Technology Solution Providers FAQ Page

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1) Which companies can register for FTL?

We welcome registrations from any providers of frontier technologies with a potential application in international development. Although we are open to collaborating with providers at a range of stages, the focus of the Livestreaming programme is on field testing, evidence and experience generation; therefore, we particularly welcome technology providers with technologies that are ready to be applied in the field. We also prefer to work with companies that work collaboratively and emphasise learning and sharing their experiences.

Although all types of innovation are welcome, there is a particular interest in the first round in the following:

1) Additive manufacturing (3D printing)
2) Airships
3) Alternative internet delivery
4) Atmospheric water condensers
5) Collaborative economy
6) Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs, or Drones)
7) Household batteries
8) Internet of Things
9) Smog reducing technologies
10) Solar desalination.

2) What is considered a "Frontier Technology"?

For the purposes of this programme, a Frontier Technology is considered to be a new or emerging innovation that has the potential to impact on economic, social and political activities in ways that can drive widespread changes and positive impacts on development goals. Frontier Technologies might be smarter, more digital, data-driven, cleaner, more distributed, more people-centred, more efficient or disruptive to entrenched monopolies.

For this programme, a Frontier Technology does not necessarily have to be globally new or emerging (although this would potentially achieve the highest score against this particular criterion). Applications are also encouraged in cases where the technology may have been used in one country or region, but is being applied in a new country, application or in a novel configuration.

3) How can companies register for FTL?

Follow the link to a simple form with instructions: FTL Technology Provider Registration Form.

4) What happens after a company registers?

Upon registering, we will send you an email confirming receipt of your information. We will then confirm within a month if you have been added to our database after some initial checks, and at that point send you information about wider DFID innovation funds or initiatives which may be relevant

to you. After that we'll be in touch if specific projects relevant to you come up - we anticipate that the first opportunities will become available in the first half of 2017.

If you have proposed a project, this will be considered for potential inclusion as an "offer" in the Frontier Technology Livestreaming programme and matching with other DFID programmes or funds.

5) Are technology providers that are already receiving other support from DFID eligible for the programme?

Yes, although such support will have to be disclosed. This would be covered in a due diligence which will be carried out for each technology provider prior to contracting for any work under the initiative.

6) What are the obligations of companies that are awarded projects?

Technology providers may be selected to support projects during two phases, each of which will carry different requirements:

- Scoping and Design: In this phase, the Frontier Tech Hub will work collaboratively with each project team to enable them to succeed by providing technical support and advice on key elements needed for the sub-project's success: a vision, a high-level strategy, and an implementation plan. Technology providers may be requested to assist these activities and to deliver outputs including:
  - ➢ A synthesis of the research undertaken;
  - ➢ The likely monitoring and learning questions for the project;
  - ➢ A proposed set of deliverables and associated milestones for each sub-project.
  - ➢ Terms of Reference (ToR) for subsequent procurement.

- Project implementation: After the Scoping and Design phase, a tender process will identify the most appropriate supplier for project implementation. It may be that the only viable provider of technical services is the same supplier engaged in the Scoping and Design phase. In this case, the potential supplier would still be required to bid on cost and delivery. Any determination that there was only one viable provider of the technical services required would need to be made separately from the supplier.
  The selected technology provider will input into how the project will be implemented (predominantly through their proposal in response to the ToR), and the vision, strategy and implementation plan will be agreed. Implementation will then begin, with continuing support from the FTH.