**Michigan Israel Autonomous Technologies Collaboration Program**

Program Description

The Israel Michigan Autonomous Technologies Collaboration program (“**IMATC**”) was created as a result of the interaction between Michigan and Israel under the MOU signed between Michigan and Israel and formalized with the signing by the Governor of Michigan and the Chief Scientist of Israel in June 2014 (the “**Cooperation Agreement**”). Initiated by the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator, IMATC will be implemented by the Israel Innovation Authority (“IIA”) and PlanetM as representative of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (“PlanetM”)**.**

**The purpose of IMATC is to support greater collaboration between the Michigan testing and manufacturing ecosystem and Israeli innovative companies in a variety of industries, and specifically in automotive industry.**

Through IMATC, Israeli companies will be supported in testing and piloting qualified technologies in Michigan’s facilities such as American Center for Mobility (ACM), MCity and/or on Michigan roadways, as well as have access to top technology incubators, accelerators and industry leaders operating in the state. Israeli companies will also get the opportunity to test their technology in extreme weather conditions such as Michigan’s cold and snowy winter.

IMATC will support projects in the following areas:

* Autonomous and connected vehicles
* Electrified vehicles and related technologies
* Smart Mobility
* Transportation
* Smart Manufacturing – Mobility related
* AI and Big Data – Mobility related
* Smart Cities – Mobility related
* other related technologies that are approved by the parties

Special consideration will be given to projects related to cyber security for transportation and autonomous transportation.

Qualifying projects should be in a stage following a proof of concept, ready for demonstration, ready to be commercialized or at the ready to market stage.

**Application Process**

* Israeli companies qualifying with the above-mentioned criteria are invited to submit an expression of interest to PlanetM which will include among other items:
  + An expected budget for project execution
  + A proposed timeline for completion of the project
  + Safety, insurances, and/or piloting specifications needed as well as equipment housing needs.
* Company will then submit PlanetM’s approval and funding proposal to IIA for a second level of funding support.
* Executed project will receive media and social media promoted through local and industry channels provided by the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator in coordination with PlanetM

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**Application Documents**

Documents Required for Fund Application:

1. Piloting and testing - Work Plan, timeline and goals.
2. Budget Plan:
   1. Resources
   2. Set-up, installation and preparation
   3. Execution of the project - piloting\testing.
   4. Analysis of the results
3. Management Plan including names and contact information of appropriate personnel managing and executing the Project
4. Appendix: safety, security and regulation of the hardware that will be tested.

**Documents Required for Israel Innovation Authority Application:**

1. Israeli company must download and complete the Appendix A – expression of interest form (attached) and send to [Jonathan.Cohen@innovationisrael.org.il](mailto:Jonathan.Cohen@innovationisrael.org.il)
2. Israeli company must submit online the funding application form.

**Financial Commitments**

* Successful projects and companies will be granted funding at the level of PlanetM grant support (max of 50% of approved budget as per Michigan applicable laws and regulations) and funding at the level of the IIA grant support (max of 50% of approved budget subject to applicable Israeli laws and regulations). Project submitters should be aware that PlanetM and IIA reserve the right to finance only a portion of a project. In any case, the company must avoid application for double funding.
* Financial commitment towards this and future cycles will be discussed between the parties as funding for this cycle might be extended, or future cycles announced, with the intent being that a renewal will occur if at least 4 projects are successful funded.

**Program Deadlines:**

1. **Expression of interests dates:**

Cycle opens: December 1st 2018

Cycle ends: November 30st, 2019

1. **Funding will be awarded on a rolling basis and decision for funding will be provided within 12 weeks of application submission**
2. **Last day for application submission is November 30th, 2019**

The parties intend to renew this program on a yearly basis with mutual agreement between IIA and PlanetM.

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