

SME Competitiveness Grant Scheme  
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The Ministry of Industries of the People's Republic of Bangladesh is seeking proposals for actions that (1) provide support to cluster, value chain and project development that clearly seek the increase in SME competitiveness in priority sectors and in two stages of the cluster/value chain life cycle, namely early growth and intensive growth and consolidation and (2) support the skills development of Business Intermediary Organisations in lobbying, advocacy, networking, effective public-private sector dialogue and the provision of business development services to their members in Bangladesh with financial assistance from the European Commission's INSPIRED Programme in Bangladesh. The full Guidelines for Applicants are available for consultation at the Ministry of Industries, SME Cell, Room 534, 91Motijheel C/A, Dhaka 1000 and on the following internet sites:

<http://euinspired.org.bd/test1/index.php/en/>

<http://delbgd.ec.europa.eu/en/calltender/bangladesh.htm>

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>

<http://www.moind.gov.bd> and <http://www.euinspired.org.bd>.

The deadline for submission of Concept Note proposals is January 31st 2013 at 16.00 hours set in accordance with the minimum period required from the date of publication of this notice.

Information sessions on this call for proposals will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2012 in the Purbani Hotel in Dhaka at 10.00, on November 6<sup>th</sup> 2012 in the Nonking Hotel, Rajshahi at 10.00am and on November 8<sup>th</sup> in the Hotel Agrabad in Chittagong at 10.00 am.