
- (iii) Stimulate technological innovation and product commercialization,
- (iv) Use private industries as a source of innovation and enhance greater public-private partnerships, and
- (v) Increase product development and commercialization in the public-private sector derived from Government funded R&D projects.

ELIGIBILITY:

The proposals can be submitted

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

The private firm should fulfill the following criteria:

- The unit should be registered in India and must fulfill the criteria of Small Business Unit as defined in the scheme.

- The company's shares should be held atleast to the extent of 51% by Indian promoters, family and friends and the general public
- The Company should have 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.

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 **30th June, 2008 before 5.30 p.m.** to **The Executive 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 approved 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.

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

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