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ENTERPRISE CONNECT TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIPS

WHAT ARE TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIPS?

Enterprise Connect is calling on firms with leading edge equipment not generally available in the market and with spare capacity to register as an Enterprise Connect Technology Partner. The objective is to increase the use of under-utilised equipment while providing other firms with access to equipment which would otherwise not be available.

WHY SHOULD FIRMS REGISTER?

Firms who register their equipment with Enterprise Connect will benefit by receiving a sign on fee of \$5,000 (excluding GST) for:

- In-principle agreement to make equipment available to other firms (\$3,000 excluding GST)
- Access by the first external user/s of the equipment (up to \$2,000 excluding GST)
- Free Government promotion of their equipment to a national network of firms

HOW WILL THE REGISTER WORK?

Firms accepted as Technology Partners will be registered for a period of two years, at which time the equipment will be reviewed to determine its ongoing relevance. During this time, Enterprise Connect will promote the register and assist firms to link with those included on the register.

It is not expected that Technology Partners will give priority access to its equipment to other firms. However, where it has spare capacity, it is expected this will be made available.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for a Technology Partnership grant, firms must be solvent and have an ACN. Firms must be willing to provide access to their equipment on reasonable commercial terms.

WHAT EQUIPMENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE REGISTER?

Enterprise Connect will assess each application on merit. Examples of equipment that could be included on the register include:

- Autoclave composite moulding – widely used in the aerospace industry to fabricate high strength/weight ratio parts from pre-impregnated high strength fibres for aircraft, spacecraft and missiles
- 3D laser milling – 3D laser milling is a new laser machining process which uses a laser beam to machine 3 dimensional shapes into a wide variety of materials
- Powdered metal processes – thixomoulding, magnesium moulding
- Testing and measuring systems – metrology systems

Examples of equipment not considered leading edge and not eligible for the register include:

- Conventional metal extrusion processes
- Conventional metal fabrication processes
- Plastic injection moulding processes
- Tool making – machine shops

HOW DO I APPLY TO BECOME A TECHNOLOGY PARTNER?

Firms wishing to become a Technology Partner must complete an application form detailing information about the firm, its capabilities and the nominated equipment.

Application forms and associated information can be found at www.enterpriseconnect.gov.au

If you have any questions about registering your firm as a Technology Partner, or accessing equipment on the register, please call the Enterprise Connect hotline on **131 791** or email enterpriseconnect@innovation.gov.au